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CWL meets every 2nd Tuesday after 7:00 p.m. Rosary
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Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella
Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Antonia Ciuffetta
Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci

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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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

During this time of Lent, we have been encouraged by the Church to spend more time in Prayer. Many of you put in an extra mile in your prayer life in your Lenten journey. Many of you come to Stations of the Cross on Fridays, do Holy Hour, or increase your personal prayer.

This weekend as we welcome Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Toronto, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood. Let us offer Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross or Holy Communion for the intention of vocations in our Archdiocese.

Perhaps this weekend is a good time to talk about the priesthood in our families. Maybe there is someone who is thinking about priesthood that you know. Give him a call this weekend. Maybe there is someone among us who is thinking about becoming a priest. See Father Chris after Mass this weekend. There is no bigger joy for a pastor, than when he receives the news that someone from his congregation is joining the seminary!

Let us pray for vocations this weekend because if we don't have priests we won't be able to have the Eucharist!

Have a wonderful week! Praying for you and your Families.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Pawel

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:15 p.m. in

English. 7:45 p.m. in Italian.



PILGRIMAGE Our Parish is having a 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 **September 22 - 27th**. We will have a coach bus with a limited seating of 56 pilgrims. Registration forms can be found at the entrances of the Church. Please submit your registrations as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. **For information on the World Meeting of Families 2015, please visit www.worldmeeting2015.org**



LENTEN SOUP FRIDAYS starting at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall until 6:15 p.m. for a free will donation. The donation received will cover our costs and the rest will go to help the poor.

LENTEN WRISTBANDS We have Lenten wristbands with the words "REPENT" available in the parish office during the week for a free will donation. Obtain one for yourself and / or for those you love as a reminder of our commitment during this Lenten Season. Proceeds to help the poor.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH (starts March 11th)

St. Joseph, I, your unworthy child, greet you. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants. Therefore I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (*Mention your request*). Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Gracious God, You have called me to life and gifted me in many ways. Help me to become all You desire of me. Inspire me to make a difference in the lives of others. Lead me in discerning your will in my life in saying yes to the vocation You have planned for me. Open my heart to listen to Your call. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit give me the courage to respond to You. Amen.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR Holy Souls in Purgatory

VOCATION SEEDS The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY St Mary Immaculate Church is looking for a Facility Attendant who will be responsible for the general church and building repairs and maintenance, including grounds, lawn and garden maintenance, and other duties as assigned. Duties will also include arranging and negotiating with 'trades' as needed. (Such as major electrical, plumbing and building repairs) The successful candidate will have at least 5-10 years related experience and have strong interpersonal skills to establish and maintain effective working relationship with parishioners, staff, tenants, and the general public. Must have the ability to work with minimum supervision. To apply, please send your Resume, marked 'confidential' to the attention of Fr. Pawel Zborowski, Pastor. Applications will be received up to **Friday, March 27th**.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up at the main entrance of the Church.



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP) every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall starting March 8th. For info, please call Cesar or Tess at 416-270-2011 or 416-270-1881.

SMI-CWL General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10**, starting with Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by Fr. Omar's Spiritual talk and a brief general meeting afterwards. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend and help discern if this Ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

PENANCE SERVICE on **Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.** You are encouraged to take this opportunity as there will be seven priests to hear confessions.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE on **Saturday, March 14**, at 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the International Plaza Hotel. Tickets: \$45. **CALLING ALL GIRLS A Special evening for Mothers & Daughters** on Fri., March 13 7-10 p.m. Visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or email us at dynamicwomenfaith@yahoo.ca or call 905-270-7702.

PARISH MISSION The Seven Last Words Jesus Spoke to Us Before He Died and our Love Response this Lent of 2015. Msgr. Ken Leone from Denver, Colorado will be conducting a Parish Mission in our Parish. The mission will begin with homilies at all the Masses on the weekend of **March 21/22** and will continue for three consecutive nights from Monday to Wednesday (**March 23-25**) from **7-8 p.m.** in the Church. There will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at each conference.

3a di Quaresima - 8 marzo 2015

Impariamo a digiunare

Fa' digiunare il nostro cuore: che sappia rinunciare a tutto quello che l'allontana dal tuo amore, Signore, e che si unisca a te più esclusivamente e più sinceramente.

Fa' digiunare il nostro orgoglio, tutte le nostre pretese, le nostre rivendicazioni, rendendoci più umili e infondendo in noi come unica ambizione, quella di servirti.

Fa' digiunare le nostre passioni, la nostra fame di piacere, la nostra sete di ricchezza, il possesso avido e l'azione violenta; che il nostro solo desiderio sia di piacerti in tutto.

Fa' digiunare il nostro io, troppo centrato su se stesso, egoista indurito, che vuol trarre solo il suo vantaggio: che sappia dimenticarsi, nascondersi, donarsi.

Fa' digiunare la nostra lingua, spesso troppo agitata, troppo rapida nelle sue repliche, severa nei giudizi, offensiva o sprezzante: fa' che esprima solo stima e bontà.

Che il digiuno dell'anima, con tutti i nostri sforzi per migliorarci, possa salire verso di te come offerta gradita, meritarti una gioia più pura, più profonda.

(Jean Galot, Ritorno alla sorgente, Benedettine, Sorrento 1981)

Cristo è consumato di zelo per quella casa di Dio che è in ciascuno di noi, e non vuole che diventi casa di commercio, né che la casa di preghiera diventi una spelonca di ladri, in quanto è Figlio di un Dio geloso (cfr Es 20,5), [nel senso] che Dio non vuole che nulla di estraneo alla sua volontà venga a mescolarsi all'anima degli uomini in generale, e, in particolare, di coloro che intendono accogliere le realtà della divinissima fede (*Origene, Commento al Vangelo di Giovanni*). "

AVVISI

1. 19 marzo, festa di S. Giuseppe: santa Messa in italiano alle 12.10pm.
2. Vi si ricordano le norme della Chiesa sull'astinenza quaresimale: Mercoledì delle Ceneri e Venerdì Santo sono giorni di digiuno ed astinenza; ci si astiene dalla carne e si consuma solo un pasto principale. Tutti i venerdì, e particolarmente quelli di Quaresima, sono giorni di assistenza dalla carne. Le norme sull'astinenza legano tutti coloro che abbiano raggiunto l'età di quattordici anni. Le norme sul digiuno obbligano tutti tra le età di 18 e 59 anni.
3. Durante la Quaresima, tutti i venerdì si prega la Via Crucis in inglese alle 6.15pm, ed in italiano alle 7.45pm.
4. Le ricevute fiscali per le offerte dell'anno scorso possono essere prelevate presso l'entrata principale della chiesa.

'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 next weekend and are available in the church office or by contacting smirh.grandknight@yahoo.com.

MASS INTENTIONS		March 8-14
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Josefa & Stefan Miller +Joseph Galati +Anselma Namotcatcat
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giovanni Riina +Deceased of the Tanel & Panizza families +Antonio Ugo Ciotola +Elsa Baldassarra +Lina Maggiacomo
	11:00 a.m.	+Albino & Ida Carboni
	12:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
	4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Giuseppe Giusti
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton Deceased of the Naughton Fam
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Vincenzo e Giuseppe Giraudi +Frank Kramer

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: 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, Rachele (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, 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

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY is a 6-week group retreat program in preparation for Consecration to Jesus through Mary. 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 call the parish office.**

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT on Saturday, April 11th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarborough. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 23rd. This retreat is prepared and facilitated by the Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese of Toronto. For info, please call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org.

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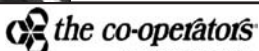
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