St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

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Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am

Wednesday Italian Mass: 7:00 pm

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass. Weekdays: Appointment with the priest

Baptism:

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 6:00 pm to 6:50 pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Saturday morning at 9:00 am Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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CHRIST THE KING!

... Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, His members, might have confidence that we too shall go where He, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.

"And I, when I Am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces His lifting up by His Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands ... but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises His priesthood, for He "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through Him." As "high priest of the good things to come" He is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven.

Henceforth Christ is *seated at the right hand of the Father*: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where He who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after He became incarnate and His flesh was glorified."

Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To Him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

Catechism of the Catholic Church # 661 - 664

MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD Owing to the many requests made for the Masses for the dead, please note that during the whole month of November, Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parishioners of St. Mary Immaculate. You may also wish to include their names in our Book of Remembrance or in the All Souls Day envelopes. Please place the envelopes with your donations on the basket beside the Book of Remembrance.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sale this weekend.

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before You. We are Yours, and Yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with You, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known You; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected You. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken You, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned You; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to Your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor for ever. Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps burn for: Deceased Members of the Angelo Family Deceased Members of the Angelo Family

Sunday, November 20th, Solemnity of Christ the King. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:10-11)

Monday, November 21st, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the dedication of the Church of St. Mary in Jerusalem. We also recall the tradition according to which Our Lady, as a small child, was presented to the Lord by her parents in the Temple.

Tuesday, November 22^{nd} , St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr. One of the most venerated martyrs of the Early Roman Church, St. Cecilia died for the Faith. She is the patroness of Church music.

Thursday, November 24th, St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs. We commemorate the Korean Martyrs who died in a severe persecution of the Catholic Faith in the 19th century.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Many thanks to all our parishioners & our Catholic Schools for your participation in Bundle Up Weekend and the Winter Coat Collection! The truck was filled to overflowing and many families went home with warm new coats. This is a huge help to those on a limited budget! At Christmas we will be providing gift hampers to many families in the community. If you would like to participate in this program, please email us at swdp.smi@gmail.com or phone our voice mailbox 905 717-9827.

SANCTUARY LAMPS The Sanctuary Lamps (on either side of the Tabernacle) burn for the length of one week. If there are any parishioners who wish to burn a lamp in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For info, please call Roland at 905-780-8354.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CHRISTMAS CAKES will be on sale on the weekend of November 26/27.

16th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER AND DANCEon Friday, December 2nd at the La Videt Banquet Hall,
Concord. 6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Tickets
available from Ross B. 416-746-5944, Roland 905-

780-8354, Ross C. 905-883-5458.

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE is looking for volunteers who are able to go into our Catholic Elementary Schools to teach & pray the Rosary with the students. The commitment is only for 1-2 hours a month. We begin our visits in October and end with a May celebration. Training will be provided. This is truly a rewarding experience & we hope you will consider joining us. If you are interested please contact Carole 905-770-8584 or Laura 905-737-6457.

ANNIVERSARY Come and join us celebrate our 50th anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Our celebration begins with Holy Mass at St. Mary Immaculate Church at 10:30 a.m. After Holy Mass, open house at the school will begin around 12:00 noon. We will be having an assembly in the gym around 12:15 p.m. where we will be celebrating a school blessing, speeches from alumni, members of the Board, and local politicians, and entertainment from some of our students. We welcome everyone especially all Alumni to join us for this monumental event.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Lord, who are ever merciful and filled with gifts, look down upon the souls still separated from You and still being purified in their state of hope! I beg You to remember especially ____ and all those who have fallen asleep believing in You! Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Your loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold You face to face in Your glory. May they soon be united with You and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Amen.

