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From the Pastor's Desk

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, join us for the first meeting on **Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 7pm in the parish hall.**

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.

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence

For those able to make a pilgrimage to one of the Jubilee churches in Rome, that is certainly an option. Otherwise, there are nine Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to:

1. receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
2. receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy,
3. make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and
4. pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended).

For those who are elderly, confined and the ill, Pope Francis said that they may obtain the indulgence:

1. by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial" and
2. by receiving the Eucharist or by attending Mass and community prayer, "even through the various means of communication" (for instance, a Mass offered on television).

Indulgences may be obtained for the dead by the carrying out of these same acts by the Faithful with the intention of offering the indulgence for someone who is deceased.

And finally, **for all Catholics**, this jubilee indulgence may also be obtained when a member of the Faithful personally performs a spiritual or corporal work of mercy

Source: Archdiocese of Toronto

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain



Upcoming Baptisms

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



*Jake Michael Vennare
Amelia Rose Gargaro
Julian Gabriel Cancelliere
Lucas James Dalle
Audrey Anne-Marie Zoffranieri*

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule *Mercoledì delle Ceneri* March 5, 2025

8 am – *Italiano*
12 pm – English
7 pm – English
8 pm – *Italiano*

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at **7:30 pm in English** and at 8:15 pm in Italian starting Friday, March 7, 2025.

Tutti i Venerdì di Quaresima alle ore 19,30 di sera in inglese e alle 20,15 in italiano, cominciando da Venerdì 7 febbraio, 2025.

Pilgrimage to Europe

Fr Eugene will be leading a pilgrimage to Europe visiting Italy, France and Switzerland from July 19-30, 2025. An information meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 7:30pm** in the parish hall.

*P. Eugene guiderà un pellegrinaggio in Europa visitando l'Italia, la Francia e la Svizzera dal 19-30 luglio, 2025. Un'incontro informativo si terrà **martedì 4 marzo, 2025 alle ore 19,30** nella sala parrocchiale.*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday February 24

7pm	Carmela & Vincenzo Dodaro, Antonio Cardilicchio, Giuseppe
8pm	Lidia Mastrantoni

Tuesday February 25

7pm	Giovanna Giuliano-Turco
8pm	Salvatore Buttiglieri

Wednesday February 26

7pm	Olimpia Salituro
8pm	Clara Bozzo

Thursday February 27

7pm	
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Friday February 28

7pm	Vito Allatti
8pm	Domenico Sgambelluri

Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance *Last chance to purchase tickets!*

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 will be held on **Saturday March 1, 2025** at the Royalton Hospitality Inc. Contact the parish office to purchase tickets.

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. Per biglietti, contattate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

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.