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3rd Sundav at 2:00 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Advent of 2016! Next Sunday, our Catholic Women's League's will celebrate their 60th Anniversary. We will begin with the Holy Mass at 11a.m., which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Let's welcome His Eminence and all invited Guests to our parish!

Please follow the insert with the Advent and Christmas events schedule in our Parish. Pope Benedict XVI said that Mary is an Icon of Advent. May Mother of God be with us in our spiritual journey during this time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.

Praying for you and Your Families!

In Christ,

Fr. Pawel

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 30th, St. Andrew, Apostle. St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist before he became a follower of Jesus, to Whom he also brought his brother Peter. After Pentecost, he preached the Gospel in many lands and was put to death by crucifixion in Achaia. Please note that the Saturday morning Mass will be Tridentine Mass. Una Voce, the Traditional Mass Society will be holding their Annual General Meeting in our parish on this day. We welcome them to our parish.

First Thursday of the Month, December 1st. We honour our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

First Friday of the Month, December 2nd. We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, Priest St. Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He was ordained a priest in Venice and sailed for the East Indies in 1541. In 1542, he landed in Goa and from there set out to preach the Gospel in different lands. He died in, China in 1552. He is patron of the missions.

First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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ADVENT

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #524)

Advent has a twofold character. As a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.

From December 17th on, there is a notable shift in emphasis as the events immediately preceding the Lord's birth are present in the gospel readings while the first readings proclaim the most important Messianic prophecies.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific theme. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(starts Nov. 30th)

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2016 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 25th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.



The CWL Annual Tea, Poinsettia and Craft Sale on November 19th was a phenomenal success! Grateful thanks to our Sponsors -Holy Cross Cemetery and Marshalls Funeral Home; our Richmond Hill

business establishments which donated wide array of gift certificates, gift baskets, concert tickets, discount coupons; our variety of Vendors and their products; our CWL Members, SMI Parishioners, Families and Friends - for their attendance, purchase of our beautiful poinsettia flowers and donations of raffle prizes and assortment of gift items, baked goods, cookies, squares and sandwiches, our Youth Volunteers; all our dedicated and untiring CWL Ladies who worked as an organized Team to make this event possible; our Pastors for their support - A Big Thank You! Proceeds to be awarded to our CWL Outreach Ministry and in Celebration of our CWL 60th Charter Anniversary in December 4th.

MARK your CALENDAR



Fr. Pawel invites you to our Valentine's Gala on February 10th.

Tickets will be sold soon!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING on Sunday, Nov. 27th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. All youth of the parish are invited.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Christmas cards, panettone, 2017 Catholic Calendars, and Advent Candles. They are also accepting donations for Christ is Christmas buttons after all the Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

<u>CWL</u> will be selling Poinsettia plants as well as the Little Blue Book for Advent after all the Masses.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY will take place on Mondays until Dec 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Please pre-register by calling the parish office so that we can have enough materials.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH for Neighbours in Need by SMI Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Many parishioners have asked how they can participate directly in our Community Christmas Outreach program. St. Vincent de Paul Members will be accepting contributions for our Christmas Baskets after all the masses on Nov. 26/27 & Dec. 3/4. Please see the bulletin insert for a listing of acceptable donation items. Those who wish to volunteer their time to assist in preparing the Christmas Baskets and preparations for the Christmas Luncheon are invited to come to the parish hall on Dec. 7th after 4pm. We can all work together as a parish community to help those in need at this special time of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS on the CWL's 60th
Anniversary! In celebration of our St. Mary
Immaculate - Catholic Women's League 60th Charter
Anniversary on Sunday, December 4, 2016, All
Parishioners and CWL Members are invited to attend
the 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass with His Eminence Thomas
Cardinal Collins, to mark this momentous event!

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES & RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS will be sold during the Dec. 3/4 weekend after all the Masses.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE We will start to work on our Nativity scene on Sunday, Dec. 4th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please join us at that time.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS will take place on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 8:30 – 10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION hosted by the CWL will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th from 8-12 noon.

