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**Associate:** Rev. Peter Paul, C.C.E

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## **PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

**Business Manager:** Joanne Marchese

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**Music Co-Ordinator:** Petra Kim

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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**Children's Liturgy:** Sonia Bovolini

**Atrium:** Anita Markle

**Ushers:** Roland Leandrosz

**Hospital Visitations:** Anne Roman

**Homebound:** Mary Barry

**Nursing Homes:** Peggy Paterson

**Volunteer Screening:** Antoinette Stirling  
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**Rosary Apostolate:** Laura Rizzi

**Italian Pastoral Care Giver:** Maria Rosa Costa

**Italian Committee:** Antonietta Miniaci

**Italian Ushers:** Salvatore Romano

**President of Parish Council:** Nancy Fattore

**Chair of Finance Committee:** David Rivard

## **PARISH SCHOOLS**

St. Anne 905-883-0311

St. Mary Immaculate 905-884-5381

Corpus Christi 905-770-8713

St. Charles Garnier 905-884-0223

Fr. Henri Nouwen 905-884-8086

St. Theresa of Lisieux HS 905-787-1407

St. Elizabeth HS 905-882-1460

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Wednesday**

8:30 am - 8:00 pm

Closed daily 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

## **MASS TIMES**

Lauds: Monday to Friday 7:30 am

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

7:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am

5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am

12:30 pm

4:30 pm

## **CONFESSION TIMES**

Friday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

or by appointment with a Priest

## **ADORATION & EXPOSITION**

Friday 1:00 pm - 6:45 pm

## **DEVOTIONS**

Rosary - After morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday at 6:45 pm

Perpetual Help - After morning Mass on Saturday

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group - Every

Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

## **BAPTISM**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday during 12:30 pm Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptismal Class: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Contact the Parish office to register.

## **MARRIAGE**

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Beloved Parishioners!

Welcome to Lent 2020. It is an exciting time for the Church and our Parish.

Holy Father Pope Francis in his message for Lent said, "It is the right time to make room for the Word of God. It is the time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to disconnect from your cell phone and connect to the Gospel".

May this time of the year help us to rediscover the power of the Cross.

Praying for you and asking that you pray for me to have a good Holy Lent.

Fr. Pawel

### **THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, Mar 4** – Memorial St. Casimir.

**Friday, Mar 6** – World Day of Prayer.

**First Friday of the month** – We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Saturday, Mar 7** – St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs.

**First Saturday of the month** – We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Every Friday during Lent you are invited to pray the  
**Stations of the Cross**  
at **1:00 pm in Italian** and **6:30 pm in English**

### **GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. In Canada, Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Fasting is obligatory from ages 18-59. However, the law of abstinence binds those who are ages 14 and above. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat only one full meal, and two small snacks that together don't add up to a full meal.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020**

All Parishioners are invited and highly encouraged to attend: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" Ecumenical Service, written by the women of Zimbabwe will be held at St. Mary Immaculate Parish **Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm.** with Father Pawel, as the Homilist, and with the participation of the Christian Churches in our Richmond Hill Community and our SMI Choir. Reception and light refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

**2020 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** Last chance to pick up your offertory envelopes. Envelopes that are not picked up will be removed and reassigned to other parishioners. We ask that you do not use envelopes from previous years. If you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please drop by the office to

complete a registration form. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**2019 TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pick up in the Parish hall. Envelopes are organized in alphabetical order by surname.

**2019 FAMILY OF FAITH TAX RECEIPTS** will be issued by the end of February directly from the Family of Faith campaign office. For more information, email [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org).

**THE LITTLE BLACK & CHILDREN'S PURPLE LENTEN BOOKS & LENTEN BRACELETS** are available for purchase **this weekend** in the Church foyer.

**THANK YOU** to all Parishioners and CWL Members for your kind support of our Bake Sale last weekend. Your generous donations of baked goods and purchases will help us support our charities.

**CWL GENERAL MEETING** will be held **Tuesday, March 10, 2020** beginning with Holy Rosary at 7:00 PM in the Church, followed by a General Meeting in the Church Hall. All CWL Members are encouraged to attend, and Ladies of the Parish are invited to join us to learn more about this Ministry.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES RETREAT** The Office of Vocations is pleased to offer a Young Disciples Retreat for the diocese themed ***Love in Service***. This retreat is designed to engage male and female youth aged 12-17 (especially those who serve in various parish ministries like altar serving, music ministry, or any other avenues available to them), to provide them an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus and consider where He might be leading them. This **free** retreat run by young adults will include talks, group discussions, recreation, and lunch on **Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, 75 Churchill Ave, North York. To register or for more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or 416-968-0997.

### **28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY!**

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada. The theme of this year's rally is **"Jesus, Light of the World"**. **Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm** Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. For tickets, email [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca) or call 647-243-9441.



### **SMI-CWL ANNUAL LENTEN RECOLLECTION**

for all Parishioners will be held on **Saturday, March 14** beginning with **8:30 am Mass** followed by a talk in the Parish hall.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND – Friday, March 13 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 15 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary.** Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**MARCH 1, 2020**

**ANNUAL PARISH GARAGE SALE - MARCH 21 & 22 ( SAT. & SUN.) 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Items needed: gently used general merchandise - No clothing, No books and No electronics.

