<u>St. Mary Immaculate Parish</u>

Established in 1857

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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

Weekdav 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

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 12:00 pm to 6:50 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

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 8:00 pm				
		Schools		
St. Anne	905-883-0311	St. Charles Garnier	905-884-0223	
St. Mary Immaculate	905-884-5381	Fr. Henri Nouwen	905-884-8086	
Corpus Christi	905-770-8713	St. Theresa of Lisieux High School	905-787-1407	
Counselling and Immigrant Services: Catholic Community Services of York Region Tel.: 905-770-7040 www.ccsyr.org				
Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery		Tel.: (905) 889-7467 www.catholic-	www.catholic-cemeteries.com	
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ABBA, FATHER!

Before we make our own this first exclamation of the Lord's Prayer, we must humbly cleanse our hearts of certain false images drawn "from this world." Humility makes us recognize that "no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him," that is, "to little children." The purification of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God. God our Father transcends the categories of the created world. To impose our own ideas in this area "upon Him" would be to fabricate idols to adore or pull down. To pray to the Father is to enter into His mystery as He is and as the Son has revealed Him to us.

We can invoke God as "Father" because *He is revealed to us* by His Son become man and because His Spirit makes Him known to us. The personal relation of the Son to the Father is something that man cannot conceive of nor the angelic powers even dimly see: and yet, the Spirit of the Son grants a participation in that very relation to us who believe that Jesus is the Christ and that we are born of God.

When we pray to the Father, we are *in communion with Him* and with His Son, Jesus Christ. Then we know and recognize Him with an ever new sense of wonder. The first phrase of the Our Father is a blessing of adoration before it is a supplication. For it is the glory of God that we should recognize Him as "Father," the true God. We give Him thanks for having revealed His name to us, for the gift of believing in it, and for the indwelling of His Presence in us.

We can adore the Father because He has caused us to be reborn to His life by *adopting* us as His children in His only Son: by Baptism, He incorporates us into the Body of His Christ; through the anointing of His Spirit who flows from the head to the members, He makes us other "Christs."

Thus the Lord's Prayer *reveals us to ourselves* at the same time that it reveals the Father to us.

The free gift of adoption requires on our part continual conversion and *new life*. Praying to our Father should develop in us two fundamental dispositions: **First**, *the desire to become like Him*: though created in His image, we are restored to His likeness by grace; and we must respond to this grace.

We must remember... and know that when we call God "our Father" we ought to behave as sons of God. You cannot call the God of all kindness your Father if you preserve a cruel and inhuman heart; for in this case you no longer have in you the marks of the heavenly Father's kindness. We must contemplate the beauty of the Father without ceasing and adorn our own souls accordingly. **Second**, a *humble and trusting heart* that enables us "to turn and become like children":for it is to "little children" that the Father is revealed.

[The prayer is accomplished] by the contemplation of God alone, and by the warmth of love, through which the soul, molded and directed to love Him, speaks very familiarly to God as to its own Father with special devotion.

Our Father: at this name love is aroused in us ... and the confidence of obtaining what we are about to ask. ... What would he not give to his children who ask, since he has already granted them the gift of being his children?44

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2779-2785

FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place from 6 – 7 p.m. during the months July and August.

WELCOME REV. FR. MARCO TESTA & REV. FR. PIETRO PAOLO GENNUSO! His Grace, Archbishop Collins has appointed Fr. Marco & Fr. Pietro Associate Pastors to our Church. Fr. Marco & Fr. Pietro will assume their duties in our parish on July 1st. Let us welcome the Fathers and keep them in our prayers.

VOCATION SEEDS' "You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Spirit leading you or someone you know to ministerial service? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997 or vocations@vocations.ca

NEEDLESS TO SAY that as we enter into the summer season, let us remember that the Church is God's house and that modest attire should be worn at all times in this sacred place. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1378 teaches us: "to prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required.... Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO DOES? Adults interested in becoming Catholics or deepening their faith are invited to call the Parish office for information about the RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults). The program will begin in the fall. Please call the office to register.

PLEASE NOTE Fortron Construction will start to waterproof the outside wall of the ladies' washrooms on June 30th. Construction should be finished by July 8th. Parishioners are asked to exercise caution when passing by the south side wall due to the machinery and construction taking place during this time.

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.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. For information, please call Roland at 905-780-8354.

TEOPOLI PILGRIMAGES Since 1977, Teopoli became a center for monthly pilgrimages from May to October. These pilgrimages have three strong moments of common prayer: the Holy Mass, the Stations of the Cross, and the Holy Rosary with Eucharistic Benediction. English Pilgrimages are June 26, July 31, Aug. 28, Sept. 10, Sept. 25. Italian Pilgrimages are: July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 2. *Please remember that these are days of PRAYER. All who come must participate in all the religious functions of the day.* For more information and / or bus reservations please contact Società Unita at info@teopoli.com or 416-243-7319.

JESUS FOR ME

Pope John Paul II reminds us in his homily at Fatima on May 13, 1982, that Jesus on the Cross gave Mary to each one of us as Our Mother. On the Cross also Jesus sacrificed Himself for our salvation. Today Jesus continues to offer Himself to the Eternal Father for our salvation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is the same sacrifice as the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

Holy Mass is the Sacrifice of the Cross. Only in Heaven will we understand what a divine marvel the Holy Mass is. No matter how much we force ourselves and no matter how holy and inspired we are, we cannot but stammer on this divine work which transcends men and Angels.

One day Padre Pio of Pietrelcina had been asked, "Father, please explain the Holy Mass to us." "My children," replied Padre Pio, "how can I explain it to you? The Mass is infinite like Jesus ... ask an Angel what a Mass is and he will reply to you in truth, 'I understand what it is and why it is offered, but I do not, however, understand how much value it has.' One Angel, a thousand Angels, all of Heaven, know this and think like this."

