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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

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

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

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Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To You we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

- Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

OUR LORD WAITS FOR YOUR VISIT. FRIDAY ADORATION HOURS: 1:00 – 6:50 p.m. We need more Eucharistic adorers. All are also welcome to the Divine Mercy devotions prayed at 3 pm. No dues, no meetings. Just a silent hour with Our Lord.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, 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.

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.

THE TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP prays the 4 mysteries on Wednesdays @ 5:30p.m. in the church. Everyone welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If your **Gr. 7 and/or Gr. 8** child goes to a public or private school or a Catholic school outside our parish boundary, and you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish, please call the parish office to register your child.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on Tuesday, Dec. 8th. This Solemnity celebrates the sinlessness and purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Mass at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.



THE FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN HAS GENERATED EXCITEMENT IN OUR PARISH! As the campaign moves into its final weeks here,

please carefully consider the commitment you can make to this historic campaign, if you haven't already made one. A pledge, redeemed over a five year period,

will enable our parish to do so much!

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Total Pledge	Annuall y	Monthl y	Daily	My Sacrifice Equals:	
\$24,000	\$4,800	\$400	\$13.15	Monthly— dinner, parking, theatre tickets for 2	
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$200	\$6.58	Monthly— 2 tickets to a professional sports event	
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$100	\$3.28	Monthly— smartphone with data plan	
\$3,000	\$600	\$50	\$1.64	Daily— small coffee	
\$1,800	\$360	\$30	\$1.00	Daily— newspaper	

Commitment Weekend pledge cards will be passed out during all Masses next weekend. You can respond one of three ways:

"Yes! I agree to pledge today or increase my pledge."

"Amen! I have already made a pledge."

"Praying! I am thinking about my decision."

You set the terms on what your pledge will be, and how you would like to pay it. It is important to fill out your name, address and telephone number, so your pledge can be properly recorded and acknowledged, and so that reminder notices can be sent directly to you.

On behalf of the parish, and all of the volunteers who have helped with the Family of Faith campaign, thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort!

Stay in touch with the campaign at www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca and follow on Twitter: @family_of_faith

PARISH DEVOTIONS will begin this Advent. On Friday, Dec. 4th at 6:45 p.m. we will begin our Sacred Heart devotions. Mother of Perpetual Help devotions will take place after the Saturday morning Mass on Dec. 5th. We have printed booklets for these devotions that are for parish use only. For those who would like to purchase a similar booklet for personal use that contain the same prayers, please come to the office.

2016 PARISH ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the parish hall.

<u>VOCATION SEEDS</u> If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> or 416-968-0997.

PLEASE NOTE that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2015 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 27th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

A BIG THANK YOU for a Successful CWL Annual Tea, Poinsettia & Craft Sale! To all our Priests, Parishioners, CWL Members, SMI Youth Volunteers, Vendors, Richmond Hill Business Community and Friends go our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your continuous support of our Parish Community Event. Sincerest thanks for all the donations of raffle and door prizes, baked goods and sandwiches, monetary donations, your time, talent, efforts, kindness, warmth and smiles. We raised a Total Revenue of \$5,685.85 less expenses of \$1,218.47 for a total income of \$4,467.38 of which earmarked \$2,700 is towards our ministry and \$1,000 towards our parish hall kitchen. "Our Heartfelt Thanks to All!"

PROJECT HOPE Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827 Those wishing to support the campaign financially can do so through our church, making cheques payable to – SMI – Project Hope.

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</u> We are also looking for volunteers to help us with the Christmas nativity scene. Anyone who would like to extend us a helping hand are asked to call the parish office.

FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB Books are now available and you can place your order/reservation for any book listed in the 17 Recommended Book List. You can pay and pick up the book of your choice at the Rectory Office. For further queries, please email or call Grace at gracestewart45@gmail.com or 905.884.7871.

DONATE BLOOD. SAVE A LIFE TODAY at the Canadian Blood Services at Hillcrest Mall on Tues and Thurs from 4-8 p.m. and Fridays & Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS BEREAVEMENT PEER SUPPORT available at St. Padre Pio Church (Woodbridge). To set up individual sessions, please call 905-893-7879 or email newbeginnings.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com. Also available at St. Justin Martyr Parish (Markham). For appointment, call the parish at 905-479-2463.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or someone you know heading for divorce? Retrouvaille, a Catholic based programme, is a program highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential info about or to register for the live-in weekend and Post sessions, call 416-281-6007 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in Nov. 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support our bulletin & advertise your product or service. Call 1-800-268-2637 for more information.



SMI CWL ADVENT RECOLLECTION All Parishioners, CWL Members and Friends are invited to our Annual Advent Recollection on Saturday, December 5th from 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass to 12:30 p.m. Rev. Fr. Omar Alejandro Daza Hernandez is our Spiritual Director with the Theme: Jesus the Promised Saviour. Please all attend in preparation for the Birth of our Lord. Ticket \$5:00 is on sale this weekend. Includes Bagel, coffee and fruits.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. (Children's Mass), 9:00 p.m. (Italian), 12 Midnight (11:30, Carols)

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25

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

There is NO 4:30 p.m. Mass this day. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31): 5 p.m., Day (Friday, Jan. 1): 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. There are NO 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass this day. Please note that January 1st is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> Saturdays, starting Dec. 5^{th} , there will be 2 priests hearing confessions. Confessions will also be heard in our parish on Wednesday, Dec. 16^{th} at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Panettone and Christmas Cards after all the Masses this weekend and next weekend. Proceeds go to different charities.

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 from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays on Nov. 30. Consecration: Dec. 8th at the 7 p.m. Mass.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to reevangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 3rd of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday**. **Dec. 2nd from 7-8 p.m.** The rest of the sessions will be on January 3, February 24, March 9, April 13, May 4, and June 8. **All are welcome!**

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ITALY with FR. OMAR! May 23 – June 4, 2016 To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116.

MASS IN	TENTIONS	Nov. 29 - Dec. 5		
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Souls whose names are		
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	written in the All Souls		
	11:00 a.m.	Envelopes.		
	12:30 p.m.			
	4:30 p.m.			
MON.	8:00 a.m.			
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Joseph & Maria Nguyen		
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Nikolaus &		
		Wanda Kusch		
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+ James Rambotham		
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Angela Gerritse-Bramson		
	7:00 p.m.	+Paxton Family Members		
		+Naughton Family Members		
		Roman & Wood Families		
		+Olive Romalho		
		+Claudia Ramos		
		Int of Francesco & family		
		+Egidio Cervini		
		+Adelina Manzo		
0.470	0.00	Intentions of Justin Cho		
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Berardinelli & Mastro		
		Family Members		
		+Teresa & Guerino Di		
		Schiavi		
		+Joe Ciano		
		+James Ramsbotham Int. of Andrew Rohimo		
		+Eugenio Bozzo		
		Int. of Margarita Rodriguez		
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Frank, Gail Frey, Maria Theresa Furlano, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Ester Lin, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya,

Decker, Fr. McGough, Eugene Bomba, Severino Bucci, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK:

Fr. Kenneth John

Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Mike Sartor, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Louise.

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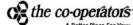
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