Item drop off dates: **March 19 & 20 (Thur. & Fri.) 9am-6pm.**  
"ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PARISH RENOVATIONS FUND".

**CALLING ALL GIRLS - MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27 -7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM**

[Colleen Carroll Campbell](#) will be doing a book signing

**Speakers & Topics:**

[Adeodata Czink](#) - *What Makes a Lady a Lady?*

Dr. Sandra Sagrati - *Get Uncomfortable: Less Stress & Anxiety*

[Dorothy Pilarski](#) - *The Power of Prayer*

**11TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – 8:30 AM TO 4 PM**

**Location:** Le Tre Port Banquet Hall

1075 Queensway E, Mississauga, ON L4Y 4C1

Mississauga, Ontario

416-907-1042

**Speakers & Topics:**

Kimberly Hahn (Scott Hahn's wife will give – 2 Talks)

The Joys and Sorrows of Mary

Women of Wisdom: Sharing Heart to Heart

Colleen Carroll Campbell - Award winning author, EWTN, former presidential speech writer will give one talk called:

The Heart of Perfection

Dorothy Pilarski - Founder of Dynamic Women Faith

One Mother's Heart

**Closing Mass celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis,**

**Rector St. Michael's Cathedral**

Mass will be celebrated at Le Treport Banquet Hall

Register at <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

Questions? CONTACT: 416-907-1042

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING MEETING** Fr. Peter would like to invite all altar servers for a mandatory training meeting **Sunday, March 29 after the 4:30 pm Mass** in the Fr. Kolbe room. Pizza will be served.

**COINS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:** You are asked to return the containers with your donation after Easter and no later than **April 19**. Thank you for your generosity.

**SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS: First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2020**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**INTENZIONI PER MESSE** La pratica di offrire Messe per i nostri cari in vita o per i nostri defunti e' parte della nostra vita e tradizione Cattolica. Se volete offrire delle Messe per amici e familiari vi preghiamo di venire all'ufficio parrocchiale durante le ore di apertura. Le intenzioni di messe non possono essere prese al telefono.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS**

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please contact the parish office or email [office@smirh.com](mailto:office@smirh.com). Names will be removed after the last Sunday of each month unless renewed with the office.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyde, Julie, Gus, Peter Fernandes, Bernardine Fernandes, Joe Rybka, Lorenzo Addorisio, Maria Petruzzo, Nazzareno Lombardi, Marcus Gibbons, Francesco Faga, Dante Gibellini, Lucia Gibellini, Mario, Michael McGee, Clara Pacitti, Sandi Weinholdt

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS** are available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, come by the Parish office during office hours.

**MAR 2 - 8: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:**

+Caterina & +Antonio Sgro

&

+Giovannina & +Antonio Aloe

**MASS INTENTIONS MAR 2 - 8**

<b>Mon. Mar 2</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+John Freitas
<b>Tues. Mar 3</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Liberata Lombardi
<b>Wed. Mar 4</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Theresammah & +Philip Vincent
<b>Thur. Mar 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Lucius Bhagan
<b>Fri. Mar 6</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Mario Soave
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	+Herbert, +Catherine & +Patrick Paxton +Roman & +Wood Families +Sebastian Costa +Nancy Sansano Spec. Int. for Joseph
<b>Sat. Mar 7</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Raffaella Spagnuolo
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Gibbs-Themen Family
<b>Sun. Mar 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	<b>9:30 am</b>	+Angela & +Francesco Collozza +Teresina Varano
	<b>11:00 am</b>	+Sebastiana D'Amico +Antonio & +Giulia Toscano
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Healing for 1 yr old Addison McDowell
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	+Vincenzo Buffone & +Benito Chiaravalloti



A friendly reminder to set your clocks  
**forward one hour** before going to bed  
**Saturday, March 7**



 <p><b>Holy Name of Mary</b> College School Catholic School for Girls (Grades 5 - 12) www.hnmcs.ca 905-891-1890 x103</p>	<p><b>Marco Stancato C.F.P., RIB(ON)</b> Insurance - AUTO, BUSINESS, HOME, LIFE Cel 416-346-2814 Bus 905-237-2905</p>	<p><b>DR. J. D'SOUZA</b> FAMILY DENTIST New Patients Welcome 324 Hwy. 7 E., Ste 103 (at Bayview) 905-886-6198</p>	
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<p>Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours. I now ask for a special favour (mention request). Take this favour, dear Jesus, and place it within your broken heart and when your Father sees it through His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour not mine. Please answer my prayers. Say three consecutive days. Trusting in your mercy. Published in gratitude.</p>	<p><b>Marlowe Restaurant</b> <b>BANQUET FACILITIES</b> Baptisms, Engagements, Rehearsals, Confirmations, Showers, Weddings 905-771-8645 events@themarlowe.ca</p>	<p><b>Boots Montano</b> ABR, SRES Realtor M. 416.832.1608 boots.montano@remaxhallmark.com T. 905.883.4922 9555 Yonge St., Suite 201 Richmond Hill, ON L4C 9M5</p>	<p><b>BIANCHI PRESTA LLP</b> BARRISTERS &amp; SOLICITORS PRACTICING REAL ESTATE, WILLS, CORPORATE, LITIGATION &amp; COMMERCIAL LAW 9100 JANE ST. BLD A, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, VAUGHAN 905.738.1078 www.bianchipresta.com contact@bianchipresta.com</p>
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