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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

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm
Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 12:00 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

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PARISH MISSION - MARCH 22-28TH

By Fr. Claudio Piccinini, C.P. &

Mrs. Andreina Brann. Each evening (except Sunday) at 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated followed by a Mission Talk. Mark your calendars!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, In this Sunday's Liturgy we continue to read Jesus' so-called "Sermon on the Mount". It is contained in chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Matthew's Gospel. After the Beatitudes, which are the programme of His life, Jesus proclaims the new Law, His *Torah*, as our Jewish brothers and sisters call it. In fact, on His coming, the Messiah was also to bring the definitive revelation of the Law and this is precisely what Jesus declares: "Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them".

And addressing His disciples, He adds: "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt 5:17,20). But what do this "fullness" of Christ's Law and this "superior" justice that He demands consist in? Jesus explains it with a series of antitheses between the old commandments and His new way of propounding them. He begins each time: "You have heard that it was said to the men of old...", and then He asserts: "but I say to you".... And He does this six times. This manner of speaking made a great impression on the people, who were shocked, because those words: "I say to you" were equivalent to claiming the actual authority of God, the source of the Law. The newness of Jesus consists essentially in the fact that He Himself "fulfils" the commandments with the love of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within Him. And we, through faith in Christ, can open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit who makes us capable of living divine love.

So it is that every precept becomes true as a requirement of love, and all join in a single commandment: love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself. "Love is the fulfilling of the Law", St Paul writes (Rom 13:10)....

Dear friends, perhaps it is not by chance that Jesus' first great preaching is called the "Sermon on the Mount"! Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the Law of God and bring it to the Chosen People. Jesus is the Son of God Himself who came down from Heaven to lead us to Heaven, to God's height, on the way of love. Indeed, He Himself is this way; all we have to do in order to put into practice God's will and to enter His Kingdom, eternal life, is to follow Him.

Only one creature has already scaled the mountain peak: the Virgin Mary. Through her union with Jesus, her righteousness was perfect: for this reason we invoke her as *Speculum iustitiae*. Let us entrust ourselves to her so that she may guide our steps in fidelity to Christ's Law.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 13 Feb. 2011

PLEASE NOTE that on Monday Holy Mass is **remains at 8:00 a.m.** The parish office is closed due to the holiday.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

Intentions of the SMI priests

6^a del tempo ordinario - 16 febbraio 2014

"Ma in qual modo - voi mi chiederete - Gesù Cristo non ha abrogato la legge? In qual modo ha dato compimento alla legge e ai profeti? Per quanto riguarda i profeti, egli ha confermato con le opere tutto quanto essi avevano predetto di lui; perciò l'evangelista sempre dice: "Affinché si adempisse ciò che fu detto dai profeti". Quando nacque, quando i fanciulli gli cantarono un meraviglioso inno, quando montò sopra un asina, e in una infinità di altre circostanze, egli compì le profezie, che non si sarebbero mai realizzate se egli non fosse venuto al mondo. E per quanto, invece, concerne la legge, egli le dà compimento non in un sol modo, né in due, ma in tre maniere. Prima di tutto, perché egli non ha trasgredito nessuna delle prescrizioni legali. Che egli, infatti, le abbia adempiute tutte testimoniano le sue parole a Giovanni: *È conveniente che adempiamo così ogni giustizia* (Mt 3, 15); ai Giudei: *Chi di voi mi può accusare di peccato?* (Gv 8, 46) e infine, ai discepoli: *Il principe del mondo sta per venire; veramente non ha nulla in me* (Gv 14, 30). ... La seconda consiste nel fatto che egli la compì per noi. Infatti ciò che vi è di particolarmente ammirabile nel suo comportamento, non è solo il fatto che egli abbia adempito la legge, ma il fatto che ha dato la grazia perché anche noi la adempiamo. Proprio questo rileva Paolo con le parole: *Poiché il termine della legge è Cristo a giustificazione di ogni credente* (Rm 10, 17). ... Siccome in realtà la legge tendeva a rendere l'uomo giusto, ma non aveva sufficiente forza per realizzare questo scopo, Gesù Cristo venne egli stesso per introdurre nel mondo un mezzo efficace di giustificazione, la fede, e realizzò così quanto la legge voleva fare; ciò che la lettera della legge non era stata capace di compiere, egli compì per mezzo della fede. E, in questo senso, dice di non essere venuto per abrogare la legge. Se qualcuno indagasse attentamente, scoprirebbe anche il terzo modo in cui Cristo ha adempito l'antica legge: questo egli l'ha fatto mediante i precetti che stava per dare. Infatti, tutto quanto Gesù Cristo dice nel Vangelo non mira affatto ad abrogare, ma piuttosto ad estendere e a completare l'antica legge. Tanto per citare un esempio, l'antico comandamento di non uccidere, non soltanto non è abrogato, ma è perfezionato e tanto più rafforzato da quanto egli dice, cioè che non si deve mai cedere all'ira. E la stessa cosa si può notare a proposito di tutti gli altri comandamenti. (San Giovanni Crisostomo, *Commento al Vangelo di S. Matteo*, 16, 2-3).

