St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Fr. Robert Reddy Associate Pastor: Rev. Fr. Marco Testa In Residence: Rev. Fr. Jim Adams Deacon: Deacon Joseph D'Amico Pastoral Worker: Michelle Gregory Secretary: Ida Foch Hospital Visitations: Anne Roman Knights of Columbus: Steven Lozinski & Sandy Gerolimon

Catholic Women's League: Boots Montano CWL meets every 2nd Tuesday after 7:00 p.m. Mass Legion of Mary: meets every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. St. Vincent De Paul: Louise Wilson,

Daniella Ballan 905-717-9827 RCIA: Flavia Silano & Murielle Poirier Sunday School: Elizabeth Follows Atrium: Anita Markle, Lily McCullough, Marie Lehman Usher: Roland Leandrosz Homebound: Mary Barry Nursing Home: Peggy Paterson Parish Volunteer Screening: Antoinette Stirling Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Antonia Ciuffetta Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci

Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am 9:30 am (Italian) 11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 8:30 am First Friday: 7:00 pm (Latin)

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm 15 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 3:00 pm to 6:50 pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: 8:30 am Saturday Mass Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Moving? Please contact the Parish Office to update your information.

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St. Anne	905-883-0311	St. Charles Garnier		905-884-0223	
St. Mary Immaculate	905-884-5381	Fr. Henri Nouwen		905-884-8086	
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Counselling and Immigrant Services: Catholic Community Services of York Region Tel.: 905-770-7040 www.ccsyr.org					
Holy Cross Catholic C	Cemetery	Tel.: (905) 889-7467	www.catholic-o	cemeteries.com	

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

Among all of the elements of devotion to The Divine Mercy requested by our Lord through St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the Feast of Mercy holds first place. The Lord's will with regard to its establishment was already made known in His first revelation to the saint, as recorded in her Diary. In all, there were 14 revelations concerning the desired feast. Our Lord's explicit desire is that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. This Sunday is designated in "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist" as the "Octave Day of Easter." It was officially called the Second Sunday of Easter after the liturgical reform of Vatican II. Now, by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day has been changed to: "Second Sunday o Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday."

'Now On Throughout the Church'. Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. There, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, *will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday*.' "

By the words "the whole message," Pope John Paul II was referring to the connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" - in other words, the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit — and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter, which fulfills the grace of atonement as lived through by Christ Jesus and offered to all who come to Him with trust. This connection is evident from the scripture readings appointed for this Sunday. As John Paul said, citing the Responsorial Psalm of the Liturgy, "The Church sings ... as if receiving from Christ's lips these words of the Psalm." "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love (= mercy) endures forever" (Ps 118:1). And then, Pope John Paul II developed the connection further: "[This comes] from the lips of the risen Christ, who bears the great message of Divine Mercy and entrusts its ministry to the Apostles in the Upper Room: 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:21-23).

The Importance of the Image. During his homily, John Paul also made clear that the Image of The Divine Mercy St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world (see *Diary* 49, 88, 299, 341, 570, 742). Pope John Paul II said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side [to the Apostles]. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

"From that Heart, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that Heart and illuminating the world: '**The two rays**,' Jesus Himself explained to her one day, '**represent blood and water**' (*Diary*, 299).

"Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (see Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit" (see Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

WORKS OF MERCY

Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful. We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our words, and our prayers; in other words, we are to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works (Acts) of Mercy. The Lord wants us to do these works of mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no use without works.

ıd	Corporal Works	Spiritual Works
is	 Feed the hungry 	 Teach the ignorant
of	 Give drink to the 	 Pray for the living & dead
	thirsty	 Correct sinners
II	 Clothe the naked 	 Counsel the doubtful
is	 Shelter the homeless 	 Console the sorrowful
0,	• Comfort the prisoners	 Bear wrongs patiently
/e	 Visit the sick 	 Forgive wrongs willingly
ie	 Bury the dead 	

JESUS' CALL TO MERCY

"I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first — by deed, the second — by word, the third — by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy.

