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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

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EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT On Fridays, we will have Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 12 noon until just before the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Divine Mercy Chaplet recitation is at 3:00 p.m. Benediction will take place just before 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH Friday, March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada and Patron of the Universal Church. A Solemn Sung Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. This tradition recalls St. Joseph's special care for the poor. Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert to the Parish Hall before Mass. To share our blessings with the poor, we will also be collecting food (rice, sugar, oil, and flour) to assist the **MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY** (Bl. Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters) in their apostolate to the poorest of the poor.

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

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Come and join us pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays in Lent in the Church at 3 p.m. for the intentions of priests.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT Our Parish Youth Group will be showing the movie, "**The Passion of the Christ.**" produced by Mel Gibson in the Parish Hall on Saturday March 20th at 7 p.m. Your questions about difficult to understand scenes will be answered by Fr. Steven after the movie. Tickets for the movie will be \$3 and can be purchased in the parish office. Drink and snacks will be sold for a reasonable price.

CHILE RELIEF Anyone wishing to help are asked to take an envelope and put "Chile Relief" on the envelope. Please also ensure that the cheque is made out to "ShareLife – SMI – Chile"

SHARELIFE A generous donor has pledged to match all new and increased gifts to the 2010 ShareLife campaign. Help us to maximize the impact of your gift to ShareLife this year. For information, please visit www.sharelife.org. **Our first ShareLife collection will be on the weekend of March 21st.**

USHERS are asked to attend a meeting on Monday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. If you are currently not an usher but would like to help us, please attend.

CWL GENERAL MEETING in the Conference room following the 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 22 Mass. Guest speaker Alla Toundas will speak on Women's Health Issues. All women of the parish welcomed.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY monthly meeting will be held on Wed., March 17th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in the works of the Society are invited to attend. New members are welcome.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER BOOKS (Liturgy of the Hours) are available in the Parish Office. Cost: \$40.

"Se potessimo contemplare le anime nella loro nuda verità, ci troveremo di fronte, qui in chiesa, allo stesso spettacolo che offrono gli eserciti dopo la battaglia: vedremmo alcuni che son morti, altri feriti. Vi prego e vi scongiuro allora: diamoci l'un l'altro una mano e cerchiamo di rialzarci. Io stesso infatti faccio parte dei feriti, ed ho anch'io bisogno di essere guarito. Ma non scoraggiatevi per questo: le ferite, benché gravi, non sono certo incurabili. Tale è il nostro medico: basta che ci accorgiamo di essere feriti, e anche se abbiamo toccato il fondo della malvagità, egli ci apre tuttavia molte vie di salvezza. (...) Anche se dunque avremo toccato il fondo della sventura, e ci troveremo nelle medesime condizioni di colui che dopo aver dissipato l'eredità paterna si riduceva a mangiare ghiande, troveremo completa salvezza nel pentimento.(...) Buono è infatti il Signore Dio. A lui basta unicamente questo: che il debitore dei diecimila talenti gli si getti ai piedi, che lo scialacquatore delle sostanze paterne ritorni e che la pecorella smarrita voglia essere ricondotta all'ovile (Giovanni Crisostomo, *Omelia su 1Cor 23.5*)."

"... Il ragazzo non torna indietro perché vuole bene a suo padre, ma perché in casa di suo padre si sta meglio di dove è adesso: quindi lo spinge la degradazione a cui è arrivato, e la speranza di migliorare la situazione. Non è ancora una grande conversione, però per noi è significativa, perché è quasi sempre la nostra conversione: torniamo perché stiamo male dove siamo, perché ci rendiamo conto della nostra perdita di dignità, di gioia, di speranza, di luminosità, e non perché vogliamo bene al Signore; ci rendiamo conto che la realtà del peccato è scomoda, allora si ritorna: è una piccola conversione. (...) La parabola è aperta, cioè finisce con le parole del padre; non dice quello che è successo dopo... ma a che scopo? Perché questa parabola è detta per gli scribi e i farisei, cioè per quelli che mormorano di Gesù: Gesù insegna loro come è il cuore di Dio e perché lui, Gesù, che rappresenta il cuore di Dio (perché Gesù è sulla terra l'immagine dell'amore per gli uomini), tratti così i peccatori e i pubblicani. La parabola è un invito a scribi e farisei perché facciano anche loro festa; se pubblicani e peccatori vanno ad ascoltare Gesù, invece di mormorare devono essere contenti, cioè anche loro partecipare alla gioia di Dio (L. Monari, *Vi annunzio una grande gioia* pp. 91-92, 95-96)."

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. 19 marzo, solennità di S. Giuseppe, patrono del Canada, celebriamo con una solenne S. Messa cantata alle 7pm. Seguirà un ricevimento in sala con la benedizione della Tavola di S. Giuseppe, che ricorda la cura del Santo per i poveri. Vi si invita a portare un dolce in sala prima della Messa. Per condividere i doni ricevuti con i poveri, si raccoglieranno doni di cibo (riso, zucchero, olio, farina) da donare alle Missionarie della Carità (le Suore della Beata Madre Teresa di Calcutta) per il loro apostolato ai più poveri.
3. Pellegrinaggi in programma: 30 maggio, Midland; 26 giugno: Fatima; 24-27 luglio: Sant'Anna; settembre: 5 nazioni; 25-26 settembre: Santi Medici; 3 ottobre: Teopoli. Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate Ezia (905-884-3896).

MASS INTENTIONS**Mar. 14-20**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	† Angelo Miniardi † Gabriel Magnotta † Lina Di Marco & Family † Caterina Maria Boragina † Corrado Russo † Lori Dalla Zuanna † Sabatino Di Giulio † Berardo & Maria Zuccarini † Holy Souls in Purgatory
MON.	8:00 a.m.	† Theodore Caldeira
	7:00 p.m.	† Raymundo & Benita Lapus
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	† Thanksgiving to the Holy
	7:00 p.m.	Family † Spec. Int. of Giancarlo Stalteri
WED.	8:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	† Giuseppe Iacobelli † Gabriel Magnotta † Vincenzo Curtis † Giuseppe de Vellis † Attilio & Armando Stirpe † 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.	† Fred Scholes
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus In Honour of St. Joseph † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Mark Escourse Special Intention Intentions of SMI priests Intentions of our Holy Father
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary † Libera Mastro † Aaron Theodorou † Dec. Members of the Naughton Family † Amir Gnanapragasam Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests

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