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Charles Borromeo Giving Communion to the Plague Victims
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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
Fr Gerardo Laguartilla, C.P.P.S. Associate Pastor
Sergio Spadafora Deacon

PARISH STAFF

Mary Magno Office Manager
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OFFICE HOURS

MON / TUE / THU / FRI 9am to 3:00pm
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.

OUR SCHOOLS

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- **REGINA MUNDI CS** 416.393.5362
70 Playfair Avenue tcdsb.org/o/reginamundi
- **STS COSMAS AND DAMIAN CS** 416.393.5398
111 Danesbury Avenue
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PARISH AND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adult Choir (English, 12:30pm)
Catholic Women's League
Coro Adulti (Italiano, 11am)
Daughters of Isabella

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Ministers of the Word
Ministers of Welcome
Ministers to the Altar

Ministry to the Sick
Precious Blood Prayer Group
RCIA rcia.stcharles@gmail.com
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

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.

COLUMBUS CONCERT BAND

Please join us on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30PM for a Christmas Concert presented by The Columbus Concert Band, Conductor Annamaria Mazzaferro. This year the concert will be in celebrating the closing of the Jubilee of Blessed Merlini. Come and get into the Christmas Spirit with wonderful music. The event is free! We hope to see you all there!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us on Monday, December 8 for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM, 12:05PM and 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.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

The first confirmation class is Saturday, December 6 from 9:30AM-10:45AM.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Mass and Holy Hour December 5 at 7 PM. Confessions will be heard as well. All are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Angela La Civita, Leo Ver Gonio, Anna Riga, Nazzareno Azzoli whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

ADVENT LAY FORMATION

The Union of the blood of Christ invites you to our Advent Lay formation, David the King, study program. Saturday, December 20, 2025 9:30AM- 4:00PM. Registration will take place in the parish office. Fee \$30.00

CHRISTMAS EVE 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 1 at 416-787-0369 or email us at stcharlesborromeoto@archtoronto.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues its mission of serving the poor and needy in our community through home visits and special works. As we enter this busy season, we invite parishioners to give what they can to support these efforts. A donation box labeled "St. Vincent de Paul" is located at the entrance of the church for your offerings. Our volunteers work faithfully throughout the year, and Christmas brings many additional requests for assistance. Let us be generous in our giving and keep in our prayers all those in need, as well as the volunteers who serve them with dedication.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO!

Our CWL Council warmly invites new, former, and current members (age 16+) to join us in serving Christ and our parish community. The CWL is a vibrant sisterhood dedicated to deepening faith, supporting parish life, and helping those in need.

Some of our good works include:

- Baby Shower for Jesus
- Bethlehem Crèche fundraiser
- Supporting families through St. Vincent de Paul and St. Francis Table
- Family Bingo Night
- Installing parish projector and screens
- Prayer, worship, friendship, and fellowship

By joining the Catholic Women's League of Canada, you add your voice to over 75,000 women across the country—together, we CAN make a difference!

Renewals and new memberships are welcome. Thank you to those who have already paid by cash or e-transfer at StCharlesBorromeo@gmail.com.

We will be available after all Masses on Nov. 29 & 30 and Dec. 5 & 6, 2025. We look forward to welcoming you!

MISSIO GALA DINNER

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Atlantic Province, together with the Knights of Columbus – St. Gaspar del Bufalo, invite you to Missio Gala Dinner. An evening of faith, friendship, and celebration in support of the Missionaries' ministries of reconciliation, outreach to the poor, and the formation of future priests.

Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM St. Paul's Basilica 83 Power Street, Toronto Tickets: • Table of 10 – \$1,200.00 • Individual – \$120.00

Your presence will help advance the work and mission of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood Atlantic Province. Tickets are available in the parish office.

For further information, please contact: 647-887-0250 or stgaspar18384@gmail.com

PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Oggi, prima domenica di Avvento, la domenica in cui ricordiamo la speranza che abbiamo in Cristo. Accendiamo questa candela per ricordare che Gesù è venuto a noi umilmente nella mangiatoia di Betlemme e ha dato luce al mondo, così come sta tornando con potenza per liberare il suo popolo. Accendiamo questa candela per ricordarci di essere vigili e di attendere il suo ritorno.

