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IF WE WISH TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS IN THE SERVICE OF GOD we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor. – Carlo Borromeo

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Parents who wish to have their child baptized must complete a Baptism Preparation Program. Please contact the Parish Office for registration information.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married must contact the Pastor at least ONE YEAR in advance of the anticipated date and participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Confessions are heard every Saturday, from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

PASTORAL TEAM

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MON / TUE / THU / FRI 9am to 3:30pm
WED 9am to 12:30pm
SAT 9am to 12pm

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

MON to FRI 8am Italian
12:05pm English

SAT (SUN VIGIL) 4:30pm English

SUN 8am Italian
9:30am English
11am Italian
12:30pm English

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

On the first Friday of the month, the Holy Rosary is prayed at 6:30pm, followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass, Holy Hour, and Confession.

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Adult Choir (English, 12:30pm)
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Today, the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. We light this candle to remember that Jesus came to us as humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so He is coming again in power to deliver his people. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DECORATIONS COLLECTION

On the weekend of December 7 and 8, 2024, there will be a second collection, to help support the expense of flowers and decorations to beautify our church in preparation for Holy Christmas, and to give us all a joyful language to this Christmas. They are a tribute to gratuitousness and beauty, to celebration and joy, an invitation to prayer and contemplation of creation that leads us to express our gratitude to the Creator. Please be generous!

COLUMBUS CONCERT BAND

Please join us on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30PM for a Christmas Concert presented by The Columbus Concert Band, Conductor Annamaria Mazzaferro. Come and get into the Christmas Spirit with wonderful music. The event is free! We hope to see you all there!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

The first confirmation class is Saturday, December 7 from 2:30PM – 4:30PM.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are continuing with the Christmas Pageant during the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00PM. If you are interested in having your child (ages 6-10) participate, please contact the parish office by Monday, December 2 at 416-787-0369 or email us at stcharlesborromeoto@archtoronto.org.

UNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

The USC invites you to the Christmas Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi 2024) December 15 to December 23, at 7:30pm.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Luigi Ariganello whose funeral was celebrated during this past week in our Church.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' MASS SCHEDULE

2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope"

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass

7:00 p.m. English

10:30 p.m. –Italian & English

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

9:30 a.m. Mass in English

11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

12:30 p.m. Mass in English

New Year's Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass in English

New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. Mass in English

11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

Day of Confessions/Confessioni

Monday, December 16

8:30AM-9:30AM

1:00PM – 2:00PM

6:00PM-7:00PM

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

St. Francis Xavier, priest and patron saint of the Missionaries OF the Precious Blood - C.P.P.S., lived to be only 46 years old—born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain, and died in 1552 on the island of Shangchuan (Sancian) on December 3 in the sight of the goal he was never to reach, which was China.

In early life, our founder, St. Gaspar del Bufalo, was fully indebted to St. Francis Xavier who cured St. Gaspar shortly after birth when a bad case of measles almost cost Gaspar his eyesight. Gaspar was cured by a relic of Francis. Hence, Gaspar had always a great love for St. Francis and eventually chose him as our patron.

St. Francis Xavier was a Jesuit. Ordained in Venice in 1537, as a Jesuit missionary, he was sent to the East Indies. In 1541, the Pope appointed him apostolic nuncio to the Indies. Later on, he spent three years at Cape Comorin, southern India by Sri Lanka, ministering to the people and baptizing them.

St. Francis visited lands near New Guinea and Philippines, and Japan itself. Finally, he set out for China, which he always dreamed of evangelizing, but his death stopped him. He was called "the Apostle of the Indies". He was canonized in 1622 and was proclaimed patron of all foreign missions by Pope Pius X. St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.

1 DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Inizia il nuovo anno liturgico, anno C: evangelista dell'anno è Luca, autore del terzo Vangelo e degli Atti degli Apostoli, che incontreremo fin da questo primo giorno. Luca è l'evangelista dell'infanzia di Gesù, della Madonna, della misericordia divina. Prima domenica di Avvento, tempo di preparazione al Natale. È il momento di ricaricarsi per ripercorrere le tappe della storia della salvezza: ci vuole convinzione e generosità.