O Dio, che riveli la pienezza della legge nella giustizia nuova fondata sull'amore, fa' che il popolo cristiano, radunato per offrirti il sacrificio perfetto, sia coerente con le esigenze del Vangelo, e diventi per ogni uomo segno di riconciliazione e di pace.

AVVISO

1. Vi si invita a prelevare dalla sala parrocchiale le buste per le offerte domenicali.
2. Ogni venerdì, alle 3pm., si espone il Santissimo Sacramento e si recita la Coroncina della Divina Misericordia. L'ora santa eucaristica comincia alle 6, con le devozioni al Sacro Cuore e la Benedizione eucaristica, seguita, alle 7, dalla S. Messa.

FEBRUARY 16, 2014

St. Mary Immaculate Parish Financial Summary		
December 31 2013	2013	2012
Revenues	\$	\$
Offertory	630,315	639,703
Building Fund	103,198	75,326
Other Income	101,415	144,607
Total Revenues	834,928	859,636
Expenditures		
Salaries & Benefits	378,945	386,217
Diocesan Assessments	135,879	139,531
Church Operating Expenses	283,078	265,620
Repairs and maintenance	49,057	50,726
Major Renovations	22,312	62,662
Total Expenditures	869,271	904,756
Special Diocesan Collections Note 1	160,294	170,725
Transfers to Chancery	(160,294)	(170,725)
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Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	(34,343)	(45,120)
Note 1		
Special Diocesan Collections	\$	\$
ShareLife	120,010	140,365
Shepherd's Trust	14,442	11,501
Mission Co-Op	4,204	2,988
Other Diocesan Collections	21,638	15,872
	\$ 160,294	\$ 170,725

Note of Appreciation

To all parishioners/families who support your church, my sincere appreciation and thanks to you, we are able to meet the regular needs of our parish community. I am most grateful to each and every one of you for the opportunity given to me to serve as your Pastor. May God bless you and your families and may the New Year 2014 be a safe and blessed year for you. Fr R Reddy, Pastor

Finance Committee Members: Binelli, Peter; Bruno, Ross; Ranieri, Peter; Wilson, Louise

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 22nd, Chair of St. Peter. Since the 4th century, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter has been celebrated by the Church of Rome as a sign of the unity of the Church founded upon the Apostle Peter. The chair (cathedra) in the ancient world was a symbol of teaching authority.

SMI and SVDP INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are ready to be picked up at the Church lobby. May God reward you for your generosity.

2014 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please call the Parish Office. Please do not use your old envelopes as they may have been reassigned.

SMI COFFEE HOUR AFTER THE 12:30 P.M. MASS this weekend. Come and join us to meet fellow parishioners. Next Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, March 16th after the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

LENTEN SERIES ON PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN

Conferences in the Church on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. on March 10, 17, 31, and April 7. Conferences will be given by Fr. Marco.

CWL ANNUAL BAKE SALE

after all Masses next weekend. Members and ALL Parishioners are encouraged to support and donate baked goods. Proceeds will benefit the Building & Maintenance Fund towards the Renovation of the Church Hall Kitchen & SMI Youth bus trip to "March for Life" in May. Please bring all baked goods to the Church Hall 5-9p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Retrouvaille, a Catholic based programme, is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For info or to register, please call 416-281-6007. Upcoming weekend April 25-27.

MASS INTENTIONS**Feb. 16-22**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Pietro Sarracini +Benedetto e Matilde Curtis +Nicola e Rosa Pileggi +Angelo Capobianco +Aldo e Letizia Berdusco +Fulvio Rosciardi +Defunti Giancola Famiglia +Joseph Crevier +Giuseppe Iacobelli +Maria e Carmine Canale +Ernesto e Silvana Vettese
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	In honour of St. Joseph
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Alice Turner
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Ann Joseph +Charles Sparkes +Members of the Paxton Family
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Eileen Mary Duffy +Paul Melotte +Earl Fernandes +Teodoro Lima +Apolonario & Maxima

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, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

2014 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY on March 1st from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Toronto Metro Convention Ctr North Bldg. For tickets or info, please call (416) 251-4255 or Sadie at (905) 270-2510.

THE 5TH DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE on **Saturday, April 12th. Calling ALL Girls on Friday, April 11.** This program has been created especially for girls(14-18 years) and their moms! The program runs from 7pm-10pm. For copies of our brochure, please call **905-279-7702**, or email dynamicwomenfaith2014@yahoo.com

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