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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the cathedral of the Pope and the mother church of all Christians. Though the feast commemorates a specific building, it points to the mystery of the Church as the dwelling place of God among His people. It reminds us that we are all living stones built upon Christ, the cornerstone; and Christ our Saviour unites us one in mind and heart through every Eucharist and in every act of charity. As a parish, we are called to live as God's temple: welcoming, forgiving, and serving one another. Every act of love, every prayer, every shared meal builds this sacred space. Therefore, my dear friends, let us dedicate ourselves anew not only to care for our church building, but to make our hearts and lives holy places where God dwells, flowing with mercy, hope, and life to all who enter. May our parish community continue to be a dwelling place of faith, hope, and love, where every heart becomes a sanctuary of God's presence.

Cari fratelli e sorelle, oggi, la Chiesa celebra la Festa della Dedicazione della Basilica Lateranese a Roma, la cattedrale del Papa e la chiesa madre di tutti i cristiani. Sebbene la festa commemori un edificio specifico, essa rimanda al mistero della Chiesa come dimora di Dio in mezzo al Suo popolo. Ci ricorda che siamo tutte pietre vive costruite su Cristo, la pietra angolare; e Cristo, nostro salvatore, ci unisce tutti in mente e cuore attraverso ogni Eucaristia e in ogni atto di carità. Come parrocchia, siamo chiamati a vivere come tempio di Dio: accogliendo, perdonando e servendo gli uni gli altri. Ogni atto d'amore, ogni preghiera, ogni pasto condiviso costruisce questo spazio sacro. Pertanto, miei cari amici, rinnoviamo il nostro impegno non solo a prenderci cura del nostro edificio sacro, ma anche a fare dei nostri cuori e delle nostre vite luoghi santi dove Dio dimora, traboccanti di misericordia, speranza e vita per tutti coloro che vi entrano. Possa la nostra comunità parrocchiale continuare a essere una dimora di fede, speranza e carità, dove ogni cuore diventa un santuario della presenza di Dio.

Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel

First Holy Communion Rite of Acceptance

All First Holy Communion Candidates are asked to attend **one** of the following masses **Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm**, or **Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 9:30 am, 12:30 pm, or 7:00 pm** to receive the Rite of Acceptance.

Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

All Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend **one** of the following masses **Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 5:00 pm**, or **Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 9:30 am, 12:30 pm, or 7:00 pm** to receive the Rite of Enrollment.

Shepherds' Trust Second Collection November 15 & 16, 2025

There will be a second collection **next weekend** for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to ensure retired priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.

Ci sarà una seconda colletta il prossimo fine settimana per lo Shepherds' Trust. La missione dello Shepherds' Trust è garantire ai sacerdoti in pensione risorse finanziarie sufficienti per condurre una vita dignitosa e garantire l'accesso alle strutture della casa di cura e alle cure mediche.

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 and leave a message.

This Week's Marriages



Amy Commisso & Pietro Naccarato

Christmas Panettone Fundraiser

This Christmas season, our parish is introducing a new fundraiser: the sale of authentic **Italian panettone, made in Toronto by Dacasto Gran Pasticceria**. Two varieties will be available: **traditional for \$30 and chocolate for \$35**. All proceeds will go towards supporting the needs of our parish and the missionary works of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. Panettone will be available by **pre-order only**, with payment (cash or cheque) due at the time of ordering. Order forms can be found in the lobby. **Pre-orders will be taken after all Masses on the weekends of November 15/16 and November 29/30; while pickups will take place after all Masses on the weekends of December 6/7 and December 13/14**. All pre-orders will be entered into a draw for a \$250 voucher donated by Magi Holidays.

Quest'anno, la nostra parrocchia propone una nuova raccolta fondi natalizia: la vendita di panettoni preparati artigianalmente qui a Toronto da Dacasto Gran Pasticceria. Due squisite varietà saranno disponibili: Tradizionale a \$30 e al Cioccolato a \$35. Il ricavato andrà a sostegno dei bisogni della nostra parrocchia e delle missioni della Congregazione dei Figli dell'Immacolata Concezione. I panettoni saranno disponibili solo su prenotazione, con pagamento al momento dell'ordine. I moduli per le prenotazioni si trovano nell'atrio della chiesa. Le prenotazioni saranno accettate dopo tutte le messe nei fine settimana del 15/16 novembre e del 29/30 novembre, mentre i ritiri avranno luogo dopo tutte le messe nei fine settimana del 6/7 dicembre e del 13/14 dicembre. Chi prenoterà parteciperà all'estrazione di un buono da \$250, offerto da MAGI Holidays.

Immaculate Conception Parish Winter Carnival Fundraiser

Our annual **Immaculate Conception Parish Winter Carnival Fundraiser** (formally known as *pasta e fagioli*) in support of the missions of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception will be held on **Saturday February 7, 2026 at the Bellvue Manor**.

Sabato 7 febbraio 2026 presso la Bellvue Manor si festeggerà l'annuale serata con **cena e ballo del Carnevale Invernale** (comunemente conosciuto come *pasta e fagioli*) a sostegno delle missioni della Congregazione dei Figli dell'Immacolata Concezione.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday November 10 St. Leo the Great	
7pm	Maria & Pietro Tonelli
8pm	Gaetana Macchia
Tuesday November 11 St. Martin of Tours	
7pm	Mario Nobili
8pm	Maria Filomeni in Barranca
Wednesday November 12 St. Josaphat	
7pm	Walter Mior
8pm	Defunti del Casalvieri Club
Thursday November 13	
7pm	
8pm	Maria Di Savino
Friday November 14	
7pm	
8pm	Ester Loiero

CWL Bazaar

Please mark your calendars, on **Sunday November 23, 2025**, the Catholic Women's League are having a **shopping bazaar and bake sale**, in the parish hall from **8:30am to 2:30pm**. There will be local vendors featuring a variety of items, lots of homemade baked goods, a treasure table where you may find that one special item you were always looking for and a raffle draw. Everyone is invited to come to the parish hall to browse, enjoy a cup of coffee with our CWL members and maybe do some early Christmas shopping. Any proceeds from this event will go to charity.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive November 22 & 23, 2025

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be in the parking lot from: **Saturday November 22, 2025 at 9:00 am to Sunday November 23, 2025 at 5:00pm**. Please donate new and gently used clothes, shoes, children's wear, Baby clothes, linens and small household goods.

La Società di San Vincenzo de' Paoli sarà presente nel parcheggio dalle ore 9 di sabato 22 novembre, 2025 alle ore 17 domenica 23 novembre, 2025. Vi invitiamo a donare indumenti nuovi o usati ma ancora in buono stato: scarpe, biancheria per bambini.

Celebration of Memory and New Life

Una Santa Messa speciale con accensione di lumini per i nostri cari defunti sarà celebrata **giovedì 27 novembre, 2025 alle ore 20 in Italiano**.