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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

Fr Mario Cafarelli, C.P.P.S. Pastor
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OFFICE HOURS

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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Ministers to the Altar

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Precious Blood Prayer Group
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Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Last Sunday the candle of peace was lit. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring to the world everlasting peace.

The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her - a child who would save and deliver his people.

God wants us all to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people - for to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. "We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life - a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We light it to remember that He is the source of true and everlasting joy.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

For the Christmas envelope (24 or 25 December), we ask you to be generous as usual. You have certainly noticed the Church adorned with 4 Christmas trees, wreaths, banners and plants. Don't forget the costs of electricity, heating, cleaning and much more. Let us celebrate this Christmas with joy, faith, spirituality and even financial generosity. Thank you for your continued support of our Church. Merry Christmas!

INCOME TAX ENVELOPE

In your **2024** offertory envelope boxes, the last envelope is the income tax envelope. Should you require a tax receipt, please deposit the envelope (empty) in the collection basket. Please make sure to fill out your name and FULL address. We would appreciate it, if you would put a stamp on the envelope to help defray the cost of postage.

**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

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 souls of Amelia Metallo, Carmela Polimeni, Sabia Frutti, Cristoforo Carfagnini whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Questa domenica porta in latino il titolo “Gaudete” cioè “Godete”. Motivo immediato di tale gioia la vicinanza del Natale, ma sono molti i motivi di festa nel cristianesimo. Questa domenica contiene anche richiami alla giustizia e alla condivisione.

Per lo più nei profeti ricorrono predizioni di catastrofi tali da far rizzare i capelli. Sofonia, uno dei 12 profeti detti minori, non sfugge alla regola; ma le sofferenze e le prove sono sempre in vista di una festa più grande.

Paolo parla ai suoi amici di Filippi di una gioia nuova, prima sconosciuta, la gioia nel Signore, una gioia travolgente che ai più di noi rimane fuori dall'esperienza. La tristezza non si addice al cristiano.

Varie categorie di persone, anche quelle ritenute poco sensibili ad un discorso morale, interpellano Giovanni che ha per ciascuna la risposta giusta e calibrata. Giovanni vuole dissipare le false opinioni che si andavano manifestando attorno alla sua persona e parla esplicitamente di uno più grande che è alla porte.

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.

COLLETTA DI NATALE

Per la busta di Natale (del 24 o 25 dicembre), vi chiediamo di essere come al solito, generosi. Certamente avete notato la Chiesa adornata da 4 alberi di Natale, ghirlande, striscioni e piante. Da non dimenticare le spese dell'elettricità, riscaldamento, pulizie e tanto altro. Celebriamo questo Natale con gioia, fede, spiritualità ed anche generosità finanziaria. Grazie per il vostro continuo supporto verso la nostra Chiesa. Auguri di Buon Natale!

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:30PM Roy Della Savia, Michele Mazzilli, Dino & Antonietta Venditti, Michele, Cristina & Nicolina Giannantonio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00AM Caterina e Domenico Servello

9:30AM Antonio Gomes, Prudencio Jacob & Tomas Pabdilla, Alex Midea, Giovanni & Restituta Spalvieri

11:00AM Antonio e Gabriele Ferrari, Maria & Francesco Dinatolo, Tony e Pasquale Bellissimo, Elvira Guglielmelli, Dante Collovati, Dina Commiso

12:30 PM Lina & Antonio Remigio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 Day of Confessions

8:00AM Vito Galati

12:05PM Fernando Beltran

7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00AM Pina e Domenico Servello

12:05PM Thanksgiving for Bonifacio Tabaldo & Joseph & Pureza, For the Intentions of Donor, For the Souls of the Deceased Members of the Guerra & Taiariol Families, Saverio Bruno and All souls of the family

7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM Tutti I Santi

12:05PM Mass Association

7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00AM Gabriele e Antonio Ferrari

12:05PM Alfredo Bastone, Del Basso & Galeazza Family, Molly & Jovito Lobo, Martin Laperla & Fernandes Families

7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00AM Salvatore Giancola

12:05PM Bruno e Franco Gioffrè

7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30PM Rocco Tacconelli

7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

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