Geremia, profeta di maledizioni e di benedizioni, di morte e di vita. Ha maledetto Joakim re di Gerusalemme, anche lui discendente di Davide, ma subito preannuncia dalla radice di Davide la nascita di un germoglio nuovo, sincero. La liturgia vi vede un'allusione a Gesù: Egli è la grande novità del mondo. Ci accostiamo a Lui per essere rinnovati.

La prima lettera ai Tessalonicesi con tutta probabilità è il primo scritto del Nuovo Testamento. Risale al 50 d.C. Paolo augura e invita a crescere spiritualmente. Come cristiani non ci dobbiamo mai contentare di quello che siamo, ma aspirare sempre a salire.

L'attenzione del Vangelo va direttamente alla venuta ultima di Cristo. Si parla di una catastrofe dopo la quale apparirà Cristo vittorioso: verso di lui, fin d'ora, solleviamo fiduciosi lo sguardo.

SECONDA COLLETTA

Il weekend del 7 e 8 dicembre, 2024, ci sarà una seconda colletta, per aiutare a sostenere la spesa dei fiori per abbellire la nostra chiesa in preparazione al Santo Natale, e per dare a noi tutti un linguaggio gioioso a questo Natale. Essi sono un omaggio alla gratuità e alla bellezza, alla festa e alla gioia, un invito alla preghiera e alla contemplazione del creato che ci porta ad esprimere la nostra gratitudine al Creatore. SIATE GENEROSI!!!

GIORNATA DELLA CONFESSIONE

Il Sacramento della Riconciliazione, ci dà l'opportunità e la possibilità di ritornare a Dio, con un'anima pura. Quest'anno, l'Arcidiocesi di Toronto, organizza per tutti i cattolici, e ha suggerito delle giornate di confessione. La nostra parrocchia, ha scelto, mercoledì 16 dicembre 8:30AM-9:30AM, 1:00PM-2:00PM e 6:00PM-7:00PM per le confessioni. Questo ci aiuta a prepararci meglio e riconciliarci con Dio.

BANDA DA CONCERTO DI COLOMBO

Vi aspettiamo, martedì 10 dicembre, alle 19:30 per un concerto di Natale presentato da The Columbus Concert Band, direttore Annamaria Mazzaferro, nella nostra Chiesa. Entriamo in questo spirito natalizio con tanta bella musica. L'evento è gratuito! VI ASPETTIAMO TUTTI!!!!!!!

CWL

The CWL invites all parishioners to join us in joyful preparation for the Christmas season at our Advent Retreat on Thursday, December 5, at 7 pm in the church hall.

Deacon Sergio will lead us in a spiritual reflection and prayer in anticipation of the second Sunday of Advent. The theme for the evening is: For unto us a Child is born (Isaiah 9:6). We look forward to a truly inspirational evening together. All are welcome!

Masses of the Week - Advent I

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:30PM Irma & Lenino Siciliano

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00AM Vito Lovergine

9:30AM Special Intention for Folake Irojah, For the Souls of Filip Misic, Aldo Sirotic, Giuseppe & Camilla Manocchio, George Taylor

11:00AM Casimiro Baldessara, Elisabetta, Paolo e Josie Natale, Antonio Duval, Maria e Benjamin De Luca, Antonio Scaduto

12:30 PM Loreto & Libertad Malijan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM Anna e Luigi Iannacci

12:05PM Saverio & Anna Gioffrè

7:00PM Gina Maestro

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00AM Deceased members of Atlantic Province

12:05PM In Thanksgiving Fr. Gerardo 3 year Priestly Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM Famiglia Gardini

12:05PM Fatima Moniz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00AM Gina & Rinaldo Savini

12:05PM Thanksgiving for Rodelia Clavel 66th Birthday, Thanksgiving for Ruth Relloré Birthday, For the Souls of Eric Flores, Giuseppe & Caterina Perri

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00AM Gardini Family

12:05PM Nicholas, Carmela & Michael Bonello

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:30PM Special Intention for Folake Irojah, Thanksgiving for Maureen Marshall & Joyce Greenaway

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