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Public Health Restrictions Update

Ontario entered a modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopening on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Capacity restrictions for places of worship are set at 50% of pre-Covid capacity while maintaining physical distancing. **Our church continues to remain open for worship following our regular Mass schedule.** Please remember to follow all public health guidelines when in church. Thank you.

La provincia dell'Ontario è tornata alla fase 2 del piano di ripartenza mercoledì 5 gennaio, 2022. I luoghi di culto possono operare al 50% della capienza mantenendo la distanza fisica. **La nostra parrocchia rimane aperta seguendo il normale orario delle Messe.** Per favore rispettate le restrizioni della sanità pubblica mentre vi trovate in chiesa. Grazie.

Volunteer opportunities in the Parish this NEW YEAR

If you are thinking of donating your time and talent to the parish in this new year, how about taking care of the flowers in Church or sign-up to serve as a lector, altar server, usher or join the Knights of Columbus, CWL or the Immaculate Conception Family Outreach Ministry that helps the poor and needy families. Please consider any of these and talk to Fr. Eugene after mass.

Se state pensando di donare il vostro tempo e talento alla parrocchia in questo nuovo anno, che ne dite prendervi cura dei fiori in Chiesa o iscrivervi per servire come lettore, chierichetto, usciere o unirvi ai Cavalieri di Colombo, CWL o Immaculate Conception Family Outreach Ministry che aiuta le famiglie povere e bisognose. Per favore parlate con P. Eugene per più informazioni.

New to the Parish or never registered?

We heartily welcome all who have recently joined the parish. We encourage you to register with the parish because it gives you a sense of belonging to a family of faith and allows the priest to get to know you more. You will also receive the donation envelopes and your donations are registered for tax receipt purposes. If you would like to register please contact the parish office.

Diamo un cordiale benvenuto a tutti coloro che hanno recentemente fatto parte della parrocchia. Vi incoraggiamo ad iscrivervi alla parrocchia perché vi dà il senso di appartenenza a una famiglia di fede e permette al sacerdote di conoscervi di più. Riceverete anche le buste per le donazioni e le vostre donazioni saranno registrate ai fini della ricevuta fiscale. Se volete iscrivervi, contattate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

Upcoming Baptisms

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



Elyse Mastrantoni
Luca Beltrano
Alexa Amaya Saravia

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

Marriage Sunday 2022

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

Faith Formation: Liturgical Colours

People often ask why the priest is wearing a red, white (gold), violet (Purple), green vestment today? Liturgical colors signify different seasons and times on the church's liturgical Calendar.

GREEN: It symbolizes life, hope and anticipation. It is used in Ordinary Time, which is anytime of the year between Easter and Advent and between Christmas and Lent.

PURPLE/VIOLET: It symbolizes penance, sacrifice and preparation. It is used during Advent and Lent, but purple vestments can also be worn for funeral masses.

WHITE/GOLD: It symbolizes purity, light, glory and joy. It also signifies the birth and resurrection of Christ. It is used during the Christmas and Easter seasons and on the celebrations of the Lord (other than his passion), of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on saints who are not martyrs and in the celebration of Holy Angels. Clergymen at funerals also wear White because it symbolizes the resurrection.

RED: It signifies blood and fire. Red is used during Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost Sunday, for the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation and the feasts of Martyrs—those who shed their blood for the sake of the gospel.

