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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:

1st Sunday during the 12:30 pm Mass
3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm
Baptismal Class: 1st Thursday at 7:00 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. Welcome to Lent 2017! It is a very special time in the life of the Church. It is a time of 'Spiritual workout', which should be used in the best possible way.

During this time we want to offer you different opportunities to grow spiritually. Please make sure to pick up a bulletin insert with Lenten schedule. Review it and keep it in a visible place at home.

I hope this Lent will be a time of spiritual growth in our journey to Heaven.

Praying for You and your Families!

Yours,
Fr. Pawel

LENTEN FRIDAYS SCHEDULE:

8:00 am	Mass
1:00 pm	Stations of the Cross – Italian
1:30 pm	Adoration/Exposition
5:30 pm	Lenten soup in the hall.
6:00 pm	Confessions
6:25 pm	Benediction
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross – English
7:00 pm	Mass

LENTEN SOUP FRIDAYS from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. This initiative is to enable our parishioners to grab a quick bite before attending the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. This is a free will donation which will go to St. Vincent de Paul of our Parish to support those in need in our community.

ShareLife

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2017

"Living the Gospel" by supporting ShareLife agencies...

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel," in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 41st anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously.**

2016 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the Church foyer.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME will start March 12 at 2 a.m. On March 11 before you go to bed, don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour.

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" – FEBRUARY 6

– MARCH 31, 2017 The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

EXHIBIT "FROM MY LIFE TO YOURS"

Exhibit on the life of Father Luigi Giussani, founder of the Catholic lay movement, Communion and Liberation. Is it possible that faith is still relevant? Fr. Luigi Giussani lived his life answering this question. Please join us in the parish hall on **March 5th, 2017** after the 8:00 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm Masses. Guided tours in English and Italian after each mass.

Free admission. For more information please contact us via email at toronto@clonline.org or visit www.clonline.org

YOUTH GROUP: Attention all youth from grades 8-12, this Sunday **March 5th** at **3pm** the Youth Group will be having a bowling get together at Richmond Hill Pro Bowl. All existing and interested youth are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet other youth in the Parish and get involved. We look forward to seeing you there!

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC with Fr. Victor Boiragi, **June 16 - 19, 2017** Visiting: Montreal – St. Joseph Oratory – Notre Dame Cathedral - Cap-de-la-Madeleine - Quebec City – Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Registration deadline is **March 6, 2017**. To register please contact Parish Office.

SMI-CWL GENERAL MEETING – The General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on **Tuesday, March 14**, 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.

MARCH 5, 2017

THE COME AND SEE WEEKEND March 17-19, 2017 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. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

SMI-CWL RELIGIOUS STORE will be open after all masses **March 18-19, 2017** in the church foyer.

MOTHER'S GROUP will be meeting **Thursday, March 23rd** at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

LENT BIBLE STUDY will begin **Monday March 6th** at 7:00 pm in the meeting room downstairs next to the hall. No fees to register. Contact the office to sign up.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH will be hosting its annual conference for catholic women on **Saturday March 25, 2017**. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening mass. For more information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905-279-7702.

LENTEN REFLECTION ON SPIRITUALITY

OF CAREGIVING: In this year of the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima, our parish calls us together for an evening of reflection on the Spirituality of Caregiving. We reach out to those who are caring for loved ones: an elderly parent, a spouse, a dear friend. Despite a great desire to be of help and comfort, this experience can be challenging. We ask: "How is God with us in this situation?" How can we support one another?" During this evening we will share our experiences, hear from an expert panel, and pray together.

All are most welcome to attend and bring along anyone who may feel a desire to be nourished in this calling.

7:30-9:00 pm on **Monday March 6, 2017**.