20 novembre 2011 - Cristo Re - 34^a del tempo ordinario

"Servi di Cristo, e fratelli, e coeredi, visitiamo Cristo tutto il tempo che ci è possibile, curiamo Cristo, nutriamo Cristo, vestiamo Cristo, riuniamo Cristo, onoriamo Cristo, non solo alla mensa, come qualcuno, né con gli unguenti, come Maria, né soltanto al sepolcro, come Giuseppe d'Arimatea, né con le cose che riguardano la sepoltura, come quel Nicodemo che amava Cristo solo a metà, né infine con l'oro, l'incenso e la mirra, come i Magi prima ancora di tutti coloro che abbiamo nominati; ma poiché da tutti il Signore esige la misericordia e non il sacrificio, e la sua misericordia supera le migliaia di pingui agnelli, a questa portiamolo attraverso i poveri prostrati a terra in questo giorno, affinché, quando saremo usciti da qui, essi ci ricevano nei tabernacoli eterni nello stesso Cristo Signore nostro, a cui è la gloria nei secoli. Amen. (Gregorio di Nazianzo, Oratio XIV 'De pauper. amore' 27 s. 39 s.)."

"Quindi la promessa restaurazione che aspettiamo è già incominciata con Cristo, è portata innanzi con l'invio dello Spirito Santo e per mezzo di Lui continua nella Chiesa, nella quale siamo nella fede istruiti anche sul senso della nostra vita temporale, mentre portiamo a termine, nella speranza dei beni futuri, l'opera a noi commessa nel mondo dal Padre e diamo compimento alla nostra salute (cfr. Fil 2,12). Già, dunque, è arrivata a noi l'ultima fase dei tempi (cfr. 1 Cor 10,11) e la rinnovazione del mondo è irrevocabilmente fissata e in certo modo reale è anticipata in questo mondo: difatti la Chiesa già sulla terra è adornata di vera santità, anche se imperfetta. Ma, fino a che non vi saranno nuovi cieli e terra nuova, nei quali la giustizia ha la sua dimora (cfr. 2 Pt 3,13), la Chiesa peregrinante, nei suoi sacramenti e nelle sue istituzioni, che appartengono all'età presente, porta la figura fugace di questo mondo, e vive tra le creature, le quali sono in gemito e nel travaglio del parto sino ad ora e sospirano la manifestazione dei figli di Dio (cfr. Rm 8, 19-22) [...] Siccome, poi, non conosciamo il giorno, né l'ora, bisogna, come ci avvisa il Signore, che vegliamo assiduamente, affinché, finito l'unico corso della nostra vita terrena (cfr. Eb 9,27), meritiamo con Lui di entrare al banchetto nuziale ed essere annoverati tra i beati (cfr. Mt 25,31-46), né ci si comandi, come a servi cattivi e pigri (cfr. Mt 25,26), di andare al fuoco eterno (cfr. Mt 25,41), nelle tenebre esteriori, dove "ci sarà il pianto e lo stridore dei denti" (Mt 22,13 e 25,30). Prima, infatti, di regnare con Cristo glorioso, noi tutti compariremo "davanti al tribunale di Cristo, per riportare ciascuno della sua vita mortale, secondo quel che fece, o di bene o di male" (2 Cor 5,10) [...] (Costituzione dogmatica Lumen Gentium, cap. VII, 48)."

AVVISI

- 1. Le lampade del Santissimo bruciano per una settimana. Chiunque volesse offrire tali lampade in suffragio delle anime di cari defunti è invitato a mettersi in contatto con l'ufficio parrocchiale. Inoltre potete iscrivere i vostri defunti nel libro della memoria; vi sono buste a disposizione per l'apposita offerta.
- 2. Oggi i Cavalieri di Colombo hanno in vendita le cartoline di Natale.

MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 1 - 30 SUN. 9:30 a.m. Deceased Parishioners. MON. 8:00 a.m. Relatives, and Friends of TUE. 8:00 a.m. the Parishioners of St. Mary WED. 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Church 7:00 p.m. THURS. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. FRI. 7:00 p.m. SAT. 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Baby Abigail, Enrico Carusi, Esmy, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Alan & Carol Cook, Joe Crevier, Catherine Cronin, Mary D'Amato, James Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Anna Jedlicsek, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, Anthony Morse, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Giuseppina Pellegrini, Domenico Pileggi, Esmy, Todd Santaguida, Werner Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt,

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT for the whole family under the

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