Many souls ... are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul.

If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy" (1317). *Taken from <u>www.divinemercy.org</u>*

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR: In thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy +Anna Tsang & deceased family members

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THIS EASTER! May they continue to receive God's grace and blessings.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Raffle Tickets after all Masses this weekend. 45% of the tickets sales will be used to support pro-life charities and activities. The Knights will also be selling Belgian Chocolate Easter eggs in support of the Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre.

BAKE SALE St. Theresa of Lisieux students will be selling goodies after all the Masses. Proceeds will help finance their March for Life trip to Ottawa on May 8th.

YOUTH PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT The finals of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest and the Annual Youth Awards will be held on **Sunday, April 27, from 1 to 4 pm in our Parish Hall.** The event is sponsored by the Toronto Diocesan Council, coordinated by the North York Region CWL, and hosted by our CWL Council. Parishioners and all CWL members are encouraged to attend and lend their support. Refreshments will be served.

CWL - The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (April 26), Patroness of The Catholic Women's League -Celebration will be on Monday, April 28, beginning with Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7p.m. We encourage all CWL Members to attend. All Parishioners are also welcome to join us in prayer.

SVDP BUNDLE UP WEEKEND, MAY 3-4 The bundle up truck will be in the parking lot. Your donations of used clothing and small household items are appreciated. Unfortunately we cannot accept furniture or electronics. Many thanks for your support of the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

HANDMADE ROSARIES (Brigittine or Dominican) by Fr. Marco are available for purchase from the Parish Office. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life.

COINS FOR LIFE Please bring in your boxes to the Sacristy. May God reward you for being mindful of those who have no voice. Please continue praying for the unborn. For info, visit <u>www.coinsforlife.org</u>

NEEDED FOR BABIES 1500 or more newborn knitted toques (booties also welcome) by May 1st. Silent Children's Mission (CFFC) fully operated by volunteers is sending 3000 baby kits to a hospital in Ludzi Malawi operated by Catholic nuns. For pick up of two dozen or more, please call Ann at 905-884-7025 or drop off at the Church office.

HOME ON THE HILL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SPEAKERS' SERIES is pleased to have Paul M. Kohn, PhD., Professor Emeritus & Senior Scholar, of the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health, at York University as our speaker on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at <u>St. Mary's Anglican Church. Parking is</u> <u>located at 11 McLatchy Lane, Richmond Hill</u>. Dr. Kohn will speak about stress adaptive coping and social support. Admission is free. Donations are accepted. For information call Robert Veltheer 905 883-9841

NEW BEGINNINGS Inspirational Talk "On Marriage and Annulment" by Fr. Brian Clough. will take place on Tuesday, May 6th at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. in Toronto Pre-registration is not necessary. <u>info@cfstoronto.com</u>

<u>RETROUVAILLE</u>: Help for Troubled Marriages April 25, 26, 27. For info, call (416) 281-6007 or go to www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

