



# ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH EST. 1857

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Wednesday**

8:30 am - 8:00 pm

Closed daily 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

## MASS TIMES

Lauds: Monday to Friday 7:30 am

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

7:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am

5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am

12:30 pm

4:30 pm

## CONFESSION TIMES

Friday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

or by appointment with a Priest

## ADORATION & EXPOSITION

Friday 1:00 pm - 6:45 pm

## DEVOTIONS

Rosary - After morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday at 6:45 pm

Perpetual Help - After morning Mass on Saturday

## BAPTISM

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday during 12:30 pm Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptismal Class: 1st Thursday at 7:00pm

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Contact the Parish office to register.

## MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent. Today is a "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

On this 'Sunday of rejoice' let's listen to the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta:

'The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. May His coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give.'

Praying for You and your Families,  
Fr. Pawel

### HIGHLIGHT LOVE LETTER TO JESUS.....

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

I am so happy to  
celebrate your Birthday  
again. Blessed my family  
and me i Love you Jesus.

With all my love.....

Isabella S.  
(Name)

**ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS:** During the season of Advent, children are invited to write a love letter to Jesus. A form letter is available at all the entrances to the Church. The love letters to Jesus will be collected by the Priest at Mass during the collection. One letter will be highlighted in the bulletin each week during Advent.

**HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS:** For many years Mass has been celebrated on a weekly basis at Mackenzie Health hospital. Volunteers have assisted with transporting Catholic patients from their floors to and from the Mass. This ministry is in great need of additional volunteers in order to continue with this service. Men or women able to be at the hospital every Friday between 10:00 am and 11:30 am are requested to contact the Parish office.

**160<sup>th</sup> COMMEMORATIVE BOOKS** are available for purchase in the Church foyer after all the Masses and in the Parish Office. Get your copy today! It makes a great Christmas gift for anyone that is a parishioner or has fond memories of St. Mary Immaculate Church.

**2019 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized in alphabetical order by first letter of the surname. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to have weekly offertory envelopes, contact the parish office. Do not use previous year envelopes. Ensure to print clearly your name, address and amount on every envelope to ensure your donations are properly credited to you.

**2018 TAX YEAR** The last day for donations to be included in the 2018 tax year will be **Sunday, December 30**. Donations received

January 1<sup>st</sup> and onwards will be included in 2019 tax year. Thank you for your continued support.

**TIME & TALENT VOLUNTEERS:** This is a busy time for the Church as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. Please do not be discouraged, you will be contacted after Christmas. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR THE CHURCH:** Parishioners wishing to donate poinsettia plants to the Church for Christmas decorations may do so by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generosity.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE-DAY OF CONFESSIONS** Confessions will be held **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** 8:30am – 9:30am, 12:00pm – 1:00pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm.



### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



#### **Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>)**

5:00 pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)

10:00 pm Mass

12:00 pm Midnight Mass

#### **Christmas Day-The Nativity of the Lord**

**(December 25<sup>th</sup>)**

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

12:30 pm Mass

(No 4:30 pm Mass)



**OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:** The Parish office will be closed

Monday, December 24 at noon.

Tuesday, December 25.

Wednesday, December 26.

Monday, December 31 at noon.

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

On behalf of Fr. Pawel, Fr. Victor, Fr. Jimmy, Deacon Joseph and the office staff, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**FORMED REGISTER NOW!** Go to [www.stmaryformed.org](http://www.stmaryformed.org) and use Parish code **DWMDQ7**.

**CWL RELIGIOUS STORE** will be open in the Church foyer after all Masses this weekend.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling Christmas Cards, Panettone, 2019 Catholic Faith Calendars and Christ Is Christmas Buttons in the Church foyer after all Masses this weekend.


Buttons are free will donation for the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation Fundraiser. Money raised goes towards wheelchairs and will be doubled by the Foundation.

#### **THANK YOU FROM SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Christmas Outreach Program**

Last weekend, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Immaculate Conference, held its 11th Annual CHRISTMAS OUTREACH LUNCHEON for those in need of assistance within our parish boundaries. We would like to thank all of the parishioners and volunteers who helped set-up the luncheon, build the gift baskets, serve the food and do all the various tasks needed to make this important and much-anticipated event happen in our community. We thank our corporate sponsors: CMED/Catherine Lillywhite, Elite Sweets, Conair, and Bristol Truck Rentals for their donations to our

Christmas Program. Thanks to the schools who sponsored gift baskets and gift cards: St. Robert, St. Mary Immaculate, Corpus Christi, St. Theresa of Lisieux, St. Anne, St. Michael's Academy, and St. Charles Garnier. A special thank you to the students, the Knights of Columbus and our regular SSVF Conference volunteers as well as all Vincentians who came out to help host this event. Their tireless work and enthusiasm in support of our outreach program was greatly appreciated. THANK YOU to all parishioners who generously donated gifts, gift cards, and personal hygiene products for our event. Lastly, thank you Fr. Pawel, Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Victor for attending and assisting with this event. Our SSVF team was able to provide gift baskets, food vouchers and gift cards to over 140 families within our parish boundaries, a remarkable outpouring of God's Love to our neighbours. We could not have done this program without the generous support of the parishioners, Thank You.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS:** Men in grade 12 and older are invited to join the **Quo Vadis Discernment/Discipleship Group – "Made for Greatness: Men Becoming Holy Disciples of Christ"** at St. Mary Immaculate Church. Meeting **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 pm** in the Padre Pio room. Facilitators are Fr. Pawel Zborowski and Fr. Michael Simoes. This is not a group aiming young men towards priestly discernment, but rather to help equip serious Catholic men to live their Christian faith in a committed way and make decisions of discernment throughout their lives. Contact Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or the Parish office to register.

