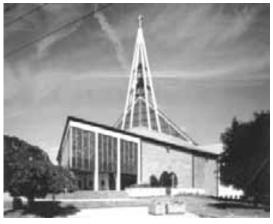
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JESUS' TEMPTATIONS

The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after His baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; He lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to Him. At the end of this time Satan tempts Him three times, seeking to compromise His filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves Him "until an opportune time".

The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals Himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: He "binds the strong man" to take back His plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of His filial love for the Father.

Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to Him and the way men wish to attribute to Him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter *for us*: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of *Lent* the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #538-540

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

On the first day of Lent, ashes are blessed and used to mark the heads of the faithful as a sign of penance. In the fourth century, public penitents wearing sackcloth were sprinkled with ashes as a sign of penitence. As public penance was gradually discontinued, it became customary for all the faithful to receive ashes in beginning Lenten penance as preparation for Easter.

The Holy Season of Lent began with its discipline of fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of her corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. In this preparation for the Solemn Feast of Easter, the faithful do penance.

The privileged forms of penance of our Church are fasting, almsgiving, prayers, works of mercy, and abstinence from meat. It is evangelical

(Gospel) law that a follower of Christ must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred for sin as an offence against God, external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue.

All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to the needs of others, and to save money to give to the poor. Current Church discipline permits one to take a main and two lesser meals which do not equal the Mandatory fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, on which days one must abstain from meat and eat only one main meal. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence and meat may not be taken on these days. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of Adult example will be the greatest penance. influence in this matter.



The Spirituality of St. John Marie Vianney, the Curé of Ars

St. Mary Immaculate Parish invites you to a series of Monthly Recollections marking the Year of the Priesthood. Following the 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass, the Recollections which will include a Conference, the Divine Office and Confessions. St. John Vianney who will be declared the universal patron of all priests, led a deeply spiritual life which may serve as a model not only for priests but for all the faithful. The solid foundation of his spiritual life was the Sacred Liturgy of the Church. Below is a list of the Recollection topics. The Recollections will end at noon with the recitation of the Angelus.

Sat., March 6th – The Sacrament of Penance Sat., April 10th – The Liturgy of the Hours Sat., May 1st – Devotion to Our Lady Sat., June 5th – Holy Priesthood & the Sacred Heart

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Come and join us pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Marian Chapel in the Church. Please note that during Lent, we will be also praying the Rosary on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. for the intentions of all priests.

PLEASE NOTE due to scheduling conflicts at the Parish, the extra Lenten Masses will be at 7 p.m. and <u>not</u> at noon. Please note that intentions are still available for these Masses. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

'VOCATION SEEDS' Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday will be at 6:30 p.m. (English) and 7:30 p.m. (Italian).

<u>CHRISTIAN PRAYER BOOKS</u> are now available in the Parish Office. Please call the Parish Office to receive your copy. Cost: \$40.

4:30 PARISH MINISTRY TEAM training session and social is after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

HAITI FUNDRAISING DINNER sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, Feb. 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad dinner to support Haitian disaster victims. Entertainment and door prizes included. \$40/person. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses. For tickets / info, please contact Roland (905-780-8354), Ross (905-883-5458), Tony (905-883-5058), or Peter (905-773-7299).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is having their membership drive. Please see the Knights at the entrances of the Church after the Mass.

CWL GENERAL MEETING on Mon. Feb. 22. Mass at 7:00 p.m., meeting to follow in the Conference Room. Guest speaker Alla Toundas will speak on Women's Health Issues. All women of the parish welcome.

2010 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church vestibule. Please note that envelopes not picked up this weekend will be re-assigned.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2009 are ready to be picked up at the front entrance of the Church. Please note that the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be issuing separate income tax receipts.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Kaelan Michael Dias, Carter Marcus Lewandowski, Michael James O'Sullivan

2009 PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT will be made available soon.

1^a di Quaresima - 21 febbraio 2010

"Volgeranno lo sguardo a Colui che hanno trafitto" (Gv 19,37). ... La Quaresima è tempo propizio per imparare a sostare con Maria e Giovanni, il discepolo prediletto, accanto a Colui che sulla Croce consuma per l'intera umanità il sacrificio della sua vita (cfr Gv 19,25). Con più viva partecipazione volgiamo pertanto il nostro sguardo, in questo tempo di penitenza e di preghiera, a Cristo crocifisso che, morendo sul Calvario, ci ha rivelato pienamente l'amore di Dio.

