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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: 9:00 am

Wednesday Italian Mass: 7:00 pm

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass. Weekdays: Appointment with the priest

Baptism:

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Holy Hour: Every Friday Evening from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

First Friday Exposition & Adoration: All Day from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Saturday morning at 9:00 am

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"I Am the Bread of Life."



The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion. Thus St. John Chrysostom declares: It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered. And St. Ambrose says about this conversion: Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed.... Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before? It is no less a feat to give things their original nature than to change their nature.

The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering

under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."

The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1374-1377

#### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor. St. Bernard was born in France in the year 1090. In 1111, he entered the Cistercian Order and was eventually elected abbot of Clairvaux. As an exemplary monk and abbot, his influence extended throughout Europe through his spiritual and theological writings as well as his travels. He died in 1153.

Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Pius X, Pope. St. Pius was born in 1835 in Riese, Italy. He was ordained a priest and served his flock with great zeal. He became Bishop of Mantua, then Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and in 1903, was elected Pope. His pontificate was a time of great renewal in the Church. He is known as the Pope of the Eucharist. He died on August 20, 1914.

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Queenship of Mary We honour our Lady gloriously assumed into heaven where she awaits the glorification of all the children of the Church. She reigns, Queen of the Angels and Saints.

PLEASE NOTE that as we enter into the summer season, let us remember that the Church is God's house and that modest attire should be worn at all times in this sacred place. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1378 teaches us: "to prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required.... Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our quest.

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE is looking for volunteers who love Mother Mary and are willing to go into our Catholic Schools and pray the Rosary with the students. Training will be provided. Please call Carole Lundy at 905-770-8584 or Mariella Staseff at 905-773-8650.

"How can Jesus give us His flesh to eat?" Our lack of knowledge does not prevent us from being lured into the mystery. The mystery makes it all the more appealing when we say in faith, "My Lord and my God!" In faith we can respond also to God's invitation to be His priest or religious. If you think you are being called as a priest or religious, please call 416-968-0997.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (for children ages 3-8) is a Montessori approach to learning and experiencing our faith. If you think your child will benefit from a "hands-on" approach, this program may be of interest to you. Sessions begin in October: Wednesday or Saturday mornings available in our Atrium. For information and registration please call Anita at 905-508-9275.

GLAD DAYS FOR EPILEPSY
Region is hosting its annual fundraising and awareness campaign. Please help support the 14,600 individuals living with epilepsy in the York Region on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> outside the church after Mass (except the Sunday 4:30 p.m. Mass). Only \$5 for 5 gladiola stems! For information, please call Cathy or Carole at 905-508-5404 or visit <a href="https://www.epilepsyontario.org">www.epilepsyontario.org</a>.

"PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE" RETREAT on August 31<sup>st</sup> after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Voluntary love offering. We will have a Potluck lunch. Please contact Fr. Pierre Farrugia at <a href="mailto:frapierre@hotmail.com">frapierre@hotmail.com</a> for more information.

**FEAST IN HONOUR OF ST. GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS** will be celebrated at the new location of the Immaculate Conception Parish on 300 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge, Ontario on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Procession and outdoor Mass at 3:00 p.m.

### **DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC? RCIA**

(The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), our faith instruction program, beginning Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m., is for those who desire full communion with the Catholic Church through reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, or for those who wish to deepen their faith. Please call the office to register or fill out below and drop in the offertory basket.

Name:		
Address:		
Cell:	home:	
Email address: _		

#### 16 agosto 2009 - 20<sup>a</sup> del tempo ordinario

"Poiché la carne del signore è vero cibo e il suo sangue vera bevanda, questo è l'unico bene nel mondo presente: cibarci della sua carne e del suo sangue, non solo nel mistero dell'altare, ma anche nella lettura delle Scritture. Vero cibo e vera bevanda infatti è quello che si riceve dalla Parola di Dio, cioè la conoscenza delle Scritture (Girolamo, *Comm. all'Ecclesiaste* 3.13)."

"Altercavano pertanto i giudei tra loro, dicendo: Come mai può costui darci da mangiare la sua carne? (Gv. 6, 52). Altercavano fra di loro perché non capivano il significato del pane della concordia, e non volevano mangiarne; non litigano infatti coloro che mangiano tale pane, in quanto « un solo pane, un solo corpo siamo noi, anche se siamo molti» E per mezzo di questo pane, Dio fa abitare insieme coloro che hanno un solo spirito (Sal. 67,7) (Agostino, Coment. In Ioan. 26,14)."

