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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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WE PROFESS OUR FAITH IN CHRIST'S REAL PRESENCE

Like the disciples who listened in astonishment to His discourse at Capernaum, we also find this language hard to understand (cf. John 6:60). We might sometimes be tempted to give it a reductive interpretation. But this would take us far from Christ, as was the case with those disciples who "after that no longer went about with Him." John 6:66).

We would like to stay with Christ and for this reason we say to Him with Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). With the same conviction as Peter, let us kneel today before the sacrament of the altar and renew our profession of faith in the real presence of Christ.

Taken from Pope John Paul II's homily for Corpus Christi, June 28, 2000.

WORSHIP OF THE EUCHARIST

In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession."

The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in His Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to His Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take His departure from His own in His visible form, He wanted to give us His sacramental presence; since He was about to offer Himself on the cross to save us. He wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which He loved us "to the end," even to the giving of His life. In His Eucharistic presence He remains mysteriously in our midst as the One who loved us and gave Himself up for us, and He under remains signs that express communicate this love: The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

"That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and His true Blood is something that 'cannot be apprehended by the senses,' says St. Thomas, 'but *only by faith*, which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a commentary on Luke 22:19 ('This is My body which is given for you.'), St. Cyril says: 'Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since He is the truth, He cannot lie.'"

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1374-1377

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, August 24th, St. Bartholomew, Apostle. St. Bartholomew was born at Cana. He was brought to Jesus by the Apostle Philip, and after the Ascension of our Lord he is said to have preached the Gospel in India where he was martyred.

Thursday, August 27th, St. Monica. St. Monica was born at Tagaste in Africa in 331. Married to a pagan named Patricius, she gave birth to a son whom they named Augustine. She prayed and wept for his conversion. Her son would become one of the greatest thinkers of Christianity. She died in 387.

Friday, August 28th, St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor. St. Augustine was born at Tagaste in Africa in 354. He was a brilliant youth though unsettled and restless. His search for the truth brought him to Milan in Italy where he was baptized by St. Ambrose. Subsequently, he became a priest and finally Bishop of Hippo in Africa. He wrote extensively and bravely fought against the errors of his times. He died in 430.

Saturday, August 29th, Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist. We commemorate the death of the Lord's precursor, a martyr to the truth of the moral law.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS Each weekday at 7:30 a.m., we pray Lauds (Morning Prayer) in our Parish Church. Lauds is celebrated at daybreak when the sun is dispelling the night and the new day is born. The Church has always considered the sun to be a symbol of Christ rising from the dead. This prayer is called Lauds because it is a laudatory

liturgy of praise in the early morning light. We thank God for the first light at the beginning of creation and for the second light of our redemption in Christ's paschal victory. This hour is one of the seven prayer times which comprise the official prayer of the Roman Catholic Church. This prayer is known variously as Liturgy of the Hours, Divine Office or Work of God. The roots of this prayer o all the way back to the Jewish practices before the time of Our Lord. This form of prayer was prayed by Jesus and His disciples. As such, it was carried over into the devotion of the early Church and continues in an unbroken tradition down to our own day. In both the Jewish and Christian traditions, this Work of God was the prayer of all the people; clergy and laity. One of the blessings flowing from the liturgical reforms of Vatican II is the resurgence of the Divine Office among the laity. If you wish to have your own copy of the Liturgy of the Hours, please contact the parish office.

ATRIUM PROGRAMME (also known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) If you think your child (ages 3-7) will benefit from a "hands-on" approach, this program may be of interest to you. It is a Montessori approach to learning and experiencing our faith. Sessions begin in October: Wednesday or Saturday mornings (9:30 –11 a.m.). For information and registration please call Anita at 905-508-9275.

**CALL TO HOLINESS' CHARISMATIC RETREAT* on Sept. 11-13 at Marylake Retreat Ctr, King City. Retreat Master: Fr. Joe MacDonald. Registration is at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11th. \$145 each includes meals and accommodations. For info, please call Hilda at 416-781-0733 or Edith at 416-782-4556

"PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE" RETREAT on August 31st 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 frapierre@hotmail.com for more information.