MARIAN CONSECRATION: On Wednesday, June 13, 1917, Blessed Virgin Mary said on her 2nd apparition in Fatima: *'I promise salvation to those who embrace the devotion to my Immaculate Heart, and their souls will be loved by God as flowers placed by myself to adorn His throne'*. Don't you want to be among those souls? Come dedicate your lives to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary? Join us in the **Marian Consecration on May 13, 2017**. Mark your calendar to attend the candle processions on **April 13 (Thursday)** after the morning masses. Please note March 13 (Monday) has been cancelled. Classes will take place at St. Mary Immaculate Parish

on **April 4th, 11th, 18th, 26th, May 2nd and 9th** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.. Please contact The Legion Of Mary at lom.2017consecration@gmail.com or the parish office before March 20th to register.

THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD is seeking two community volunteers for its Audit Committee. The Audit Committee assists the Board of Trustees in the areas of financial oversight and governance. The deadline to apply is **March 10, 2017**. For more information regarding the position, qualifications and the application process, please visit the "What's New" section at www.ycdsb.ca

 ShareLife

PRIMA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

5 marzo 2017

"Vivere il Vangelo" sostenendo le agenzie ShareLife...

Dando il via alla nostra campagna di raccolta fondi ShareLife, siamo invitati a "vivere il Vangelo" in tutto quello che facciamo. Come possiamo testimoniarlo nella nostra comunità? Vivere il Vangelo può significare assistere le mamme single a prendersi cura dei loro neonati; oppure, essere disponibili per famiglie che stanno attraversando gravi difficoltà; oppure, accogliendo famiglie di profughi nella nostra comunità. Negli ultimi 40 anni, migliaia di persone hanno beneficiato della premura caritatevole delle nostre agenzie; e come Arcidiocesi continuiamo a manifestare il nostro impegno facendo fronte alle necessità della comunità in generale e di tutto il mondo.

Per favore aiutaci a celebrare il 41mo anniversario di ShareLife sostenendo la nostra annuale raccolta fondi Arcidiocesana durante la Quaresima.-Thomas Cardinal Collins, Arcivescovo di Toronto

Domenica, 2 aprile 2017 è una domenica di ShareLife.

Per favore, dona generosamente.

AVVISI.

1. Celebrando il centenario dell'apparizione della Madonna a Fatima, la parrocchia vi invita ad una serata di riflessione sulla spiritualità dell'accompagnamento. L'esperienza del prendersi cura di un anziano genitore, un consorte, un'amico, fa sorgere domande sulla Provvidenza e sulla nostra relazione con Dio e con gli altri. Venite per una serata di condivisione, consigli di esperti, e preghiera nella nostra chiesa, lunedì, 6 marzo, 7.30-9.00pm
2. Via Crucis in italiano ogni venerdì di Quaresima all'1.00 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Mila Aquino, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Caitlyn, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Monica Cozzolino, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas

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MASS INTENTIONS	Mar 4 -Mar 11
Sat. Mar 4 - 5:00 p.m.	+Matilda Sousa
Sun. Mar 5 - 8:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Immaculate
9:30 a.m.	+ Tony Ponari & Family +Valerio & Maria Vittoria Eramo +Sigismondo Posa & Family +Francesco Romita & Family +Michele Ventrella +Domenico Barbutto Spec.Int. Jessica Gonzalez Spec.Int. Vincenzo DeSantis
11:00 a.m.	+Benito & Vincenzo Chiaravalloti
12:30 p.m.	+Giovannina & Antonio Aloe
4:30 p.m.	+Giovanni Guizzetti
Mon. Mar 6 - 8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Mar 7 - 8:00 a.m.	+Raffaele Spagnuolo
Wed. Mar 8 - 8:00 a.m.	Spec.Int. Donna G. Lindayen & Teodoro L. Kalaw
Thur. Mar 9 - 8:00a.m.	+Pasquale Virginillo
Fri. Mar 10 - 8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m.	+Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Members of the Naughton Family +Immacolata Colangelo +Ronald Kenny +Angelo Tarantino
Sat. Mar 11 - 8:30 a.m.	People of St. Mary Immaculate

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