

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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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: 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

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wed. 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Thursday at 7:30 pm

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Schools

St. Anne	905-883-0311	St. Charles Garnier	905-884-0223
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**St. Mary Immaculate Parish
Revenue and Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Offertory	727,703	794,393
Miscellaneous Income	82,186	62,853
Total Revenues	809,889	857,246
Expenditures		
Salaries & Benefits	467,290	475,134
Diocesan Assessments	114,021	155,958
Church Operating Expenses	280,776	312,871
Repairs and maintenance	65,839	164,373
Purchase of assets	26,582	73,304
Total Expenditures	954,508	1,181,640
Special Diocesan Collections Note 1	282,729	221,185
Transfers to Chancery	(282,729)	(221,185)
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Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	(144,619)	(324,394)
21 Dunlop St - Net Rental	84,251	167,180
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	\$ (60,368)	\$ (157,214)

Note 1

Special Diocesan Collections	\$	\$
ShareLife	155,482	160,688
Shepherd's Trust	100,513	20,231
Mission Co-Op	12,844	24,452
Other Miscellaneous Collections	13,890	15,812
	\$ 282,729	\$ 221,183

The significant increase in the Shepherd's Trust is the result of an Estate settlement which provided a donation of approximately \$83,000 to the Shepherd's Trust.

Statistical Information as of December 31, 2009

Number of registered Parishioners / Families	6,474
Number of registered Parishioners / Families with Offertory Envelopes	1,540
Number of registered Parishioners / Families who use Offertory Envelopes	800

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

To all our parishioners who financially support our church, my sincere appreciation and gratitude to you. Because of your generosity, we were able to meet the regular needs of our parish community. To those who currently do not support the church but can afford to do so, I appeal to you to please consider regular contributions.

Fr. Bob Reddy

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

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND will take place on the weekend of March 6/7. Please bring your bundles to the truck on these days only. Your gently used items will be greatly appreciated, but please, no computers. Thank you for your continued generosity

THE TRANSFIGURATION

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by Himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of His departure, which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers Him and a voice from heaven says: "This is My Son, My Chosen; listen to Him!"

For a moment Jesus discloses His divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that He will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into His glory". Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."

You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #554-555

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

PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION Following the 9:00 a.m. Sat. Mass on March 6th, the Recollection will include a Conference on "The Sacrament of Penance", Divine Office and Confessions. We will end at noon with the Angelus. Refreshments will be served by the CWL during the break.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Catholic men of the parish who would like to become members of the Knights are asked to drop off the prospect cards in the basket at the entrance of the Church. More cards and brochures are also available.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER all are invited to attend the Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 5th at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 10030 Yonge Street.

2^a di Quaresima - 28 febbraio 2010

Siamo invitati a salire il monte della Trasfigurazione per riuscire a intravedere qualcosa della gloria del Signore risorto, per avere il coraggio e la forza di percorrere il cammino quaresimale con decisione, anche nei momenti di tribolazione e di sofferenza, quando il cammino conduce verso il Calvario e la croce. Il cammino della quaresima che ci viene proposto è il cammino dell'amore. Dobbiamo imparare a trasformare la nostra vita in obbedienza a Dio o – che è lo stesso – dobbiamo imparare a trasformarla in amore. Ma guai a chi si illude che la trasformazione della vita in amore sia una cosa facile o gradevole. In certi momenti è certamente gradevole: ci sono per fortuna delle consolazioni del Signore; ma la trasformazione della nostra vita in amore si chiama croce. È nel momento della croce che Gesù Cristo ha donato tutto e quindi ha trasformato tutto in amore. Questo lo dobbiamo mettere in conto; non dobbiamo lasciarci spaventare da quello che nella croce c'è di pesante, faticoso e di spaventoso per noi. L'unico modo per non essere spaventati è riuscire un poco a intravedere la gloria di Cristo, la bellezza del Signore anche dentro alla sua sofferenza.

"È bello per noi stare qui". Succede anche a me: quando leggo le Scritture e arrivo a capire spiritualmente qualcosa di grande, non voglio più distaccarmene, non ho più voglia di scendere verso cose più basse; la mia volontà è fare del mio cuore un tabernacolo per Cristo, la Legge e i Profeti. Eppure Gesù, che è venuto apposta in questo mondo per salvare ciò che era perduto, che è venuto a salvare non i santi, ma le persone in difficoltà. Gesù sa che anche se l'umanità se ne sta sul monte, non potrà salvarsi a meno che ridiscenda in basso" (Girolamo, *Omelia su Marco* 6).

"Che meraviglia che la sua faccia sia diventata come il sole, se egli è il Sole? Era il Sole, ma nascosto sotto una nube: rimossa la nube, ecco che splende. Che cos'è questa nube che viene rimossa? Non proprio la carne, ma la debolezza della carne che viene rimossa per un istante. Nube che cela lo splendore divino, leggera, sollevata anch'essa agli eterni splendori. Oggi, sebbene coperta da questa nube di carne, la luce che illumina ogni uomo ha manifestato il suo splendore, glorificando anche la sua carne e mostrandola deificata agli apostoli e, attraverso gli apostoli, a tutto il mondo (Pietro il Venerabile, Sermone 1)."

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. È 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. 28 – Mar. 6**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	†Benedetto Baccilieri †Antonio Peccia †Pasqualina & Domenico D'Agostini †Angelo Miniardi †Gabriel Magnotta †Caterina Maria Boragina †Francesco Furlanetto †Dec. Members of the Morra Family † Holy Souls in Purgatory
MON.	8:00 a.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Grm
	7:00 p.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	†Camillo Di Cesare †Gabriel Magnotta †Sigismondo Posa †Holy Souls in Purgatory In Honour of St. Joseph Special Intention Intentions of SMI priests
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	†Niko Dilorio
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	†Lorenz Nagy
	7:00 p.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Spec. Int. of Earl Fernandez Special Intention Intentions of SMI priests Intentions of our Holy Father
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary †Mary Watts †Dec. Members of the Paxton Family †Stefan Bazazic †Fong Ka Ming Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests Intentions of our Bishops

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

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH One Day Lenten Event on Saturday, March 6th from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Airport Hotel, 801 Dixon Road. Topics include: "Is Money All that Matters?" "But Mom EVERYBODY has ONE!" "Medical Consequences of Contraception" "Overcoming Personal Obstacles." "How to be Happy" For info, please call Dorothy @ 905 279-7702 email info@dorothypilarski.com or register online at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

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