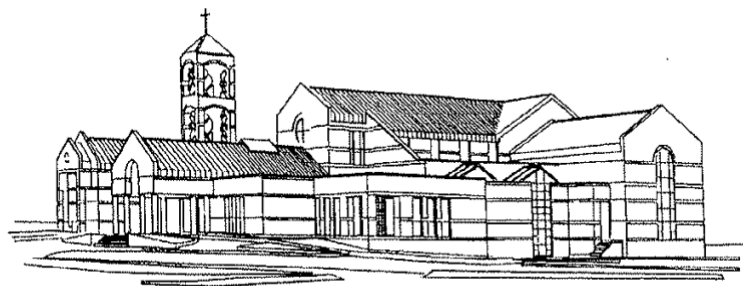


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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 16, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

LETTER TO THE CANDIDATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

"You did not choose me, but I chose you..." (John 15:16)

Dear candidates, I hope you are excited for your upcoming sacrament. This is a very special time for you in your spiritual journey as you deepen your knowledge and understanding of the faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ. I would like to reiterate that one of the most powerful ways to prepare for the sacrament and grow in your faith is by attending Sunday mass regularly. Recently, I have observed that some of you have consistently missed Sunday mass. Attending Sunday mass is an integral part of the preparation package. **I am therefore writing to encourage you to make Sunday Mass a top priority in your "very busy schedule."** Church is cool! Church is a wonderful place! I ask your parents and sponsors to join this effort to encourage you to attend Sunday Mass by attending Mass themselves. Always remember that I am praying for you, and I look forward to the day when we shall celebrate the sacrament.

PASTA E FAGIOLI CARNIVAL DINNER DANCE: *Get your tickets!*

Dear friends, on **Saturday March 1, 2025, at the Roylton Hospitality Inc**, we are organizing our annual Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance Fundraiser in support of the Children's Mission of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. Tickets for the event are still available at the cost of \$120 for adults and \$60 for children.

Advertise in the programme booklet!

We are putting together a programme booklet for the occasion and I would like to invite businesses to place an advertisement in the booklet. I also invite parish groups and individuals to consider sending in good will messages or messages in memory of your deceased loved ones. The prices are as follows: \$200 full page, \$150 half page, \$100 business card size. For further information, please contact the parish office.

SPECIAL INVITATION: JOIN THE PASSION PLAY 2025



I am excited to invite you to join the **PASSION PLAY** - a powerful reenactment of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to showcase your talents, serve the parish, deepen your faith and bring the story of Christ's love to life. **Whether you enjoy singing, acting or working behind the scenes, there is a role for everyone.** You can be: Jesus, Pilate, Mary, High Priest, Peter, apostles, soldiers, Veronica, the crowds etc. In addition, volunteers to help with audiovisual (lights, sound), props, costumes, makeup, music and lectors are needed. Students can also earn community hours. **If you are interested, sign up using the sheet in the church lobby or contact the parish office.**

"ONE HOUR WITH JESUS" EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are invited to join us for the monthly "One Hour with Jesus" Eucharistic Adoration on **Thursday February 20, 2025 at 7:30pm**. We Catholics strongly believe that the Holy Eucharist is the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ our saviour. It is the true and real presence of Jesus among us. I encourage you to carve out an hour from your super-busy schedule and come spend quality time in the presence of the Eucharistic Jesus to pray, meditate and adore Him. Many of you with the problems and the challenges of life. Probably you are fighting a battle that is bigger than you and you are worried and anxious. You do not know what to do and who to turn to for help. This Eucharistic adoration is a wonderful opportunity to turn to Jesus with confidence and pour out your heart to him in prayer.

PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE

I will be leading a pilgrimage to **ITALY-SWITZERLAND-FRANCE** from July 19-30, 2025. If you are interested, call the parish office.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain

Upcoming Baptism

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following child to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Mila Jordan Ong

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

This Weekend's Marriage



Tony Kwabena Sarpong & Theresa Pokua

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for the 2024 taxation year may be picked up from the parish office during office hours.

Le ricevute delle tasse per l'anno 2024 possono essere ritirate in ufficio parrocchiale durante gli orari di apertura.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed on **Monday February 17, 2025** for the Family Day Holiday.

*L'ufficio parrocchiale rimarrà chiuso **lunedì 17 febbraio, 2025** per la Giornata della Famiglia.*

Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be leading the **Holy Rosary Novena** from **February 10th to 18th**:

- **Weekday Masses:** 6:25pm (before the 7pm Mass)
- **Saturday Mass:** 4:25pm (before the 5pm Mass)
- **Sunday Mass:** 6:25pm (before the 7pm Mass)

The intention of this novena is to **defend the right to life** of every human being—from the moment of conception to natural death. We invite the community to participate in this initiative. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Holy Rosary on a specific day, please:

- Email: gk13164@ontariokofc.ca
- Call or Text: **Joseph Navera, Grand Knight, at (647) 880-1865**

Personal intentions can be included during the prayers. Join us in prayer to promote the sanctity of life.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday February 17

7pm

Tuesday February 18

7pm

Mario Adamo

8pm

Giuseppina Micelotta

Wednesday February 19

7pm

Maria & Pietro Tonelli

8pm

Nicola Vitantonio

Thursday February 20

7pm

7:30pm

"One Hour with Jesus" Adoration

Friday February 21

7pm

Pietro Rea

8pm

Agnes Agnese Mandatori

CWL Meeting

CWL invites members and guests to the monthly meeting that will be held on **Tuesday February 18, 2025 at 7:30pm**. The focus of the meeting is to update on upcoming events, reflections from faith/service/social justice committees.

Rosary Apostolate

The Rosary Apostolate in the schools is seeking volunteers who have a great devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a week from October to May. Training and screening will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Rose at 905-856-6035.

Weekly Rosary

Come and immerse yourselves in a beautiful prayer experience **every Monday night at 7:30pm** in the chapel.

Carnevale con Pasta e Fagioli

Sabato 1 marzo, 2025 presso la Royalton Hospitality si festeggerà l'annuale serata con cena e ballo del Carnevale con Pasta e Fagioli. Tutto il ricavato andrà a favore della Missione dei bambini della Congregazione dei Figli dell'Immacolata Concezione. I biglietti sono in vendita nell'ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$120 per adulti e \$60 per bambini dei 4-12 anni.