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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 1, 2024

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



School bells will ring across Ontario on Tuesday September 3, as students and staff return from summer vacation for the new academic year 2024/25. I am thrilled to welcome all our students, educators and the staff back to school, in particular those attending our parish schools: *Immaculate Conception, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary Schools and Father Bressani Catholic High School.* I hope you had a fun-filled and restful summer vacation with your family and friends and created memories that would last a lifetime. It is my hope and prayer that this year will be full of exciting opportunities, new friendships, success stories and cherished memories. I pray and ask God almighty to bless and protect our students, their teachers, bus drivers and all the support staff. May He give them the wisdom to discern what is right, to surround themselves with good friends, to learn new things and to treat others with respect and dignity for we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Happy new school year!

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF FR. MONTI

The friends of Fr. Monti are invited to a prayer meeting on **Thursday September 5, 2024 at 7:30pm** in the parish hall. We shall also discuss the celebration of the feast of Fr Monti on Sunday September 22. New members interested in learning about the life and charism of Fr. Monti are welcome.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK *Thursday September 12, 2024 at 7pm*

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14-15)

All are invited to a Holy Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on **Thursday September 12, 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

September 1, 2024 is being celebrated across the Catholic community as World Day of Prayer for the Care of creation. Pope Francis established this day following his landmark encyclical *Laudato si*, which entreats all of humanity to care for our shared Earth. The theme for this year is "Hope and Act with Creation" which draws its inspiration from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:19-25). The Pope released a message highlighting our responsibility to take care of our common home, the earth that is a victim of human abuse. The Pope makes a case for a change in our lifestyles in order to resist the degradation of our environment. Let us heed the Pope's call to care preserve, pray and protect the earth for our children and for future generations.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Eugene Chianain

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on **Monday September 2, 2024** for the Labour Day holiday.

L'ufficio parrocchiale rimarrà chiuso lunedì 2 settembre, 2024 per il Labour Day.

Immaculate Conception Parish Photo Directory

Additional sessions for the photo directory will be held on **Monday September 9, 2024 & Tuesday September 10, 2024**. Please contact the parish office to sign-up for your photo.

♪ Il Coro Italiano Cerca Nuovi Membri ♪

Il coro italiano cerca nuovi membri. Le voci maschili sono particolarmente benvenute. Le prove del coro riprenderanno giovedì 12 Settembre. Per maggiori dettagli, chiamate Silvana al 905-851-5131.

2025 First Holy Communion Registration

A fee of **\$50.00 (cash or cheque only)** will be applied to cover the expenses. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of the candidate is required at the time of registration. Forms may be obtained on the Parish website and can be returned to the parish office during office hours.

2025 Confirmation Registration

A fee of **\$60.00 (cash or cheque only)** will be applied to cover the expenses. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of the candidate is required at the time of registration. Forms may be obtained on the Parish website and can be returned to the parish office during office hours.

Vocation Seeds

Our second reading reminds us that "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father...". If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or deaconate, contact Fr. Eugene.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday September 2

7pm

Tuesday September 3 St. Gregory the Great

7pm

Gaspere Bonsignore

8pm

San Francesco di Paola

Wednesday September 4

7pm

8pm

Francesco Turco

Thursday September 5

7pm

Friday September 6

7pm

8pm

Cosmo Macri, Francesco, Maria

In Loving Memory of Sr. Daniela Orazio

Sr. Daniela Orazio, former superior delegate of the Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus passed away on August 23, 2024. Her funeral was celebrated in our parish last week. On behalf of our parish community, we extend our most heartfelt condolences to her family, friends and the Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

Sr. Daniela Orazio della Suore Carmelitane di Santa Teresa del Bambino Gesù è venuta a mancare il 23 agosto. Il suo funerale è stato celebrato nella nostra chiesa la settimana scorsa. A nome della nostra comunità parrocchiale, porgiamo le nostre più sentite condoglianze alla famiglia e agli amici e alle consorelle.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For the cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.