"Paolo ci fa un invito strano: ora che va male approfittiamone, ora che la vita ci è complicata assaporiamola, ora che i giorni sono cattivi raccogliamo i frutti del tempo presente, ora che le avversità ci spronano a tenere la guardia alta cerchiamo di migliorarci. Sembra un paradosso, ma sono tutti capaci di trarre giovamento dai tempi favorevoli ed è qui che entra in gioco il comportamento da "saggi", l'utilizzo dell'intelligenza che viene dallo Spirito (Pr 9,6, Ef 5,15). Appare in tutta la sua potenza il modello alternativo di Dio, quello che ribalta, ad esempio, tutti i rapporti umani. Nella prassi molti dei rapporti che viviamo sono, in misura maggiore o minore, riconducibili a rapporti di forze, di oppresso e di oppressore, di ragione e di torto. Ecco allora i versetti di Giovanni (Gv 6,56-57): non si distingue fino in fondo chi mangia e chi è mangiato, se la vita è nel cibo o nel commensale. Una cosa ci sembra chiara: Cristo è vivo e deve rimanerlo per rigenerare in noi la vita ogni volta che diamo fondo alle nostre risorse. Di chi è, per chi è questa vita? Il Padre ha la vita. Il Figlio l'ha ricevuta e donandola in continuazione non la perde mai. Questo meccanismo investe anche noi nel momento in cui facciamo nostro il corpo di Cristo, assumendo quella vita che è eterna se sappiamo donarla sempre, senza tenerla gelosamente per noi stessi (Gruppo O.P.G.)."

#### AVVISI

- 1. Si programmano pellegrinaggi in Terra Santa (13-23 novembre) ed a Teopoli (4 ottobre). Coloro che sono interessati possono chiamare Ezia (905-884-3896) o Antonietta (905-737-3210).
- Domenica, 23 agosto: festa in onore di S. Gabrielle dell'Addolorata presso la chiesa dell'Immacolata Concezione di Woodbridge. Triduo il 19, 20, 21 alle 8pm
- 3. 11-13 settembre: ritiro carismatico a Marylake diretto dal P. Joe MacDonald. Per informazioni chiamate Hilda (416-781-0733) o Edith (416-782-4556).

MASS INTENTIONS		August 16-22
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Antonio Tripodi
		+Vincenzo Curtis
		+Deceased Members of the
		Morra Family
		+Giuseppe & Teresa Giancola
		+Sabatino DiGiulio
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9:00 a.m.	Renato Goncalves
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Michael Romeo
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. of the Candelma
		Family
	7:00 p.m.	+Calogera Alessi
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father
		Intentions of SMI priests
		Suffering souls
THIDE	8:00 a.m.	In honour of St. Joseph Deceased Members of the
inuks.	6:00 a.m.	2 00000000
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	Naughton Family
rki.		Holy Souls in Purgatory Spiritual Blessings and Grace
	7:00 p.m.	of Conversion
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to Mother
OAI.	3.00 a.m.	Mary
		+Mario Calce
		+George Bronetto
		+Yolanda Taricani
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father
		Intentions of SMI priests
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### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Andrea Arciero & baby Julian, Daniella Ballan, Henry Bisnath, Zalina Bisnath, Stephanie Byrne, David Canivet, Peter & June Christoff, Antonio Cosentino, Aldo Dell'erba, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Ioannis Kourkoulakos, Macaria Margate, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Paul Melotte, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Esmy, Domenico Pileggi, Harry Rhynhold, Therese Vincent, Sandra Weinholdt, Ted Zygmunt.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Fr. Royden John Thoms, Deacon Peter MacLellan, Vincenzo Cosentino

### WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED...

Grace Baragetti, Giulia Isabella Fidalgo, Myah Lindo-Bygrave, Michael Loffreda, Monaco Giovanni Scocco

# ACT OF HUMILITY BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus, my Lord, I confess that I am a sinner. But in Your goodness You do invite me to approach Your Holy Table and to partake of Your heavenly Banquet. Trusting in Your mercy I come to You with confidence, albeit with it a contrite and humble heart. Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but say only the word, and my soul shall be healed. Come to me, Jesus, come to me, and keep me in Your love and Your grace forevermore.

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