St. Alphonsus de Liguori came to affirm, "God Himself cannot bring about an action more holy and greater than the celebration of one Holy Mass." Why? Because the Holy Mass is, one could say, the synthesis, because the Holy Mass can be said to sum up the Incarnation and Redemption and contains the Birth, Passion and the Death of Jesus, mysteries which God accomplished for our sakes. The second Vatican Council teaches, "At the Last Supper, the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus initiated the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood, in order to continue the Sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until His return." (Sacrosanctum Concilium, The Constitution on the Liturgy, n.47) St. Thomas Aquinas, in an enlightening passage, wrote, "The celebration of the Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the Cross." For this reason, St. Francis of Assisi said, "Man should tremble, the world should vibrate, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest."

Taken from *Jesus our Eucharistic Love*, by Fr. Stefano Manelli

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"... Conoscere Dio è diverso da credere in lui... Chi si mescola o si unisce a qualcosa conosce questo qualcosa con cui si mescola o stabilisce una comunione, mentre prima di tale unione o comunione, per quanto ne comprenda le ragioni, non lo conosce veramente. E pertanto, quando Adamo parlando di Eva dice : 'Questo è osso delle mie ossa e carne della mia carne', egli non conosce ancora sua moglie. Infatti, quando si congiunse con lei, allora, è detto Adamo conobbe Eva, sua moglie (Gn 4.1). Se qualcuno però si scandalizzasse che abbiamo applicato alla conoscenza di Dio il paragone proveniente dalle parole 'Adamo conobbe Eva, sua moglie', allora in primo luogo tenga presente quel passo di Paolo che dice: Questo mistero è grande... (Ef 5.32) (..) Chi non ha affatto conosciuto il Padre non ha conosciuto il Figlio; infatti, il Figlio ha conosciuto il Padre e il servitore il signore. E se non è un'empietà dire che il Figlio non conosce il signore (essendo Figlio non ha sperimentato infatti il Padre come signore), così non sarà un'assurdità dire, a proposito del medesimo Dio, che al Figlio si addiceva conoscerlo come Padre, e al servitore come signore; il servitore non conobbe il Padre, né il Figlio il signore. Ora, in nessuna delle infinite preghiere sparse non soltanto nei Salmi, ma anche nei profeti e nei libri della legge, si trova mai l'appellativo di 'Padre' rivolto da qualcuno a Dio nella preghiera, forse perché il Padre non lo conobbero. Lo pregano come Dio, come Signore, in attesa di colui che effonde lo Spirito dei figli adottivi (Origene, Comm. A Gv 19.21-23, 27-28).'

"Cristo chiama a sé quelli che sono affaticati per le difficoltà della Legge e oppressi dai peccati del mondo. Promette di togliere loro la fatica e il peso, solo che si prendano su di sé il suo giogo, cioè che accolgano le prescrizioni dei suoi comandamenti. Andando a lui per il mistero della croce, poiché è umile e mite di cuore, troveranno ristoro per le loro anime. Egli offre la soavità di un giogo dolce e di un carico leggero, per dare ai credenti la scienza del bene che lui solo conosce nel Padre. E cosa è più dolce del suo giogo e più leggero del suo carico, che consiste nel diventare degni di approvazione, nell'astenersi dal male, nel volere il bene, nel rifiutare il male, nell'amare tutti gli uomini, nel non odiare nessuno, nel conseguire l'eternità, nel non lasciarsi prendere dal tempo presente, nel non voler recare a nessuno il danno che non si vorrebbe ricevere? (Ilario, Comm. a Mt 11.13)."

AVVISI

1. Diamo il più cordiale benvenuto al Rev. Pietro Paolo Gennuso, che oggi inizia il suo ministero presso di noi.

1. Venerdì, 1 luglio, solennità del Sacro Cuore di Gesù. La devozione al Sacro Cuore esprime il nostro amore per il nostro Salvatore. Celebreremo la festa con vespri solenni cantati alle 6.30pm, seguiti dalla S. Messa cantata in latino alle 7.00pm.

2. Pellegrinaggio a S. Anna dal 25 al 28 luglio; per informazioni, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210); pellegrinaggio a Teopoli, 14 agosto; chiamate Ezia (905-884-3896); pellegrinaggio a cinque nazioni, dal 5 al 22 settembre; chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210).

MASS INTENTIONS		July 3 - 9
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Giancola a
••••		defunti famiglia
		+Antonio & Filomena Di
		Pietrantonio
		+Vincenzo & Antonina Vento
		+Gaspare & Angela Santino
		+Maria Mascioli
		+Miriam Di Tomaso
		le anime del purgatorio
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Maria & Paolo Ditta
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Peter Luk & deceased
		family members
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph
		+Camillo Di Cesare
		+Patrick Traversa
		le anime del purgatorio
типре	9.00 a m	Intentions of our Holy Father +Deceased members of the
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Lie family
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving (Charles &
		Elizabeth Chittenden – 50th
		wedding anniversary)
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		Members of the Naughton Family
		+Vincenzo Bonfa
		+Joseph John
		Spec Int of Gerry &Lilly Van
		Hoorn
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary +Members of the Paxton
		Family
		Special Intention
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father
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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Esmy, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Richard Corbett, Mary D'Amato, James Davidson, Caterina & Dominic De Grano, Esmy, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Terry Jennings, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Domenico Pileggi, Todd Santaguida, Werner Schachatsiek, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass," -Padre Pio of Pietrelcina



