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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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GOD, "HE WHO IS," IS TRUTH AND LOVE

God, "HE WHO IS", revealed Himself to Israel as the one "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness". These two terms express summarily the riches of the divine name. In all His works God displays, not only His kindness, goodness, grace and steadfast love, but also His trustworthiness, constancy, faithfulness and truth. "I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness." He is the Truth, for "God is light and in Him there is no darkness"; "God is love", as the apostle John teaches.

In the course of its history, Israel was able to discover that God had only one reason to reveal Himself to them, a single motive for choosing them from among all peoples as His special possession: His sheer gratuitous love. And thanks to the prophets Israel understood that it was again out of love that God never stopped saving them and pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins.

God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for His people is stronger than a mother's for her children. God loves His people more than a bridegroom his beloved; His love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to His most precious gift: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

God's love is "everlasting": "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but My steadfast love shall not depart from you." Through Jeremiah, God declares to His people, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you."

But St. John goes even further when he affirms that "God is love": God's very being is love. By sending His only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed His innermost secret: God Himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and He has destined us to share in that exchange.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #214, 218-221.

"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. Please call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.

<u>'VOCATION SEEDS'</u> No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.



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., February 6th – Eucharistic Adoration
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

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 2nd, Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. Today's feast recalls the day that Jesus was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph and presented to God in accordance with the law. It was Simeon who acknowledged Jesus as the light to all the nations. On this day, candles are blessed during the celebration of Holy Mass. Anyone wishing to have candles blessed are asked to bring them today. Please note that there will be Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. as well.

Wednesday, February 3rd, St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr. St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. *The traditional blessing of throats will take place after Holy Mass*

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

First Friday of the Month We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 8 a.m. until just before the 7:00 p.m. Mass. "Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!" (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque) To ensure that there is at least one person present for each hour, please sign up on the sheets at the church entrances.

Saturday, February 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.

First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE Please note that in the course of the year, we need to have 3 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,
- replacement of carpet 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 Dunlop building.

4:30 PARISH MINISTRY TEAM first and second training sessions are on Sunday, Feb. 7th and Feb. 14th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. On the third Sunday, there will be additional training and a social.

2010 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church vestibule. Envelopes are organized alphabetically. 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.

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VILLANOVA COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE You are cordially invited to attend our winter Open House on Monday, February 1, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please join us at our Open House or visit our website at www.villanovacollege.org. For info, please call the Admissions Office at 905-833-1909 x 367 or email info@villanovacollege.org.

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Non c'è dubbio, dove la salvezza è donata, nasce e fiorisce nel cuore dell'uomo la gioia; e fiorisce lo stupore, la meraviglia. Ma nel leggere S. Luca ci si accorge che questa meraviglia ha qualche cosa d'ambiguo. Può essere buona, anzi è uno degli atteggiamenti fondamentali nella vita religiosa. Per vivere l'esperienza della fede bisogna sapere stupirsi; quando uno smette di stupirsi, smette di aprire il proprio cuore a quello che va di là delle cose, quindi perde la dimensione di trascendenza che nella fede è necessaria. Bisogna stupirsi. Ma lo stupore non sembra sufficiente perché qui la gente si stupisce ma non nel modo giusto, e Gesù la rimprovera con le parole che svelano il contenuto del cuore dell'uomo: "Di certo voi mi citerete il proverbio: Medico, cura te stesso. Quanto abbiamo udito che accadde a Cafàrnao, fallo anche qui, nella tua patria!" (Lc 4, 23). E vuol dire: in realtà quello stupore è per gli abitanti di Nàzaret l'attesa del miracolo che diventa pretesa, la trasformazione della salvezza di Dio in un beneficio materiale; invece di attaccarci a Dio, ci attacchiamo ai doni di Dio. I segni ci sono certamente dati ma solo come segni, piccole trasformazioni che rendono possibile la fede, ma che rimangono tanto piccole da lasciare spazio alla libera scelta dell'uomo. In Gesù ci è data la salvezza abbastanza chiaramente perché noi nell'amore di Dio possiamo credere; ma ci è data abbastanza oscuramente perché noi non siamo costretti a credere nell'amore di Dio. Quello che ci viene chiesto è un'adesione libera del nostro cuore. La salvezza non qualcosa di precostituito, è il dono di poter vivere liberi, è la forza di potere rischiare l'atto dell'amore. Non vuol dire: siccome siamo salvati, allora l'atto dell'amore per il prossimo non è più rischioso, non ci costa più fatica, non è più impegnativo. No, rimane impegnativo e rischioso. Solo ci viene dato il coraggio di rischiare.

AVVISI

- 1. Vi si ricorda che sono disponibili le buste per le offerte per il nuovo anno.
- 2. 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.
- 2. 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. 31 – Feb. 6
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	†Benedetto Baccilieri
		†Angelo Miniardi
		†Holy Souls in Purgatory
		†Gabriel Magnotta
		Intentions of our Holy Father
		Intentions of SMI priests
MON.	8:00 a.m.	†Sarojini & Gnana Pragasan
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	†Milan Grm
WED.	8:00 a.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	† Giuseppe Maria Boragina
		Family
		†Gabriel Magnotta
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
		In Honour of St. Joseph
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	†Raffaele Spagnuolo
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		†Special Intention of Earl
		Fernandes
		†Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of SMI priests
		Intentions of our Holy Father
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		†Charles & Joan Li
		†Carol Ann Ellis
		†Holy Souls in Purgatory

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Antonio Cosentino, Aldo Dell'erba, Nicole Ferrier, Steven

Intentions of SMI priests

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Our Lord does not come down from Heaven every day to line in a golden ciborium. He comes to find another heaven which is infinitely dearer to Him - the heaven of our souls, created in His Image, the living temples of the Adorable Trinity. -St. Therese of Lisieux

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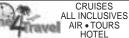
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