SOCIETÀ DI SAN VINCENZO DE' PAOLI

La nostra Società di San Vincenzo de' Paoli continua la sua missione di servizio ai poveri e ai bisognosi della nostra comunità attraverso visite domiciliari e opere speciali. Mentre entriamo in questo periodo di grande impegno, invitiamo i parrocchiani a donare quanto possono per sostenere queste iniziative. All'ingresso della chiesa si trova una cassetta per le donazioni con l'etichetta "San Vincenzo de' Paoli" per le vostre offerte.

I nostri volontari lavorano fedelmente durante tutto l'anno e il Natale porta con sé molte richieste di assistenza aggiuntive. Siamo generosi nelle nostre donazioni e teniamo nelle nostre preghiere tutti coloro che sono nel bisogno, così come i volontari che li servono con tanta dedizione.

UNISCITI ALLA CWL DI SAN CARLO BORRAMEO!

Il nostro Consiglio CWL invita calorosamente nuove, ex e attuali socie (dai 16 anni in su) a unirsi a noi nel servizio a Cristo e alla nostra comunità parrocchiale. La CWL è una vivace confraternita dedita ad approfondire la fede, sostenere la vita parrocchiale e aiutare i bisognosi. Alcune delle nostre buone azioni includono:

- Baby Shower per Gesù
- Raccolta fondi per il Bethlehem Crèche nella Terra Santa
- Sostegno alle famiglie attraverso St Vincent de Paul e St Francis Table
- Serata di Bingo per le Famiglie
- Installazione di proiettori e schermi parrocchiali
- Preghiera, culto, amicizia e fratellanza

Iscrivendoti alla CWL del Canada, aggiungi la tua voce a quella di oltre 75.000 donne in tutto il paese: insieme, POSSIAMO fare la differenza!

Rinnovi e nuove iscrizioni sono benvenuti. Grazie a coloro che hanno già pagato in contanti o tramite bonifico bancario all'indirizzo StCharlesBorromeo@gmail.com.

Saremo disponibili dopo tutte le Messe del 29 e 30 novembre e del 5 e 6 dicembre 2025. Non vediamo l'ora di darvi il benvenuto!

BANDA DA CONCERTO DI COLOMBO

Vi aspettiamo, martedì 2 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!!!!!!

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:30PM Olga Blondell

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00AM Defunti della Famiglia Barbosa e Fernandes, Tutti I Defunti in Purgatorio

9:30AM Pro Populo

11:00AM Donato Labricciosa, Franca Arnone, Pasquale e Maria Di Rezze, Maria e Francesco Dinatolo, Teresa Dinatolo e Paolo Cugliari

12:30 PM Maria & Franco Petrunaro

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Sebastiano Montoni

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM Anna e Luigi Iannacci

12:05PM Anna & Saverio Gioffré, Oscar Bruno, Antonietta Di Carlo, Maria Lopreiato & Antonio Porcelli, Aldo Sirotic

7:30PM **Christmas Concert**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Fr. Gerardo 4th year Priestly Ordination Anniversary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM In Thanksgiving for Ruth, For the Souls of Kevin Sousa & Maria Terceira, Rosario e Calogera Falzone,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 – First Friday

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Mass Association

7:00PM First Friday Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:30PM Eric Flores

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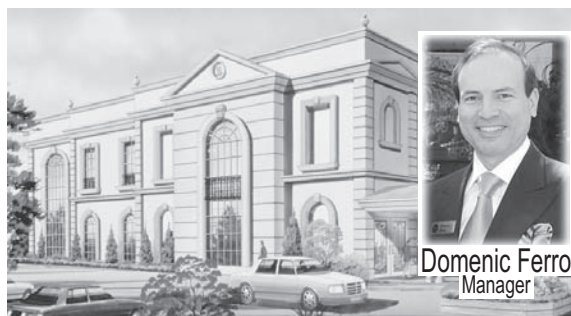
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