27 novembre 2016 - 1a di Avvento

Così il Verbo ha nascosto a noi la fine di tutte le cose; dato che quel giorno è incerto e viviamo nell'attesa di esso, cammineremo ogni giorno, come chiamati, tutti protesi verso quelle cose che per noi sono le più importanti, dimenticando le secondarie (cfr Fil 3,13), Chi infatti, avendo conosciuto il giorno ultimo della fine, non trascurerà il tempo intermedio? E al contrario, chi, non conoscendolo, non si preparerà ogni giorno? Per questo il Salvatore ha detto: vegliate, perché non sapete in quale tempo verrà il Signore (Atanasio, Discorsi contro gli ariani 3,49).

Meditando l'Avvento passato e l'Avvento futuro, impariamo a riconoscere l'Avvento presente, che si situa in ogni momento della nostra vita di pellegrini terreni. Raggiungiamo la consapevolezza del fatto che ogni momento del tempo è un momento di giudizio, che Cristo sta passando e che noi siamo giudicati dalla maggiore o minore coscienza di questo suo passaggio. Se ci uniamo a lui e ci mettiamo in cammino con lui, verso il suo regno, il giudizio diventa salvezza per noi. Ma se lo trascuriamo e lo lasciamo andare oltre, la nostra indifferenza diventa la nostra condanna. La meditazione del primo Avvento ci dà la speranza nella promessa che ci è stata fatta (T. Merton, *Stagioni liturgiche* p. 74).

Il Signore non viene nel rumore, il Signore non trova posto nella frenesia e nello stordimento. E' venuto nella pace e per la pace. E' una parola questa così usata da diventare banale: è chiamato «pace» un equilibrio di paura; si parla di pace in una società intessuta di violenza e di oppressione dell'uomo sull'uomo. Si dissolve oggi anche la pace più semplice, quella della famiglia. Solo Cristo può riunire gli uomini dispersi dall'egoismo e fare di tutti un unico popolo pacifico in cammino verso il monte del suo Tempio. L'ora di Dio giunge a noi perché ogni istante della nostra vita contiene l'eternità di Dio. Non bisogna basarsi unicamente sulla saggezza umana, e neppure aspettarsi un intervento massiccio da parte di Dio. É al presente che viene donata la salvezza. Ogni scelta che si fa nel presente fra la luce e le tenebre è un segno della venuta del Figlio dell'uomo. L'assemblea eucaristica è la Chiesa in stato di attesa e di vigilanza, che impara a leggere, nell'«oggi» della propria storia, la venuta del Signore come momento di salvezza.

AVVISI.

- 1. 8 dicembre, festa dell'Immacolata, nostra patrona: Santa Messa alle 7 p.m.
- 2. Alcuni di voi ci hanno chiesto come partecipare al lavoro per i poveri a Natale da parte della S. Vincenzo. Membri della stessa raccoglierano doni ed offerte per i cesti natalizi dopo tutte le Messe del 27/28 novembre ed il 4/5 dicembre. Cercate nel bollettino la lista dei doni richiesti. Se volete aiutare a preparare il pranzo natalizio o i cesti stessi, vi si prega di venire in sala parrocchiale il 7 dicembre dopo le 4 p.m.
- 3. Il Signore vi aspetta nel Santissimo Sacramento. Adorazione eucaristica ogni venerdì dall'1 alle 6.

MASS IN	TENTIONS	Nov. 27-Dec. 3
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving - Thomas &
		Lennie
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Luisa Iafrate e famiglia
		+Maria Bomba
		+Cesira Perciballi
		+Gilda Piazza
	11:00 a.m.	+ Assunta, Luigi e Albino
		Rinaldo
	12:30 p.m.	+ Jan & Honorata Nadgorski
	4:30 p.m.	+Bertha, Joseph & Jacqueline
		Mancini
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Asa Chan
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Margaret Sexton
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Oei Ley Nio
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	+Mario & Filomena Corbo
	7:00 p.m.	+Herbert, Catherine &
	_	Patrick Paxton
		Roman & Wood Families
		+Antonietta e Emilia Celotti
		+Lydia Iacobini
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Libera Mastro
		+Kim Bunda & deceased fam
		members

Tilley, 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, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Donato Di Giorio, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Rafael Garcia, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Marcus Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rita McKinnon-Peel, Rita McLennan, John McNamara, Maria Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Bill Myers, Nino

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MOTHERS' GROUP Our parish is starting a Mothers' Group. Do you want to be refreshed? Inspired? Meet other Catholic moms? Then come out to our first meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 17th in the Meeting Room at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office to pre-register

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