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Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella
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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

Moving? Please contact the Parish Office to update your information.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. We are entering in the most beautiful mystery of our faith - the Holy Week. When I reflect upon my first Lent at St. Mary Immaculate I realize so many blessings that we experience in our Parish during this liturgical time.

Many thanks to those, who on Fridays, prepared delicious 'Lenten soups'. All donations we collected will go to Missionaries of Charity downtown Toronto (order founded by blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta), supporting the poor around us.

Your involvement in the Stations of the Cross, Parish Mission, increasing number of people at daily and weekend Masses, many confessions show that Lent was time of spiritual renewal for many of you. **Thank you!**

As we are approaching Holy Week, let's pray for one another during that time. We, your priests, ask you to pray for us especially on Tuesday, when we will be at St. Michael Cathedral together with Eminence Cardinal Collins and all the priests from the Archdiocese celebrating Chrism Mass and renewing our ordination promises.

Please remember to be hospitable to those who do not come to church very often. The next two weeks just might test our patience when we find someone sitting in "my" seat or parked in "my" spot. Being unkind and disturbed is not very welcoming. Practicing hospitality can be difficult, but just remember the difficulties that Jesus endured for our sake. Our problems seem small compared to his, especially when our seat or spot is taken. Thanks for be a good steward of hospitality.

May Jesus our Saviour continue to bless our Parish Family. Have a deeply spiritual Holy Week!

You are in my prayers!

Fr. Pawel



PILGRIMAGE to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families and for the coming of our Holy Father Pope Francis to the Festival of

Families and the Papal Mass happening in Sept. 22 – 27th **is filling up**. We have a coach bus with a limited seating of 56 Pilgrims. Registration forms are at the entrances of the Church. **Please honor the Deadline of April 27th for submission of your registration forms.** For information on the World Meeting of Families 2015, please visit www.worldmeeting2015.org

SHARELIFE 2015 Working wonders in our livelihoods... When he was presented with a top youth achievement award at a recent gala at The Carlu, Kiwayne was only a short distance from the streets where he had been homeless, and a world away. In the building's food court a few years ago, he recalls falling asleep at the table – exhausted – trying to avoid having to go back outside. "I was going down the wrong path and didn't know if I'd live to be 21," he says. But for the past two years since moving into his own place, Kiwayne has been studying construction engineering at George Brown College and working part-time at the Provincial Advocate's Office. Kiwayne grew up in foster care and, at 17, he found himself on the street until a friend told him about Covenant House. "Covenant House gave me stable housing that allowed me to go back to school and learn life skills," says Kiwayne. **Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12th. Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION will take place in all the churches of the world in support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. This annual Good Friday appeal dates back to 1421 and the pontificate of Pope Martin V, to recognize the grave responsibility Catholics throughout the world have to support Christians in the Holy Land, the birthplace of Christianity, with prayers and material help. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites we as Catholics hold so dear. **Thank you for your contribution.**

COINS FOR LIFE As a Lenten initiative, we encourage everyone to fill a 'Coins for Life' box with their loose change by taking a 'Coins for Life' box. These boxes are at the entrances of the Church. Filled up boxes will be collected on the weekend after Divine Mercy weekend. Thank you for your contribution on behalf of those who have no voice – the unborn. Please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. Please visit www.coinsforlife.org

CONGRATULATIONS! Sunday School Volunteers Yvonne Mirrlees, Jessica Mirrlees, Jeff Broderick and Elaine Lung have received an Ontario Volunteer Award for their dedication and commitment to the Sunday School Program. Congratulations to all!

EASTER LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS Anyone who would like to donate these Easter flowers are asked to bring them into the Sacristy by Friday evening. Thanking you in advance for your response.



REHEARSAL FOR LECTORS, USHERS AND SERVERS FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: Monday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. All are required to attend.

REHEARSAL FOR LECTORS AND SERVERS ON EASTER VIGIL on Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m. All are required to attend.

TRIDUUM, EASTER & DIVINE MERCY NOVENA Holy Thursday, April 2nd,

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Good Friday, April 3rd

12:00 p.m. Commemoration of our Lord's Passion

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet

3:00 p.m. Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion

4:30 p.m. Passione del Signore

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Italian)

Blessing of Easter Food ('Swieconka')

Saturday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil, April 4th

6:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5th

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

There is **NO 4:30 p.m. Mass** this day. The Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet will be said at 9:15 a.m. in Italian.

Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet will be said after each weekday Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 12th

Regular Sunday Mass schedule. Divine Mercy Celebration begins at 2:30 p.m. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Bring religious items to be blessed.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY is a 6-week group retreat program in preparation for Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Entrusting ourselves to Mary is well known to be the fastest, safest and easiest way to Jesus. The Church proclaimed that "Everyone should have a genuine devotion to Mary and entrust his life to her motherly care." Each week there will be a DVD presentation and discussion as well as reading and prayer materials to do throughout the week. Join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday evenings (**Apr. 9-May 7**) from **7-8:30 p.m.** If you need the book, please order through the parish office.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR starting April 13th at St. Paschal Baylon by the Charismatic Prayer group. For info and to register call Gloria at (905) 881 2801 or Rosa at (905)883-1567.

Domenica delle Palme – 29 marzo 2015

"Ricordi quell'asinello condotto al Signore? Nessuno arrossisca: siamo noi quell'asinello. Il Signore ci cavalchi e ci attiri dove vuole lui: siamo il suo giumento, andiamo verso Gerusalemme! Cavalcandoci lui non veniamo oppressi, ma elevati. Guidandoci lui non devieremo. (S. Agostino, Discorso 189, 4)."

Corriamo anche noi insieme a colui che si affretta verso la passione, e imitiamo coloro che gli andarono incontro. Non però per stendere davanti al suo cammino rami d'olivo o di palme, tappeti o altre cose del genere, ma come per stendere in umile prostrazione e in profonda adorazione dinanzi ai suoi piedi le nostre persone. Accogliamo così il Verbo di Dio che si avvanza e riceviamo in noi stessi quel Dio che nessun luogo può contenere. Egli, che è la mansuetudine stessa, gode di venire a noi mansueto. Sale, per così dire, sopra il crepuscolo del nostro orgoglio, o meglio entra nell'ombra della nostra infinita bassezza, si fa nostro intimo, diventa uno di noi per sollevarci e ricondurci a sé. Egli salì verso oriente sopra i cieli dei cieli (cfr. Sal 67,34), cioè al culmine della gloria e del suo trionfo divino, come principio e anticipazione della nostra condizione futura. Tuttavia non abbandona il genere umano perché lo ama, perché vuole sublimare con sé la natura dell'uomo, innalzandola dalle bassezze della terra verso la gloria. ...Agitando i rami spirituali dell'anima, anche noi ogni giorno, assieme ai fanciulli, acclamiamo santamente: *Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore, il re d'Israele.*

"Ogni anima fedele, *figlia di Sion e di Gerusalemme*, cioè della madre Chiesa, deve in questo giorno, sull'esempio dei Giudei, uscire incontro a Cristo non solo con i passi del corpo, ma con i sentimenti dell'animo, cuore esultante e labbra festose, deponendo a terra la propria veste con la mortificazione della carne insolente, con i rami di olivo in segno di intima devozione, con rami di palme che simboleggiano vittoria e onore, perché il nostro re Cristo Gesù, con la sua umiltà vinse il superbo nemico, il diavolo, e sprofondò il suo esercito nell'abisso del mare, liberando per virtù del suo sangue il suo popolo." (S. Bonaventura, Sermoni domenicali).

AVVISI

1. Orario delle celebrazioni pasquali: Giovedì Santo, S. Messa bilingue alle 7pm; Venerdì Santo; Memoriale della Passione del Signore alle 4.30pm; Sabato Santo: celebrazione vigiliare alle 7pm.
2. Le ricevute fiscali per le offerte dell'anno scorso possono essere prelevate presso l'entrata principale della chiesa.

MASS INTENTIONS		March 29-Apr. 4
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Pro populo
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Pro populo
	11:00 a.m.	Pro populo
	12:30 p.m.	Pro populo
	4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+ Lily Chan
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+ Armando de Lapa
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+ Lucia Natalina & Luciano Piccolo

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. Kenneth John Decker, Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Domenico Capacchione, 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, 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, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan

'SPRING FLING' DINNER & DANCE INCLUDING SILENT AUCTION on **May 2nd**. Proceeds to benefit the kitchen restoration project. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses this weekend and are available in the church office or by contacting smirh.grandknight@yahoo.com.

MERCY AND THE KINGDOM with Dr. Scott Hahn (3 talks) & Patrick Sullivan (2 talks) on **Sat, May 2nd from 7:45 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. at Canada Christian College, Toronto**. To register or for information please contact info@serviamministries.com or 1-888-522-2070. Student and groups rates available.

REIGNING MERCY: Healing after abortion. Day of Prayer and Healing for Women on Sat., May 30 in Toronto. To register, please call the Sisters of Life at 845-357- or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org Visit sistersoflife.org



begins **Friday August 7th**, at 6 p.m. and will continue until **Sunday August 9th**, at 1 p.m. at the **Roy Thomson Hall**.

Registration costs \$250 per person if you choose to forgo accommodations. The fee covers entrance to the conference from August 7th-9th, 6 meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). For more information, please visit <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/> Please call the Parish Office to register.

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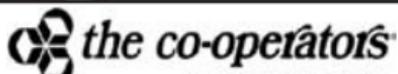
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