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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

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#### MARRIAGE IN GOD'S PLAN

Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

"The intimate community of life and love which the married constitutes state has established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its own proper laws.... God Himself is the author of marriage." The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. "The wellbeing of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."

God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is Himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: "And God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it."

Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," i.e., his counterpart, his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord Himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1602,-1605.

#### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr. St. Agnes is a martyr of the early Church of Rome. Devotion to her spread rapidly as a model of fidelity and loyalty to the Faith exhibited at so young an age. Her name is listed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

**'VOCATION SEEDS'** Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.

#### WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Christian Joseph Balsamo, Glenfall O'Riley Joshua Lewis III, Camryn Amanda Perry, Adriano Sarro

2010 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up. Envelopes are organized alphabetically. For the parishioners who put their donations in previous year's envelopes, plain envelope and/or use loose cheques week after week, please help us record your donation in our accounting system by getting a box of envelopes which will be your envelope number to use. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please sign the sheet located near the envelopes and a box will be prepared for you. Church support is a precept of the Church undertaken with gratitude to God for His countless blessings. "In generous spirit, pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold" (Sirach 35:7-10).

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE Please note that in the course of the year, we need to have 4 second collections to help us pay for the repairs and maintenance of this Church and of our building next door. The most immediate items that need our attention are: repairs of the washrooms downstairs, carpets in the Church, stained glass windows in the choir loft, soffit and eaves troughs, pothole repairs in our parking lot, exterior lighting of the Church, kitchen in the hall, handicap accessibility for the hall, doors at all entrances of the Church, re-pointing bricks & stones in the Church and rectory, security system for the Church, carpets and airconditioning/heating unit in the other building. Your generosity is much appreciated.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Florence Delaney, Maria Kappeli

"THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US" (2 Cor. 5:14) Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover whether He is calling you to the priesthood. At St. Augustine's Seminary on Feb 5-7, there will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming Christ's disciple through the priesthood.

# SHARELIFE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF Those wishing to help through a financial contribution, may do so by making out a cheque to Sharelife-SMI-Haiti relief. ShareLife does not apply any admin fees to humanitarian relief contributions, ensuring as much money as possible is directed toward those in crisis.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION begins on Jan. 18 in our Catholic Schools or at the Catholic Education Centre. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools where we emphasize academic success and spiritual growth. Please check the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE MASS on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street, Toronto. Please join us in celebrating the vocation and witness of these special people who are such a vital part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY needs volunteer drivers urgently to take cancer patients to the hospital for treatment. If you have a car and some time to spare, please call the Richmond Hill Unit office at 905-770-1144.

**SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES** is available to help if you feel guilty or depressed about an abortion you had or encouraged someone to have. You can speak to Fr. Vince Heffernan at 416-261-7135 or Mrs. Angelina Steenstra at (905) 430-7990.

VILLANOVA COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE You are cordially invited to attend our winter Open Hose on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Monday, February 1, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. As York Region's only independent Catholic School, villanova college offers an enriched academic programme from grade five to university admissions, focusing on the development of the whole child through the teachings of the Catholic Church and an extensive co-curricular program. Please join us at our Open House or visit our website at <a href="www.villanovacollege.org">www.villanovacollege.org</a>. For info, please call the Admissions Office at 905-833-1909 x 367 or email <a href="mailto:info@villanovacollege.org">info@villanovacollege.org</a>.

#### 17 gennaio 2010 - 2ª del tempo ordinario Giornata mondiale dei migranti e rifugiati

"Che c'è tra me e te. o donna? L'ora mia non è ancora venuta. Però, dopo che ebbe risposto così, Gesù compì proprio quello che gli aveva chiesto la madre. Questa espressione ricorre anche in altre circostanze. Qual è il significato? Cristo non era soggetto alle leggi del tempo, e come avrebbe potuto l'autore del tempo, il creatore delle ere e dei secoli subire tale necessità? Esprimendosi in questo modo vuole solo farci intendere che egli compie ogni cosa a tempo opportuno (Giovanni Crisostomo, Commento al vang. di Gv)."

"Quando si celebrano nozze, naturalmente purché siano caste e oneste, di sicuro è presente la Madre del Salvatore, ma lui stesso viene con i suoi discepoli se è invitato, e non tanto per prendere parte al banchetto quando per compiere il miracolo, e inoltre per santificare

il principio stesso della procreazione, che di sua natura è cosa che concerne la carne (Cirillo di Alessandria, Commento al vang. di Gv)."

"Tu hai stabilito con il tuo popolo un patto nuovo, perché in Cristo, morto per la nostra redenzione, gloriosamente risorto, l'umanità diventi partecipe della vita immortale e coerede della gloria dei cieli. Nell'alleanza tra l'uomo e la donna ci hai dato l'immagine viva dell'amore di Cristo per la sua chiesa, e nel sacramento nuziale riveli il mistero ineffabile del tuo amore (prefazio I del matrimonio)."

#### **AVVISI**

- 1. Vi si ricorda che sono disponibili le buste per le offerte per il nuovo anno.
- Per il 6 febbraio, vi si invita a partecipare, con don Andrea, ad una cena di polenta e baccalà; i proventi saranno usati per ripari alla chiesa. Chiamate Antonietta Ciufetta (905-737-4053) o Antonietta Miniaci (905-737-3210) per informazioni e biglietti.
- E' 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		Jan. 17-23
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Beniamino Caranci
		+Filomena Galle
		+Giuseppe lacobelli
		+Angelo Migniardi
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Joe Grm
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Rita Nazareth
	7:00 p.m.	+Giovannie Mario Troiano
	•	Spec. Intention of Antonio
		Cosentino
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
		In Honour of St. Joseph
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Stella Regina Faria
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
		+Albina & Frank Resentera
		+Venancia Tameta
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of SMI priests
		Intentions of our Holy Father
		For an increase in holy
		vocations
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In Honour of the Immaculate
		Heart of Mary
		+Joseph Andrade
		+Libera Mastro
		+Maria Kappeli
		+Venancia Tameta
		+Venancia Lameta

#### REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

#### PRAYER FOR TORONTO DIOCESAN PRIESTS

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to nothing all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things. I ask You, Jesus, for a special blessing and for light for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime. Amen. (St. Faustina)

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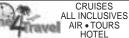
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