2a di Pasqua - 27 aprile 2014

Cari fratelli e sorelle, buona e santa Pasqua! Risuona nella Chiesa sparsa in tutto il mondo l'annuncio dell'angelo alle donne: «Voi non abbiate paura! So che cercate Gesù, il crocifisso. Non è qui. E' risorto ... venite, guardate il luogo dove era stato deposto» (*Mt* 28,5-6). Questo è il culmine del Vangelo, è la Buona Notizia per eccellenza: Gesù, il crocifisso, è risorto! Questo avvenimento è alla base della nostra fede e della nostra speranza: se Cristo non fosse risorto, il Cristianesimo perderebbe il suo valore; tutta la missione della Chiesa esaurirebbe la sua spinta, perché è da lì che è partita e che sempre riparte. Il messaggio che i cristiani portano al mondo è questo: Gesù, l'Amore incarnato, è morto sulla croce per i nostri peccati, ma Dio Padre lo ha risuscitato e lo ha fatto Signore della vita e della morte. In Gesù, l'Amore ha vinto sull'odio, la misericordia sul peccato, il bene sul male, la verità sulla menzogna, la vita sulla morte. Per questo noi diciamo a tutti: «Venite e vedete!». In ogni situazione umana, segnata dalla fragilità, dal peccato e dalla morte, la Buona Notizia non è soltanto una parola, ma è una *testimonianza di amore gratuito e* fedele: è uscire da sé per andare incontro all'altro, è stare vicino a chi è ferito dalla vita, è condividere con chi manca del necessario, è rimanere accanto a chi è malato o vecchio o escluso... "Venite e vedete!": l'Amore è più forte, l'Amore dona vita, l'Amore fa fiorire la speranza nel deserto. Con questa gioiosa certezza nel cuore, noi oggi ci rivolgiamo a te, Signore Risorto! Aiutaci a cercarti affinché tutti possiamo incontrarti, sapere che abbiamo un Padre e non ci sentiamo orfani; che possiamo amarti e adorarti. Aiutaci a sconfiggere la piaga della fame, aggravata dai conflitti e dagli immensi sprechi di cui spesso siamo complici. Rendici capaci di proteggere gli indifesi, soprattutto i bambini, le donne e gli anziani, a volte fatti oggetto di sfruttamento e di abbandono. Fa' che possiamo curare i fratelli colpiti dall'epidemia di ebola in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone e Liberia, e quelli affetti da tante altre malattie, che si diffondono anche per l'incuria e la povertà estrema. Consola quanti oggi non possono celebrare la Pasqua con i propri cari perché strappati ingiustamente ai loro affetti, come le numerose persone, sacerdoti e laici, che in diverse parti del mondo sono state sequestrate. Conforta coloro che hanno lasciato le proprie terre per migrare in luoghi dove poter sperare in un futuro migliore, vivere la propria vita con dignità e, non di rado, professare liberamente la propria fede. Ti preghiamo, Gesù glorioso, fa' cessare ogni guerra, ogni ostilità grande o piccola, antica o recente! Per tutti i popoli della Terra ti preghiamo, Signore: tu che hai vinto la morte, donaci la tua vita, donaci la tua pace! Cari fratelli e sorelle, buona Pasqua! (Papa Francesco, Pasqua 2014)."

AVVISI

- 1. Durante il mese di Maggio si reciterà il S. Rosario ogni mattina nella cappella della Madonna.
- 2. "Bake Sale", 11 maggio; vi si prega di mettervi in contatto con Antonietta o Rosa.

	TENTIONS	April 27-May 3
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Nicola e Rosa Pileggi
		+Benedetto Baccilieri
		+_Walter Gargaro
		+Defunti famiglia Morra
		+Egidio Baldessara e famiglia
		+Domenico e Pasqualina
		D'Agostini
		+Ernesto e Silvana Vettese
		+Gino e Giuseppe D'Antonio
		+Antonio Tripodi
		+Sara Di Biase
		+Vincenzo La Gamba
		+Antonio & Maria Lucia
		Scianitti
		+Ida & Paul Joseph Ricciardi
		+John Chau & deceased family
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Kit Ping Li
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Di Rocco
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving – Paciencia Inting
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Roberto Palmaceda
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		Deceased of the Madden &
		Winton Families
		+Members of the Paxton Family
		+Deceased of the Bagnato Fam.
		+Patrick Ribbons
		+Angelo e Anna Marcelli
		+Belinda Wong
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Lucia Caterina Quarin
		In Thanksgiving
		+Dioscoro Gerigdig

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Luciana, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Terry Jennings, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jeffrey Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan.

LUMEN VERITATIS ACADEMY invite you to the first annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday July 15, at Glen Eagle Golf Cub, Caledon, ON. All proceeds generated from this event will be used to support our current school programs except for a small portion, which will be donated to SSVM Religious Sisters working with troubled youth in the GTA. For more info please visit <u>www.lumenveritatis.ca/golf</u>.



