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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
9:30 am (Italian)
11:00 am
12:30 pm
4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am
Friday: 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession:

Friday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
or by appointment with a priest

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am
Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 1:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It is a great opportunity to think about our Baptisms and the effect of this sacrament on our lives.

On Wednesday, during the general audience on St. Peter Square Pope Francis said that Baptism “gives us new birth in Christ, makes us sharers in the mystery of his death and resurrection, grants the forgiveness of sin and brings us new freedom as God’s children and members of his Church.”

Let us be grateful today for Sacrament of Baptism; for those who brought us to faith; let’s be thankful for those who ministered this sacrament for us, so we are able to be called Daughters and Sons of God. Have a great week. My prayers are with you!
Fr. Pawel



On behalf of Fr. Omar, Fr. Victor and Parish Staff, I would like to thank all of you for the Christmas gifts we have received. Your beautiful cards and uplifting words will help us minister you in the best possible way and give us energy for the new year!
- Fr. Pawel

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN:
In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary
+Najebeh Salim Zakhem Issa

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday., January 12th, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Religious. St. Marguerite was born in Troyes, France, on Good Friday, April 17, 1620. Marguerite arrived in Montreal in 1653 and is rightly considered co-foundress of Montreal. In 1658, she opened the first school in Montreal and also organized an extern Congregation, an innovation at that time. She died in Montreal on January 12, 1700. Her last generous act was to offer herself as a sacrifice of prayer for the return to health of a young Sister. On October 31, 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized her and gives the Canadian Church its first woman saint.

Saturday, January 17th, St. Anthony Abbot St. Anthony is considered to be the father of Monasticism. He was born in Egypt around the year 250. After the death of his parents, he distributed his property to the poor, and beginning a life of penance, withdrew into solitude. He attracted disciples and laboured on behalf of the Church. He died in 356.

VOCATION SEEDS If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at vocations@archtoronto.org or 416-968-0997.

2015 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please write your name on the registration form next to the envelope boxes. **Please use current year’s envelopes only to ensure your donations get credited to you. Parishioners using envelope numbers 1501 and above have been reassigned. Please check the chart for your new number. Thank you for your continued support.**

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC & POLAND with FR. OMAR! May 24-June 2, 2015 for \$2390. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116 or speak with Fr. Omar after Mass.

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL with FR. PAWEL! October 11-22, 2015 for \$2790. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116 or speak with Fr. Pawel after Mass.

LEGION OF MARY meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. We are looking for new members. Please call the office if you are interested.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION has begun in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, please visit www.ycdsb.ca and click on the **Admissions** icon.



CWL MEETING The 1st General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League for 2015 will be held on **Tuesday, January 13**, starting with Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend and discern if this Ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

SMI-CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & TEA – The Catholic Women's League invites all the Ladies of the Parish to its ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA to be held on **Sunday, Jan. 25**, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Come learn more about the CWL mission, goals, objectives, spiritual, educational and social events, outreach ministry and more, and help discern if this Ministry is for you! All Ladies of the Parish and current CWL Members are highly encouraged to attend. Join us for tea, pastries and canapés. WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!

NEUROSCIENCE & RESILIENCE New Beginnings and Catholic Family Services of Toronto invite you to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St., 4th floor Toronto for an inspirational talk by James Shaughnessy, M.S.W., R.S.W., Psyn.D. on **Jan. 12th at 7 p.m.** entitled: Neuroscience and Resilience. Neuroscience teaches us that resilience is the capacity for our brain to adapt and bounce back after life-changing experiences. For info, please call 416-921-1163, ext. 2227.

MASS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES **Sunday, Jan. 18th at 11 a.m.** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (202 St. Patrick St., Toronto) Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, will preside. Mass is hosted by the Chinese Pastoral Council at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, with a reception to follow. A special invitation is extended to those who have been involved in refugee sponsorship. For info, visit www.archtoronto.org. All are welcome.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2015 ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service **January 25 – 4 p.m.** at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis and other city-wide religious leaders. Homilist: The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson (Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College and ordained Minister of the United Church of Canada). Parking is available. Refreshments to follow in church hall. For information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or ext. 527 or email ykwok@archtoronto.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE CELEBRATION AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA On **Sunday, February 1, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.** at **St. Paul's Basilica**, there will be a special Mass presided by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such an important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome.