DOES FIBROMYALGIA ISSUES OR CHRONIC PAIN / FATIGUE AFFECT SOMEONE YOU KNOW? Join us on Thursday, September 10th at 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall as Dr. Alison Bested of Women's College Environmental Health Clinic and co-author of numerous clinical definitions talks about the "invisible illness," the pain, frustrations, prognosis and treatments. Open to everyone and special invitation goes to all medical personnel and their patients. Tickets: \$8 advance or \$12 at the door. Please call 905-884-6169 for information.

† PRAYER TO ST. MONICA

Exemplary Mother of the great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen.

23 agosto 2009 - 21^a del tempo ordinario

"La fragilità della carne in sé a nulla giova, ma è solo essa che, al pari del grano di frumento, può morire e morendo può dare molto frutto (Gv 12.24). Lo dà non per virtù propria, ma grazie allo Spirito di Dio che dimostra di aver misericordia della carne riconsegnandola alla vita; come dice Pietro infatti, Gesù fu messo a morte nella carne, ma reso vivo nello spirito (1Pt 3.18). La carne, in quanto mezzo di donazione del Figlio al mondo, diviene il luogo in cui l'umana fragilità può essere rianimata dalla potenza di Dio; essa consente così a chi accoglie Cristo di vivere la propria vita nella carne essendo radicato nella fede del Figlio che mi amò e ha consegnato se stesso per me (Gal 2.20). La carne giova non in se stessa, ma in quanto è data per la vita del mondo, in quanto è consegnata e nel contempo tradita (P. Stefani, Sia santificato il tuo nome B p. 161)."

Ci sembra che le parole di Paolo vadano viste in un'ottica di reciprocità, in una dinamica in cui l'uomo e la donna sono alternativamente capo e corpo l'uno dell'altra, nella guida e nella sottomissione reciproche, ma specifiche della diversità. Questo per rendere piena giustizia all'essere "una sola carne", dell'essere una famiglia che possa sussistere nella gioia e nel dolore. Il nodo del rapporto sponsale non è altro che quello che regola il rapporto tra Dio e l'uomo, ovvero quello del servizio. (*Gruppo O.P.G.*)."

"Mirabile è l'opera da lui compiuta nel mistero pasquale; egli ci ha fatti passare dalla schiavitù del peccato e della morte alla gloria di proclamarci stirpe eletta, regale sacerdozio, gente santa, popolo di sua conquista, per annunciare al mondo la tua potenza, o Padre, che dalle tenebre ci hai chiamati allo splendore della tua luce" (prefazio del tempo ordinario, I).

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).
- Oggi, 23 agosto: festa in onore di S. Gabrielle dell'Addolorata presso la chiesa dell'Immacolata Concezione di Woodbridge.
- 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).

	TENTIONS	August 23-29
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Capitelli
		+Joseph Mazzota
		+Deceased Members of the
		Palleschi Family
		+Walter Gargaro
		+Bernardino Lorenzon Holy Souls in Purgatory
MON	9.00 a m	Deceased Members of the
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Naughton Family
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Adelia Victoriano
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Modesto Matute
WED.	7:00 p.m.	+Anna & Paolo Cialone
	7.00 p.iii.	+Lino D'Ambrosi
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father
		Intentions of SMI priests
		Suffering souls
		In honour of St. Joseph
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the
		Paxton Family
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Wei Fon Chan
	7:00 p.m.	+Antonio Sanginesi
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to Mother
		Mary
		+Anna & Paolo Cialone
		+Maria Mok
		+Special Int. of Nestor Torres
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father
		Intentions of SMI priests
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, Todd Santaguida,		
Therese Vincent, Sandra Weinholdt, Ted Zygmunt.		
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEAD		
Marie Roy, Adele Tollis		
WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED		
Lucas Ryan Areias-Rosa, Juliana Elise D'Angelo,		
Alyssa Angelica Grossi, Sienna Isla Paniccia,		
Cassidy Mae Poulsen		
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DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC? RCIA (Rite of		
Christian Initiation of Adults), our faith instruction program,		
beginning Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., is for those who		
desire full communion with the Catholic Church through		
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and Confirmation, or for those who wish to deepen their		
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