 **MARK your CALENDAR**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for students attending private or public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Monday, January 7, 2019** from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Parish hall.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM CLASSES** for children attending private or public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Monday, January 7, 2019** from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Fr. Kolbe room.

**THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM: Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**, builds on *The Bible Timeline* and *Matthew* by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative. Bible study will begin **early February**. To register, contact the Parish office at 905-884-1784 or email [office@smirh.com](mailto:office@smirh.com).

**FAMILY OF FAITH:** Thank you for your commitment to our parish's Family of Faith campaign. The efforts that we make together will further the Pastoral Plan and mission of our Church. Please remember to honour the pledge that you made. Thank you for your support.

**16 dicembre 2018 – 3a di Avvento**

Il vento [*ndt.necessario quando si usava il ventilabro*], io credo siano le tentazioni, le quali, nella massa confusa dei credenti, mostrano come alcuni siano paglia e altri buon grano. Infatti, quando la tua anima si è lasciata dominare da qualche tentazione, non è che sia la tentazione che l'ha mutata in paglia; ma è perché tu eri paglia, cioè uomo leggero e incredulo, che la tentazione ha rivelato la tua natura nascosta (Origene, *Commento al vangelo di Luca*).

Dice: *Chi ha due tuniche ne dia una a chi non ne ha; e chi ha da mangiare faccia altrettanto*. Per il fatto che la tunica ci è più necessaria del mantello, dobbiamo dire che per produrre un frutto degno di penitenza non basta dividere con i poveri soltanto cose esterne e non necessarie, ma anche quelle che sono molto necessarie, come il cibo che ci serve a vivere e la tunica che ci riveste (Gregorio Magno, *Omelia 20*).

Siamo stati battezzati nella tua morte, Signore Gesù, per esserlo anche nella tua resurrezione. Sorgente inesauribile di vita, potenza misteriosa impressa in noi come sigillo divino, la grazia dell'acqua della nuova

creazione ci unisce a te nella tua Chiesa perché possiamo vivere la nostra vita alla tua sequela e compiere la volontà del Padre su ciascuno di noi. Aiutaci a camminare nella vita nuova, di cui ci hai fatto dono: e se la stanchezza ci prende e la paura blocca la generosità del cuore, se ci frena la resistenza del peccato e più forte si fa sentire il peso della morte, facci avvertire che nel battesimo siamo divenuti prigionieri di te, catturati dal tuo amore misericordioso e fedele, immersi con te nell'abbandono, ma con te risorti alla vita per edificare nella forza del tuo Spirito e nell'unità del tuo popolo il regno di Dio Padre: regno di giustizia e di pace, regno di vita e di amore, Patria desiderata e attesa della gioia, che non conosce tramonto (B. Forte, *Piccola Introduzione ai Sacramenti*, 44-45).

Egli fu annunziato da tutti i profeti, la Vergine Madre l'attese e lo portò in grembo con ineffabile amore, Giovanni proclamò la sua venuta e lo indicò presente nel mondo. Lo stesso Signore che ci invita a preparare il suo Natale ci trovi vigilanti nella preghiera, esultanti nella lode (prefazio II di Avvento).

**AVVISI**

1. Adorazione del SS.mo Sacramento, ogni venerdì dall'1.00 alle 6.45 p.m.
2. Se desiderate che un ammalato o altre persone in bisogno di preghiere siano nella lista mensile, vi si prega di lasciare il relativo nome presso l'ufficio parrocchiale o tramite email [office@smirh.com](mailto:office@smirh.com)

**INTENZIONI PER MESSE:** La pratica di offrire Messe per i nostri cari in vita o per i nostri defunti è parte della nostra vita e tradizione Cattolica. Se volete offrire delle Messe per amici e familiari vi preghiamo di venire all'ufficio parrocchiale durante le ore di apertura.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS:** If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please contact the parish office or email [office@smirh.com](mailto:office@smirh.com). Names will be removed after the last Sunday of each month unless renewed with the office.

Tanya Di Persio, Jan Dolezel, Sara, Catarina Clyde, Rita McLennan, Maria Giancola, Rosa Maria Santos, Rita Manganaro

MASS INTENTIONS		December 17 - 23
<b>Mon. Dec 17</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Augustine Uhm
<b>Tues. Dec 18</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Lucius Bhagan
<b>Wed. Dec 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Norberto Gomes
<b>Thur. Dec 20</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Maria Ferreira
<b>Fri. Dec 21</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Spec. Int. for Beatrice Virginillo-Corbo
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	+Members of the Naughton Family +Else & George Kern +Rosel & Patricia O'Neill +Nick Tardif +Teresa Abbruzzino +Cristoforo Terrasi +Ashley Zimmerman & Margaret
<b>Sat. Dec 22</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Pasquale Iapaolo & Family
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Spec. Int. For Josephine Mendonca
<b>Sun. Dec 23</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	<b>9:30 am</b>	+Angela & Antonio Vittorio +Luigi Tomasone
	<b>11:00 am</b>	+Tiberio Simoes
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	+Leonila Dalisay
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	Private Intentions

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS** are available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, come by the Parish office during office hours.

**December 17 - 23: The Sanctuary Lamps Burn For:  
+Lucius Bhagan & In Thanksgiving for A. Rambaldini  
Family**



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