Battesimo del Signore – 11 gennaio 2015

“Cristo fu battezzato per noi quando riempì il nostro battesimo di luce, di vita e di santità e quando divenne la via per la quale lo Spirito viene su di noi, poiché lo Spirito venne su di lui così come sulle primizie del nostro genere umano, per passare in seguito anche su quelli che appartengono allo stesso genere, una volta divenuti perfetti attraverso il battesimo (Severo di Antiochia, *Discorso 84*).”

*“Fu battezzato da Giovanni nel Giordano: è un grande atto di misericordia: si fa battezzare come un peccatore colui che non aveva commesso alcun peccato. Nel battesimo del Signore, tutti i peccati vengono rimessi, ma in un certo senso il battesimo del Signore precede la vera remissione dei peccati che ha luogo nel sangue di Cristo, nel mistero della Trinità. E subito, risalendo dall'acqua vide i cieli aperti. Tutto quanto è stato scritto, è stato scritto per noi: prima di ricevere il battesimo [cioè] abbiamo gli occhi chiusi e non vediamo il cielo (Girolamo, *Commento al Vangelo di Marco*).”*

“(Mt.3,13-17) “In quel tempo Gesù dalla Galilea andò al Giordano...” Andò dunque da Giovanni, per farsi battezzare essendo nato da una donna, sottomesso alla legge e fatto carne... Non aveva certo bisogno del battesimo, poiché di lui è stato detto: “Egli non commise peccato”. Tuttavia egli aveva assunto il corpo e il nome del nostro essere creato: perciò non lui aveva bisogno di essere battezzato, ma, per mezzo di lui, doveva essere santificata la nostra natura nelle acque del battesimo. Per questo mentre Giovanni voleva dissuaderlo dal farsi battezzare, Gesù volle essere battezzato, perché noi venissimo purificati dalle macchie dei nostri peccati e così “si adempisse ogni giustizia.” Voleva far intendere, con questa espressione, che lui, Signore e maestro, doveva portare a compimento in se stesso il sacramento della nostra salvezza, santificando l'uomo con la sua incarnazione e il suo battesimo; ha voluto ricevere sopra di sé il lavacro della rigenerazione perché noi rinascessimo con una vita vera. In lui viene manifestata anche l'economia del mistero celeste. Infatti, dopo essere stato battezzato, si aprono i cieli, è inviato lo Spirito Santo visibile sotto forma di colomba. Poi una voce dal cielo dice: “Tu sei il mio Figlio, oggi io ti ho generato”. Viene designato come Figlio di Dio e al popolo, infedele e ribelle ai profeti, viene inviata dal suo Signore la testimonianza di una visione e di una parola. Così, nello stesso tempo, noi apprendiamo, a partire da quanto si compiva in Cristo, che a noi, rinati nel battesimo, si spalancano i cieli, quei cieli che il Figlio di Dio ha spalancato per la prima volta salendo col suo corpo al cielo; lo Spirito Santo scende su di noi, noi siamo permeati dall'unzione della gloria celeste e diventiamo figli di Dio per l'ascolto della voce del Padre. Infatti la verità ha prefigurato, nella stessa realtà dei fatti, l'immagine del mistero preparato per noi (Ilario di Poitiers, *Commentario a Matteo, II*).”

AVVISO

1. Le buste per le offerte per il nuovo anno possono essere prelevate nella sala parrocchiale.

MASS INTENTIONS		January 11-17
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Pro Populo
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Venera Castronuovo +Augusto Brunetta +Angela Palma +Leonzio Donatelli +Filomena Galle
	11:00 a.m.	+Paul Melotte +Leonardo Caputo
	12:30 p.m.	+Angelina Gomes
	4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Thomas Alexander
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+ Giuseppe Giusti
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Angelina Gomes
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Angelina Gomes
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Angelina Gomes
	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton +Members of the Naughton Family +Lillian Rodenberg
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Lidia Khlypenko +Angela Gerritse-Bramson +Francesco Caldarola +Angelina Gomes +Anton Gal +Frank Schillaci

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmel Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Ester Lin, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Luigi Nucci, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Todd, Patricia Rybka, Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Hung Ki Sem, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan

It is best to learn to silence the faculties and to cause them to be still, so that God may speak.

--St John of the Cross

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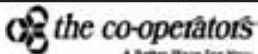
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