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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

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Mario Cafarelli C.PP.S.	PASTOR
Fr Gerardo Laguartilla C.PP.S.	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Sergio Spadafora	DEACON

PARISH STAFF

Mary Magno	OFFICE MANAGER
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Felix Vargas	CUSTODIAN

OFFICE HOURS

MON / TUE / THU / FRI	9AM TO 3PM
WED	9AM TO 12:30PM
SAT	9AM TO 12PM

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

MON TO FRI	8AM	ITALIAN & ENGLISH
MON / TUES / THU	9AM	ENGLISH
WED / FRI	7PM	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 each month, the Holy Rosary is prayed at 6:30pm, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass, a Holy Hour, and the Sacrament of Confession.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Parents who wish to have their child baptized are asked to complete the Baptism Preparation Program. For registration details, please contact the Parish Office.

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

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

OUR SCHOOLS

►**ST CHARLES CS** 50 Claver Avenue	416.393.5250 tcdsb.org/o/stcharles
►**REGINA MUNDI CS** 70 Playfair Avenue	416.393.5362 tcdsb.org/o/reginamundi
►**STS COSMAS AND DAMIAN CS** 111 Danesbury Avenue tcdsb.org/o/stscosmasanddamian	416.393.5398

PARISH AND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We warmly invite parishioners to share their gifts in our ministries. Please contact the Parish Office to learn more.

Adult Choir (ENGLISH, 12:30PM)
Catholic Women's League
Coro Adulti (ITALIANO, 11AM)
Daughters of Isabella
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
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 – YEAR B

With the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year and invites us into a season of prayerful preparation, joyful expectation and renewed hope. Advent is a sacred time in which we prepare our hearts not only to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, but also to remain watchful for Christ's presence in our lives and for His coming in glory.
In the Gospel this Sunday (Mark 13:33–37), Jesus calls us to be watchful and alert, reminding us that we do not know the day or the hour. His words invite us not to live in fear, but in faith, always attentive to the ways God is at work in our lives. The Christian life is one of continual readiness, rooted in prayer, love, faithfulness and trust in the Lord.
As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, the candle of Hope, we are reminded that Christ is the light who shines in the darkness and that His promises never fail. In a world that can often leave us distracted and weary, Advent offers us the opportunity to pause, reflect and make room for the Lord. Through prayer, reconciliation, generosity and acts of charity, we prepare a dwelling place for Christ within our hearts.
May this holy season of Advent renew our faith, strengthen our hope and deepen our love for God and one another. May we remain watchful, with hearts ready to welcome the Lord, as we joyfully proclaim:
Come, Lord Jesus!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Those interested in serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound are invited to attend a formation and renewal session on Saturday, December 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The session will be followed by a renewal and commissioning at the 4:30 p.m. Holy Mass.
Please register through the parish office.

SUNDAY MISSALS

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Bernardo Funeral Homes for their generous recent donation of our Sunday Missals, which are available in the pews for all parishioners to use during Mass.
We kindly ask that you leave the Sunday Missals in the pews so that they remain available for everyone to use and follow along during the celebration of the Mass.
For those who would like to purchase a copy of the Sunday Missal to take home, copies are available for $5.00 each in the sacristy or at the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, December 6, at the 12:30 p.m. Mass. We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners as they gather to learn about God's Word in a meaningful and age-appropriate way.

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 6-13) participate, please contact the parish office at 416-787-0369 or email us at stcharlesborromeoto@archtoronto.org.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Our next Confirmation and First Holy Communion preparation classes for all registered students will take place on Saturday, December 5, at St. Charles School. The Confirmation class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and the First Holy Communion class will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing all our students as they continue their journey of faith and preparation for these blessed sacraments.

ADVENT LAY FORMATION – UNTOLD BLESSINGS: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS

The Union of the Blood of Christ Committee on Evangelization and Popular Mission invites you to Advent Lay Formation: Untold Blessings – Three Paths to Holiness, on Saturday, December 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish.
The registration fee is $25, which includes a light lunch and a certificate of completion. Participants are asked to bring their own Bible.
To register, please contact the parish office.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, December 8, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day honouring our Blessed Mother.
Mass Schedule:
8:00 a.m. – Mass in Italian
9:00 a.m. – Mass in English
6:30 p.m. – Recitation of the Holy Rosary
7:00 p.m. – Mass in English
Let us come together in prayer to honour Mary, conceived without sin, and seek her loving intercession as we journey through Advent.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

You are warmly invited to celebrate Our Mother, the Virgin of Guadalupe, on Saturday, December 12, on Gaudete Sunday.
Celebration Schedule:
- 4:00 p.m. – Holy Rosary
- 4:30 p.m. – Holy Mass

Following Mass, we will sing Marian hymns in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO B

Con la prima domenica di Avvento, la Chiesa inizia un nuovo anno liturgico e ci invita a un tempo di preparazione nella preghiera, di attesa gioiosa e di speranza rinnovata. L'Avvento è un tempo sacro in cui prepariamo i nostri cuori non solo a celebrare la nascita del nostro Salvatore, ma anche a restare vigilanti verso la presenza di Cristo nella nostra vita e verso la Sua venuta nella gloria.

