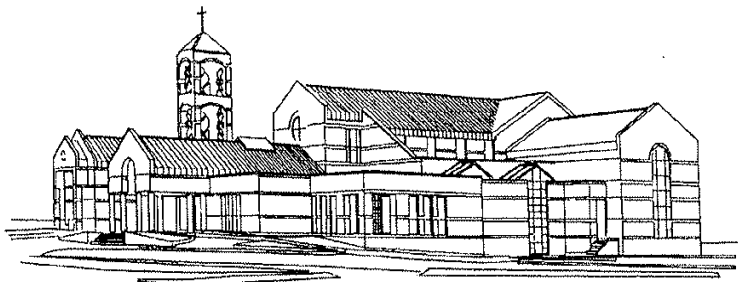


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 24, 2024

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
May the grace and peace of Christ be with you!

SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

*"Before I formed you in the womb,
I know the plans I have for you." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

Have you asked yourself why God brought you to this world? Have you thought of the purpose of your life? Are you living a purpose-driven life or you are simply wasting your precious life because you do not know your true purpose? Like many of your peers, you sometimes feel that you are simply existing; you are going through the motions without grasping the real purpose of your life. The saddest thing that will ever happen is for you to drag through life without knowing your purpose. I want you to know that I care about you, I am here for you, and I have your best interest at heart. God has a plan and purpose for your life. I would like to personally journey with you, to help you find the true purpose of your life and to grow in your Catholic faith and in your love for Christ. Once again, I invite you to join me in the Parish Hall on **Friday November 29, 2024, from 7pm-8pm** for a night of Gospel sharing, prayer, group discussions and refreshments. Confirmation candidates are also invited. If you are interested, please complete the information below and drop it off in the parish office or email it to icparishwbyouth@gmail.com

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

This year, December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has transferred the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to Monday, December 9, 2024. We will be celebrating a **solemn bilingual Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday December 9 at 7pm.**



NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Our traditional novena to the Immaculate Conception will be held from **Friday November 29, 2024 to Saturday December 7, 2024 at 7:30pm in English and 8:15pm in Italian.** I invite ALL parishioners to faithfully and consciously participate in this novena in order to prepare your hearts and minds for the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal feast of our parish. During this year's novena, I ask that we pray for all those who are sick and for peace and stability in our families. We shall also remember all our deceased friends and relatives. May they rest in peace.

What is a novena?

"A novena, meaning nine, is an ancient style of prayer that is carried out consistently over a nine-day period for a particular intention and is usually directed to the intercession of a specific Saint, Our Lady, an Angel or to a Divine Person of the Blessed Trinity. The nine days, or novena, has its Scriptural origin in the number of days in between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost, during which the Blessed Mother and the Apostles were together in constant prayer until the descent of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 1: 6-14)." (Archdiocese of Toronto, Description of and Instructions for praying a Novena, 2023).

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

All are invited to a Holy Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on **Thursday November 28, 2024 at 7pm** in the Church. The Sacrament is intended to strengthen, support, encourage and comfort those who are sick. In this sacrament we encounter Jesus who heals physically and spiritually and restores us to health in mind and body. It offers the sick an opportunity to open themselves to the healing power of Jesus who says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). By participating in this sacrament, the Risen Lord comes to strengthen us in body, mind and spirit.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be in our Church parking lot from: **Saturday November 23, 2024 at 9:00 am to Sunday November 24, 2024 at 5:00pm.** Please donate new and gently used clothes, boots, Shoes, Coats, children's wear, Baby clothes, linens and small household goods. No Furniture and No Appliances.

La Società di San Vincenzo de' Paoli sarà presente nel parcheggio della parrocchia dalle ore 9 di sabato 23 novembre, 2024 alle ore 17 domenica 24 novembre, 2024. Vi invitiamo a donare indumenti nuovi o usati ma ancora in buono stato: scarpe, stivaletti, giacche, biancheria per fanciulli e bambini piccoli, articoli casalinghi. Non portate mobili o apparecchiature elettriche. Grazie.

Refreshments

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

You are encouraged to bring baked goods which can be served during the refreshments for the parish feast. Please bring them to the parish office by December 9, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Siete incoraggiati a portare dei dolci che possono essere serviti per il rinfresco per la festa patronale. Vi preghiamo di portarli all'ufficio parrocchiale entro le ore 17,00 del 9 dicembre, 2024.

Sunday Missals

2025 Sunday missals are now for sale in the parish office or after Mass at the cost of \$5.

Calendari Cinque Pani d'Orzo

Sono in vendita in ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$10, i calendari in Italiano, "Cinque Pani d'Orzo"

Father Bressani CHS Open House

Father Bressani CHS is excited to host the annual **Grade 8 Open House on November 27, 2024.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday November 25

7pm	Isabel Veleno
8pm	Giovanni DeRose

Tuesday November 26

7pm	Alfredo DeRose
8pm	Antonio Panacci

Wednesday November 27

7pm	Giuseppe Queen
8pm	Salvatore Iannetta

Thursday November 28

7pm	Healing Mass
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Friday November 29

7pm	
7:30pm	Novena - English
8:15pm	Novena - Italian

Weekly Rosary

Come and immerse yourselves in a beautiful prayer experience **every Monday night at 7:30pm** in the chapel, as we pray the holy rosary for the needs in our lives and in the whole world.

2025 Donation Envelopes

The 2025 donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish lobby. Please remember to confirm that they are yours by verifying the number, name and address.

Le buste per le donazioni del 2025 si possono ritirare nell'atrio della chiesa. Accertatevi che siano proprio le vostre, controllando numero, nome e indirizzo.

Updated Office Hours

Please note that the Saturday office hours have been changed to 10am-2pm. The office will continue to remain open from Monday-Friday from 9am-8pm (closed between 12-1pm for lunch).

HAVE A BLESSED
week ahead