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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
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 & 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

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 8:00 pm

Schools

St. Anne	905-883-0311	St. Charles Garnier	905-884-0223
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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13th. We should give some consideration to our Lenten penance and practices as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Triduum.

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 begins with its discipline of fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, February 13th. **Holy Mass and distribution of ashes at 8:00 a.m. (English); 12:00 p.m. (Italian); 7:00 p.m. (English).** 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 main meal. **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 penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

PARISH HYMNALS The readings for Sunday Mass are found in these books. **Please note that these have been dedicated to the service and glory of God in the Sacred Liturgy. They should not be given to children as toys. Some books have been defaced; used as scribblers by little children. This is highly disrespectful to the memory of the person(s) to whom these books were dedicated.**

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:
Holy Souls in Purgatory

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 5th, St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr. St. Agatha was martyred in Catania, Sicily in the year 251. Her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday, Feb. 6th St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs. The Japanese Martyrs were killed for the Faith in Nagasaki in 1597. St. Paul Miki was the first Japanese priest, a Jesuit.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION

If your child has not gone to an interview with Fr. Bob, please call the office to book your Saturday appointment, upon which your choice of First Communion date will only be confirmed.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Please note that if you have submitted your child's Confirmation registration forms but have not received an email, please call the parish office.

1. **SEMINAR SESSION DATES** (only the confirmandis are required to attend. No need to call to register as attendance will be taken at the sessions.)
 1. **SESSION 1 MAKE-UP:** Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. (Approx. 45 mins.)
 2. **SESSION 2 MAKE-UP:** Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. (Approx. 1 hr. Confirmation dates choices will be asked at this time.)
2. **CONFIRMATION DATES** (will ONLY be confirmed upon completion of the Baptismal project &, necessary paperwork, Seminar 1 & Seminar 2 session attendance)
 - Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
3. **CONFIRMATION CATECHISM CLASSES** are on Mondays at 6-7 p.m. The remaining dates Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 4 and 25. **Attendance is a must for those who do NOT attend schools in our boundary** (Corpus Christi, Fr. Henri Nouwen, St. Anne, St. Charles Garnier, St. Mary Immaculate) **and Catholic private schools:** De La Salle College, Hawthorn, Northmount, St. Michael's, and St. Thomas of Villanova. **Attendance will be taken at these classes.**

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. The 2nd Psalter (taken from *Our Lady's Psalter*) will be prayed on Wednesday, February 6th.

LEGION OF MARY

meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The Legion is an international lay movement whose active members assist the Parish Priests in looking after the spiritual needs of the Parish. New members are welcome. If any parishioners would like to receive the pilgrim statue of Our Lady into their house for family consecration & enthronement, please call the Parish Office and the Legion members will be happy to arrange this.

SUNDAY MISSALS A limited number of Sunday Missals are available for purchase in the Parish Office. If interested, please come to the Parish Office during regular office hours.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND 2ND COLLECTION is this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS If you are interested in joining us, please call Steve at (905) 508-2685.

COINS FOR LIFE Did you know that there have been over 3 million recorded abortions in Canada since 1969? **As a Lenten initiative**, we encourage everyone to fill a 'Coins for Life' box with their loose change by taking a 'Coins for Life' box. These boxes are at the back of the church next weekend and the coins will be collected on Divine Mercy weekend. Make Coins for Life a family project, share it with your friends, and bring the box to school and work. Remember that your small change can lead to a BIG change in Canada. Thank you for your contribution and for spreading the message on behalf of those who have no voice – the unborn. Above all, please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. Please visit www.coinsforlife.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) BAKE SALE will take place next weekend after all the Masses to benefit the youth attending March for Life and the SMI Bldg. & Maintenance Fund (towards the Church Hall kitchen renovation). Donations of baked goods are most welcome! Please bring to the Church Hall on Friday, Feb. 8th after 5 p.m. or Saturday, Feb. 9th after 9 a.m.

CWL GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday, Feb. 12th beginning with Holy Mass at 7 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us and get to know our mission, goals, initiatives, spiritual & educational events.

