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Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am

12:30 pm

4:30 pm

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Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am

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: 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: 8:30 am Saturday Mass

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Dear Parishioners!

I hope you are all enjoying the summer! It is hard to believe that it is already August. On Wednesday, we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Someone said that the Transfiguration is a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness.

I wish you and your families experience Christ's presence in your daily lives.

In Christ,
Fr. Pawel

Dear Brothers and Sisters, This Sunday's Gospel describes the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves that Jesus worked for a great throng of people who had followed Him to listen to Him and to be healed of various illnesses (cf. Mt 14:14).

As evening fell the disciples suggested to Jesus that He send the crowds away so that they might take some refreshment. But the Lord had something else in mind: "You give them something to eat" (Mt 14:16). However they had "only five loaves... and two fish". Jesus' subsequent action evokes the sacrament of the Eucharist: "He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds" (Mt 14:19).

The miracle consists in the brotherly sharing of a few loaves which, entrusted to the power of God, not only sufficed for everyone but enough was left over to fill 12 baskets. The Lord asked this of the disciples so that it would be they who distributed the bread to the multitude; in this way He taught and prepared them for their future apostolic mission: in fact, they were to bring to all the nourishment of the Word of life and of the sacraments.

In this miraculous sign the incarnation of God and the work of redemption are interwoven. Jesus, in fact, "*went ashore*" from the boat to meet the men and women (cf. Mt 14:14). St Maximus the Confessor said that the Word of God made Himself present for our sake, by taking flesh, derived from us and conformed to us in all things save sin, in order to expose us to His teaching with words and examples suitable for us" (*Ambigua* 33: PG 91, 1285 C).

Here the Lord offers us an eloquent example of His compassion for people.... Christ is attentive to material needs but He wished to give more, because man always "hungers for more, he needs more" (*Jesus of Nazareth*, Doubleday, New York 2007, p. 267 (*English translation*)). God's love is present in the bread of Christ; in the encounter with Him "we feed on the living God Himself, so to speak, we truly eat the 'bread from Heaven'" (*ibid.* p. 268).

Dear friends. "in the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God's compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbour" (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, n. 88). St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus whom the Church is commemorating today, also bore witness to this. Indeed Ignatius chose to live "finding God in all things, loving Him in all creatures" (cf. *Constitutions of the Society of Jesus*, III, 1, 26).

Let us entrust our prayers to the Virgin Mary, so that she may open our hearts to compassion for our neighbour and to fraternal sharing.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 31 July 2011

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug. 4th, St. John Vianney, Priest. St. John Mary Vianney was born at Lyons, France in 1786. He was ordained a priest after many difficulties. He was made Pastor of the town of Ars and for the rest of his life served the people entrusted to him in a marvelous way by his preaching, mortifications, prayer, good works, and especially in the confessional. He died in 1859. He has recently been made Patron of all Priests by our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Tuesday, August 5th, Dedication of St. Mary Major. This basilica in Rome is the world's largest church dedicated to Our Lady as Mother of God (Theotokos).

Wednesday, Aug. 6th The Transfiguration of our Lord. Today, we celebrate a unique revelation of the Most Holy Trinity. "**The Father is revealed in the voice, the Son in the man, the Spirit in the cloud.**"

Friday, Aug. 8, St. Dominic, Priest. St. Dominic was born in Spain and at an early age became a Canon Regular of St. Augustine. In 1215, he organized his companions establishing the Order of Preachers, commonly known as Dominicans. Their motto is "to contemplate and to share with others the fruits of contemplation."

Saturday, Aug. 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr. Edith Stein was born in Breslau on 12 October 1891 on Yom Kippur, the Feast of Atonement. Being born on this day was like a foreshadowing to Edith, a future Carmelite nun. She was baptized on January 1, 1922. When Edith Stein was beatified in Cologne on 1 May 1987, the Church honoured "a daughter of Israel", as Pope John Paul II put it, who, as a Catholic during Nazi persecution, remained faithful to the crucified Lord Jesus Christ and, as a Jew, to her people in loving faithfulness."

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Universal: That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and protection of their rights.

Mission: That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the peoples of that region.

PLEASE NOTE Holy Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and the office is closed for the day.

REMINDER: FRIDAY ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT during the months of July & August are at 6:00 p.m.

July is the Month of the Precious Blood!

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN:

+Najebah Salim Zakhem Isa
In Thanksgiving

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO DOES?

Adults interested in becoming Catholics, needing the Sacrament of Confirmation or seeking to deepen their faith are invited to call the Parish office for information about the **RCIA** (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults). The program will begin in the fall. Call the office to register.

FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

August 5-7 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's College School featuring **Dale Ahlquist** (Aug. 5 - Writing on the Sky. Chesterton the Journalist Prophet), **Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap** (Aug. 6 - the Relationship between Law & Morality), **Cardinal Thomas Collins** (Aug. 7 - Example of Thomas More: Remaining Faithful to God, One's Family and One's Country in a Secular Age). Tickets: \$20/session. Can be purchased online <http://archtoronto.org/faithinthepublicsquare>. Please contact Matthew Sanders at 416-934-3400 ext. 640 or msanders@archtoronto.org for information.

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48th ANNUAL CELEBRATION in HONOUR OF ST. GABRIEL

(under the direction of the Passionist Community) on Sunday August 24th from 2 p.m. onwards at Immaculate Conception, Woodbridge. For info, please call 905-856-2205.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD for children

3-7 yrs old. A **Montessori approach** to learning about our faith. If interested, please call Anita at 905-508-9275.

18a del tempo ordinario - 3 agosto 2014

"Ogni atto compiuto dal Cristo è una gloria della Chiesa cattolica: gloria delle glorie è, però, la croce. Questo, appunto, intendeva Paolo, nell'affermare: "A me non avvenga mai di menar vanto, se non nella croce di Cristo" ([Ga 6,14](#)). Suscita la nostra ammirazione, certo anche il miracolo in seguito al quale il cieco dalla nascita riacquistò, a Siloe, la vista (cf. [Jn 9,7ss](#)): ma cosa è un cieco di fronte ai ciechi di tutto il mondo? Straordinaria, e soprannaturale, la risurrezione di Lazzaro, morto già da quattro giorni ([Jn 11,39](#)). Una grazia del genere, tuttavia, è toccata ad uno soltanto: che beneficio ne avrebbero tratto quanti, nel mondo intero, erano morti per i loro peccati? ([Ep 2,1](#)). Strepitoso il fatto che cinque pani riuscirono a sfamare cinquemila persone ([Mt 14,21](#)): ma a che cosa sarebbe servito, se pensiamo a coloro che, su tutta la terra, erano tormentati dalla fame dell'ignoranza? ([Am 8,11](#)). Stupefacente, ancora, la liberazione della donna, in preda a Satana da diciotto anni (cf. [Lc 13,11ss](#)): che importanza avrebbe avuto, però, per tutti noi, imprigionati dalle catene dei nostri peccati? ([Pr 5,22](#)). La gloria della croce, invece, ha illuminato chi era accecato dall'ignoranza, liberando tutti coloro che erano prigionieri del peccato e portando la redenzione all'intera umanità (**Cirillo di Gerusalemme, Catechesis, 13, 1-3**).

Con soli cinque pani Tu hai avuto
Il superfluo per cinquemila persone;
E di nuovo con quattro (pani)
Tu li hai nutriti in pieno deserto.

Io che sono affamato del tuo Pane,
Del tuo Pane divino, celeste,
Con questo degnati di saziarmi l'anima
Che è disceso dal cielo ed è immortale.
Nerses Snorhali, Jesus, 486-487

BRANCHES CATHOLIC MINISTRIES will be hosting a fall conference on Sept. 27-28, at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. Regenerate(d) 2014 will feature dynamic talks from renowned Catholic speakers musical performances by Marian Grace and the Glory Collective. The conference will begin with an address by Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines and this year's main celebrant and homilist. Registration forms are at the back of the flyers at the entrances of the Church.

TEOPOLI SUMMER EXPERIENCE (with Fr. Claudio Piccinini) for children 6-17 on Aug. 14- 23. For info, please call Società Unita (The United Society) at 416-243-7319 or visit our website www.teopoli.com. Please pass this on to people who may be interested!

MASS INTENTIONS**Aug. 3-9**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+deceased of the Ciraco Family +Deceased of the Lagani Family +Salvatore e Caterina Varano +Giuseppe Ciraco +Antonio Morra Int. of the Scarpino Family +Franco e Margherita Fiorentino +Graziella Bavaro Carona
MON.	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Christopher Chow)
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Nicholas May
FRI.	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving – Philip Yiu +John Kerry Dickinson Members of the Madden & Winton Families
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Kathleen Whelan Intentions of Angela Gerritse

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, 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, Angela Gerritse-Bramson, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmel Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, 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, Luigi Nucci, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Luigina Porco, Esther Reyes, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jason Tham, Jeffrey Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan.

SANTO NINO FESTIVAL on Sat., Aug. 23 at Marylake Shrine. Procession starts at 10 a.m. followed by Mass. Confessions starts at 9 a.m. Benediction at 5 p.m. Celebrant: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. For info, call Marylake at 905-833-5368 / Zeny at 416-292-4354.

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

- St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars

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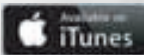

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