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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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PARISH AND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

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Ministry to the Sick
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to Him in faith. The prophet Isaiah calls Christ "the Prince of Peace." Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that He may come in. Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in Him. We light this candle today to remind us that He brings peace to all who trust in Him.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us on Monday, December 8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. A solemnity is the highest-ranking feast day in the liturgical calendar, celebrating significant events in the lives of Jesus, Mary, and other major saints. These days are of high importance, often replacing Sunday Mass during the celebration and includes the obligatory "Gloria" and "Creed". Some solemnities are designated as holy days of obligation, requiring the faithful to attend Mass. **Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM, 12:05PM and 7:00PM.**

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The holiday season is a time to enjoy the many blessings we have and to show our love to our family, friends, and community. It is also a time to give to those who have less. We encourage you to donate to St. Vincent De Paul; our box is located at the back of the church. Donations of \$20.00 or more qualify for a tax receipt: please place your donation in the envelope provided at the box and complete the contact information on the envelope. We wish you a Merry Christmas, a very Happy New Year and thank you for your continued generosity to help so many in our community. If you have a desire to help those in need, please become a member. For more information call (416) 559-0369.

UNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

The USC invites you to the Christmas Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi 2025) December 15 to December 23, at 7:30pm.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' MASS SCHEDULE



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

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 Dec. 5 & 6, 2025. We look forward to welcoming you!

SECONDA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Domenica scorsa abbiamo acceso la prima candela della nostra Corona d'Avvento, la candela della speranza. La riaccendiamo ricordando che Cristo tornerà per adempiere tutte le promesse di Dio a noi.

La seconda candela dell'Avvento è la Candela della Pace. A volte viene chiamata Candela di Betlemme per ricordarci il luogo in cui si prepararono ad accogliere e cullare il Bambino Gesù. La pace è un dono per il quale dobbiamo essere preparati. Dio ci dona la pace quando ci rivolgiamo a Lui con fede. Il profeta Isaia chiama Cristo "il Principe della Pace". Attraverso Giovanni Battista e tutti gli altri profeti, Dio ci chiede di preparare i nostri cuori affinché Egli possa entrare. La nostra speranza è in Dio e in suo figlio Gesù Cristo. La nostra pace si trova in Lui. Accendiamo questa candela oggi per ricordarci che Egli porta la pace a tutti coloro che confidano in Lui.

SOCIETÀ DI SAN VINCENZO DE' PAOLI

Il periodo natalizio è un momento per godere delle tante benedizioni che abbiamo e per dimostrare il nostro amore alla famiglia, agli amici e alla comunità. È anche un momento per donare a chi ha meno. Vi invitiamo a donare a San Vincenzo De' Paoli; la nostra cassetta si trova sul retro della chiesa. Le donazioni di 20,00 dollari o più danno diritto a una ricevuta fiscale: si prega di inserire la donazione nella busta fornita nella cassetta e di compilare i dati di contatto sulla busta. Vi auguriamo un Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo e vi ringraziamo per la vostra continua generosità nell'aiutare così tante persone nella nostra comunità. Se desiderate aiutare chi è nel bisogno, diventate soci. Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate il numero (416) 559-0369.

FESTA DELL'IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE

Unisciti a noi lunedì 8 dicembre per la Solennità dell'Immacolata Concezione. Una solennità è la festa più importante del calendario liturgico, che celebra eventi significativi nella vita di Gesù, Maria e altri santi importanti. Queste giornate sono di grande importanza, spesso sostituiscono la Messa domenicale durante la celebrazione e includono il "Gloria" e il "Credo" obbligatori. Alcune solennità sono designate come feste di precetto, che richiedono ai fedeli di partecipare alla Messa. Le Messe saranno celebrate alle 8:00, alle 12:05 e alle 19:00.

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:30PM Eric Flores

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00AM Patrocina e Argentino Brazinho Fernandes

9:30AM Loreto & Libertad Malijan, Giuseppe & Camilla Manocchio, George Taylor, James Black, Rodrigo Ramos, Elisabeth Bruno

11:00AM Maria e Benjamin De Luca, Carmelo Bilardo, Filomena e Antonio Pietrangelo, Antonietta Di Carlo, & Anime in Purgatorio

12:30 PM Concetta Di Biase, Horace Grenaway

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00AM Immaculate Conception

12:05PM Immaculate Conception, Annunziata Ionadi

7:00PM Immaculate Conception

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00AM Domenico Lucchese, Deacon Antonio Deacon Alfredo & Giorgio Pignataro

12:05PM In Thanksgiving for Filomena Silva, For the Soul of Neves Galingan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00AM Luigi e Marta Di Matteo

12:05PM Luis Pontes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM Casimiro Baldessarri

12:05PM In Thanksgiving for Matthew, For the Souls of Franco Palazzolo, Deceased members of the Nola, Covelli, De Paola & Mozzachiodi Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00AM Giuseppina & Armando Guido

12:05PM Desmond Cruz

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:30PM Antonio Gomes, Francesca, Carmen & Mario Mazzulla, Rocco Tacconelli, Guido Giardinazzo, Maria Fermamda Goncalves

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