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PASTOR: Fr. Vito Marziliano

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES:

Couples must contact the Pastor one year in advance.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

St. Patrick's (905) 794-0411 Holy Spirit (905) 794-8039 Francis McSpiritt (905) 794-5031 Our Lady of Lourdes (905) 913-1703 St. André Bessette (905) 913-2567

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Cardinal Ambrozic (905) 913-2989

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. English 8:30 a.m. English 10:00 a.m. English 11:30 a.m. Italian 1:00 p.m. English 7:30 p.m. English

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Anytime



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Finance Council, Ministers of the Eucharist,
Lectors, Altar Servers, Seniors Group,
Seniors Group - meets Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.,
Catholic Women's League - 1st Monday of the month,
Knights of Columbus - 3rd Thursday of the month,
Prayer Group - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.,
Choirs - English: Tuesday 8:00 p.m. - Italian: Thursday 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 1st Sunday of Advent



Saturday, November 30, 2019

8:30 am Loretta & Domenico Papa 5:00 pm Mother Isabella Chiechi

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:30 am Giuseppe & Angela Gariere

Gregorio Donato

10:00 am Giuseppe Colavita

Geraldo & Nazzare Acchinoe

Maria Mastrangelo

11:30 am Vincenzo Valentino

1:00 pm For blessings upon all families in the parish

7:30 pm For all People **Monday, December 2, 2019**

8:30 am Maria & Antonio Valerio

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

8:00 am Mass at Cardinal Ambrozic High School

1:00 pm For the sick in the parish

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

8:30 am For our journey towards the new church

Thursday, December 5, 2019

8:30 am For Advent blessings upon the community

First Friday, December 6, 2019

8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am In honour of St. Nicholas 9 am - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Mass for Vocations

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:30 am In honour of St. Ambrose

5:00 pm Caterina Maida / Carmine Di Camillo

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 am Mario Carvalho 10:00 am Maria Helena Melo

Merces Correia / Sue Picano

11:30 am Elvira Orefice

Giacomo Sestito

1:00 pm For persecuted Christians

7:30 pm For all the people

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." One tremendous way we can keep

awake is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation especially this Advent. Let us take this season on preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

We will be hearing confessions during Advent as follows:

Every Saturday 4 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday, December 18 6 pm - 9 pm
Saturday, December 21 3 pm - 5 pm
Christmas Eve 10 am - Noon

FROM THE DESK OF FR. VITO Greetings parishioners and dear friends of St. Patrick's Church





A happy and blessed Advent season to everyone. Two weeks ago, I visited a cloistered monastery of Benedictine nuns outside Montreal. In dialogue with the Mother Abbess, I asked how the nuns

were celebrating Advent. Expecting to hear of some activities that could be an opportunity for us as well to initiate, she smiled and said, "THE LITURGY." Yes! What a wise and thoughtful response. The Liturgy is everything. It is the beginning and the end of all that is necessary in our daily journey as Christians. The Eucharist, our prayers and reflection, our desire to see and celebrate God's love in everyone and in all things. An invitation for all of us to make these weeks of preparation to the celebration of his Birth, and the awareness that he comes to us every day and that one day he will return in Glory. Let us make our prayer life this Season our church attendance and our home prayer an important opportunity to strengthen our faith and our commitment to do God's will. Advent Prayers and blessings to everyone.

With prayerful best wishes.....Fr. Vito

LITURGICAL MEETINGS FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 pm in the church Meeting for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm in the church Meeting for all ushers

Interested parishioners wishing to join either of these ministries are welcome to attend.



A WORD OF THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS

Once again, sincere thanks to all who worked hard towards the incredible success of the Gala and the Dinner at

ANTICA OSTERIA in Bolton last Sunday. Special thanks to DOMENIC GRECO and the Greco Family, owners of Antica Oseria for donating the entire event for the building of the new church. The Gala Committee will be sending thank you notes, income tax receipts and booklets to participants, sponsors, donors and advertisers in the gala booklet, in the very beginning of the new year. In the meantime, thank you and blessings upon all of you for what you have done and will continue to do for the realization of this blessed project—our new church building.

YEAR END ADVENT SOCIAL



Offering

Come join us for our year end Advent social:



EDGE: Friday December 13

(Open to students in Gr. 6 - 8) 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

LIFE TEEN: Saturday December 14

(Open to students Gr. 9 - 12)
Mass 5:00 pm / Dinner & Social 6:00 - 8:45 pm

For further info, contact Liza at spywildfield@gmail.com.

BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Boxes of Sunday envelopes for the new year are still available for pick up in the parish hall. You will find them placed in alphabetical order. Families wishing to receive a box of envelopes (who have not used them before), please pick up a new unassigned box in the Sacristy, right after Mass. We ask you to please pick up your box as soon as possible. There are a great number of activities going on in the parish and the basement is the only place we have available. Please pick up your box before or after Mass.

Bake Sale and Bazaar

CWL ANNUAL BAKE SALE AND BAZAAR

The Catholic Women's League of our parish invite you to keep the weekend of **December 7 & 8**

open for their **BAKE SALE & BAZAAR** annual event. After every mass that weekend you will be invited to visit the church hall and discover that little treasure you have been looking for.



A DRAW FOR RICH PRIZES IN SUPPORT OF OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Draw to take place on **Sunday**, **December 8** after the 1 pm Mass. **TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE.** \$50 each. To purchase your tickets, please call the office at 905-794-0486 or come to the sacristy after Sunday Mass.

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- A luxurious lady's watch,



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SANTA WILL BE HERE WITH TWO OF HIS BELOVED REINDEERS....

Sunday, December 8 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Join us in our parking lot on Sunday, December 8 from 2:30-5:30 pm for hot chocolate, candy canes and a visit from Santa himself! Parents and friends will have the opportunity to take photographs to remember the event in years to come!

ITEMS FROM BETHLEHEM ON SALE December 14 & 15

Our Friends from Bethlehem will bring their artwork. Come and purchase your Christmas Gifts.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Once again this year, the community will organize Christmas baskets for families in need. If you wish to donate a basket of food, toys, new clothing, etc. please contact Anna

Maria Rutigliano and leave your name with her. If you know of someone in need, also contact her. You will be matched with a family in need two weeks before Christmas so that those who benefit from your love and generosity may receive your gift in time for Christmas. Please call Anna Maria at 416-525-1965.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS.....



The season of Advent, which we begin again today, restores a horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.

The model of this spiritual disposition, of this way of being and journeying in life, is the Virgin Mary. A simple girl from the country who carries within her heart the fullness of hope in God! In her womb, God's hope took flesh, it became man, it became history: Jesus Christ. Her Magnificat is the canticle of the People of God on a journey, and of all men and women who hope in God and in the power of his mercy. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her, she who is mother, a mamma, and knows how to guide us. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her during this season of active waiting and watchfulness.

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