2013 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. 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.** Please note that envelopes 1701 & above have been reassigned. You can find out your new number by looking at the sheet on the wall. **Church support is a precept of the Church undertaken with gratitude to God for His blessings.**

OUR LADY'S PSALTER: The Rosary of the Mystery of Christ, A More Ancient Way of Praying the Rosary by Fr. Marco Testa is available at the Parish Office. This is reminiscent of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, contains the oldest rosary clausulae in Latin and their English counterparts. This ancient form of the Rosary is eminently suited to the observance of the Year of Faith.

AVVISO

1. Lunedì, 4 febbraio, a mezzogiorno, si celebra la S. Messa in suffragio dell'anima di don Luigi Galanti in occasione del primo anniversario della sua morte. Dopo la celebrazione, ci si incontra in sala per un potluck pranzo in occasione del compleanno di P. Piero. Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210).

PASTORAL PLAN Cardinal Thomas Collins has promulgated the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto. To coincide with the launch of the plan, this weekend we are distributing a summary of the document, an important resource that will help guide our faith journey for years to come. All Catholics are encouraged to pray and discern how each one of us can contribute to the overall goals of the plan, living a faith that acts in all that we do. Visit www.archtoronto.org/pastoral to access the full plan

RECONCILIATION, EUCHARIST & STEWARDSHIP Join Cardinal Collins for a reflection on the Year of Faith at St. Patrick's Church, Markham from 7:30 – 9:00 pm on Monday, Feb. 4th.

ST. FRANCIS CTR FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES invites you to a one day retreat on Saturday, March 23rd for reflection and the sacraments in preparation for Holy Week 2013. Fr. Pierre Farrugia ofm is the retreat director. Please call 519-941-1747 or email stfranciscentre@rogers.com for booking or info.

ROSE OF SHARON 2nd Biennial Gala, An Evening of Hearts & Roses on Feb. 9th at the Manor Event Venue, Carrying Place, Kettleby. For info, please visit www.therose.ca or call our office at 905-853-5514.

"HEART OF GOLD" 7TH ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER / DANCE 'GALA' on Saturday Feb. 16. Blue Veil Charity/Sara Elizabeth Centre will be hosting its 7th annual Gala at DaVinci Banquet Hall (Hwy 7 in Vaughan). Funds raised will help meet the expenses incurred in running year round inclusive "arts" based youth programs which serve the needs of youth who have developmental and/or physical disabilities. Dinner, open bar, live entertainment, DJ and dancing, door prizes and incredible raffle prizes. Tickets: \$100 can be ordered through mail or online. Info: Cris Smith @ 416-747-9796 www.blueveil.org

PRAYER

Eternal Father we humbly offer Thee our poor presence and that of the whole of humanity from the beginning to the end of the world at all the Masses that ever have or ever will be prayed. We offer Thee all the pains, suffering, prayers, sacrifices, joys and relaxations of our lives, in union with those of our dear Lord Jesus here on earth. May the Most Precious Blood of Christ, all His blood and wounds and agony save us, through the sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS**Feb. 3 - 9**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe & Alberto Giancola +Margherit Ziricino Special Intention +Antonio Vincenzo & Tony Cosentino +Giuseppe & Giuseppina Petitti +Antonia & Michele Chimienti +Michele & Camilla Fedele
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Raffaele Spagnuolo
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Lily Chan
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Kathleen Brannigan
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph +Orfeo Fraccaro & Family Le anime del purgatorio
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Brookelynn Brunetta
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Fr. Gordon Elliott Special Intention +John Bosco Choi +Francesco Vernioia +Eunice akosa +Camillo Di Cesare +Francesco, Maria & Vincenza Panacci
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Fr. Gordon Elliott Special Intention +Patrick & Winifred Burke +Nemesio Licarte +Thomas Aquinas Lee Spec. Int. of Frank Cutrara


PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Rory Burke, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Manuela Clement, Moira Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, 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, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Giuseppe Renda, Todd Santaguida, Wolfgang Saul, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

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