E' nel mistero della Croce che si rivela appieno la potenza incontenibile della misericordia del Padre celeste. Per riconquistare l'amore della sua creatura, Egli ha accettato di pagare un prezzo altissimo: il sangue del suo Unigenito Figlio. La morte, che per il primo Adamo era segno estremo di solitudine e di impotenza, si è così trasformata nel supremo atto d'amore e di libertà del nuovo Adamo. Ben si può allora affermare, con san Massimo il Confessore, che Cristo "morì, se così si può dire, divinamente, poiché morì liberamente" (Ambigua, 91, 1956).

Cari fratelli e sorelle, guardiamo a Cristo trafitto in Croce! E' Lui la rivelazione più sconvolgente dell'amore di Dio! Sulla Croce è Dio stesso che mendica l'amore della sua creatura: Egli ha sete dell'amore di ognuno di noi.

La Quaresima sia per ogni cristiano una rinnovata esperienza dell'amore di Dio donatoci in Cristo, amore che ogni giorno dobbiamo a nostra volta "ridonare" al prossimo, soprattutto a chi più soffre ed è nel bisogno. Solo così potremo partecipare pienamente alla gioia della Pasqua. Maria, la Madre del Bell'Amore, ci guidi in questo itinerario quaresimale, cammino di autentica conversione all'amore di Cristo.

(S.S. Benedetto XVI, Messaggio per la Quaresima 2007)

AVVISI

- 1. Ogni venerdì di Quaresima, si prega la Via Crucis in chiesa, alle 6.30pm in inglese ed alle 7.30pm in italiano.
- 2. Per sabato, 27 febbraio, alle 6.30, i Cavalieri di Colombo e la nostra parrocchia organizzano una cena e danza i cui proventi andranno ad aiutare I terremotati di Haiti. Biglietti: \$ 40; chiamate Tony Fortunato (905-883-5058) o Antnietta (905-737-3210).
- 3. É in programma un pellegrinaggio guidato da don Andrea, dal 16 al 26 maggio, principalmente per usufruire della rarissima ostensione della Sacra Sindone a Torino, ma che includerà visite a Venezia, Roma, e San Giovanni Rotondo. Per informazioni, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210).

MASS INTENTIONS		Feb. 21-27	
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	†Giseppi Capitelli	
		†Angelo Miniardi	
		†Walter Gargaro	
		†Oronzo Palmieri	
		†Bruno Sposato	
		†Angelo & Erminia Di Nardo	
		†Tony Cosentino	
		†Annina Cialone	
		†Caterina Maria Boragina	
		†Gabriel Magnotta	
MON.	8:00 a.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory	
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	†Stephen Roman & deceased	
		Family Members	
	7:00 p.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory	
WED.	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Watts	
	7:00 p.m.	†Berardino Iudiciani	
		†Gabriel Magnotta	
		Holy Souls in Purgatory	
		In Honour of St. Joseph	
		Special Intention	
		Intentions of SMI priests	
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	†Lance Smith	
	7:00 p.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory	
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	†Ross & Philip Morse	
	7:00 p.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory	
		In reparation to the Sacred	
		Heart of Jesus	
		†Deceased Members of the	
		Naughton Family	
		†Deceased Members of the	
		Paxton Family	
		Special Intention	
		Intentions of SMI priests	
		Intentions of our Holy Father	
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the	
		Immaculate Heart of Mary	
		Holy Souls in Purgatory	
		Intentions of our Holy Father	
		Intentions of SMI priests	
		Intentions of our Bishops	

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Daniella Ballan, Henry Bisnath, Zalina Bisnath, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Aldo Dell'erba, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Ioannis Kourkoulakos, John LeClaire, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Paul Melotte, Francis Maurice, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Esmy, Domenico Pileggi, Lana Ricci, Todd Santaguida, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whealan, Ted Zygmunt.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Peter Cialone, Marie Langley

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."

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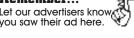
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