Nel Vangelo di questa domenica (Marco 13,33-37), Gesù ci chiama a essere vigilanti e attenti, ricordandoci che non conosciamo né il giorno né l'ora. Le Sue parole ci invitano a non vivere nella paura, ma nella fede, sempre attenti ai modi in cui Dio opera nella nostra esistenza. La vita cristiana è un continuo stato di prontezza, radicato nella preghiera, nell'amore, nella fedeltà e nella fiducia nel Signore.

Mentre accendiamo la prima candela della corona d'Avvento, la candela della Speranza, ci viene ricordato che Cristo è la luce che risplende nelle tenebre e che le Sue promesse non vengono mai meno. In un mondo che spesso ci lascia distratti e stanchi, l'Avvento ci offre l'opportunità di fermarci, riflettere e fare spazio al Signore. Attraverso la preghiera, la riconciliazione, la generosità e gli atti di carità, prepariamo una dimora per Cristo nei nostri cuori.

Possa questo santo tempo di Avvento rinnovare la nostra fede, rafforzare la nostra speranza e approfondire il nostro amore per Dio e per il prossimo. Restiamo vigilanti, con il cuore pronto ad accogliere il Signore, mentre proclamiamo con gioia:

Vieni, Signore Gesù!

MINISTRI STRAORDINARI DELLA SANTA COMUNIONE PER GLI INFERMI E LE PERSONE COSTRETTE A CASA

Invitiamo i nostri attuali Ministri straordinari della Santa Comunione per gli infermi e le persone costrette a casa, così come chiunque sia interessato a unirsi a questo importante ministero, a partecipare a un pomeriggio di preghiera, formazione continua e preparazione.

Il nostro incontro annuale di rinnovo e conferimento del mandato si terrà sabato 12 dicembre, dalle 13:00 alle 15:30, presso il salone parrocchiale; seguirà il rito di rinnovo e conferimento del mandato durante la Messa delle 16:30.

I nuovi volontari sono i benvenuti in questo significativo ministero, che consiste nel portare l'Eucaristia, la preghiera e la compagnia a coloro che sono malati o impossibilitati a partecipare alla Messa. Vi invitiamo a registrarvi presso l'ufficio parrocchiale.

RAPPRESENTAZIONE DELLA VIGILIA DI NATALE

Anche quest'anno proporremo la rappresentazione natalizia durante la Messa dei bambini della Vigilia di Natale, alle ore 16:00. Se desiderate che vostro figlio (di età compresa tra i 6 e i 13 anni) partecipi, vi invitiamo a contattare la segreteria parrocchiale al numero 416-787-0369 oppure a inviare un'email all'indirizzo stcharlesborromeoto@archtoronto.org

SOLENNITÀ DELL'IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE

Vi invitiamo a unirvi a noi martedì 8 dicembre per celebrare la Solennità dell'Immacolata Concezione della Beata Vergine Maria, una giornata sacra in onore della nostra Beata Madre.

Orario delle Sante Messe:
8:00 – Santa Messa in italiano
9:00 – Santa Messa in inglese
18:30 – Recita del Santo Rosario
19:00 – Santa Messa in inglese

Raccogliamoci in preghiera per onorare Maria, concepita senza peccato, e per invocare la sua amorevole intercessione durante il nostro cammino nell'Avvento.

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
4:30PM Olga Blondell, Rinaldo Tarsitano, Luigi Ariganello, Mariano Tavares

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:00AM Angelo Grossi
9:30AM Mass Association
11:00AM Ada Donato, Domenico, Francesco e Maria Dinatolo, Pasquale e Elvira Lia, Nicola e Chiara Giorgio, Nazzareno Azzoli
12:30 PM Pro Populo

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
9:00AM Mass Association
7:00PM Lina Grosso

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
9:00AM Mass Association

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:00AM Luigi & Anna Iannacci
7:00PM Aldo Sirotic

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00AM Gina e Rinaldo Savini
9:00AM Fr. Gerard Aniversary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:00AM Luigi e Marta Di Matteo
7:00PM Mass Association

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
4:30PM Pro Populo

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls Piero De Marco, Doris Cascun of whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

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