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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

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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

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

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Saturday morning at 9:00 am

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The Sanctuary at St. Mary Immaculate Parish

On Thursday, September 30, 2010, in the Archdiocese of Toronto, we celebrated the Feast of the Dedication of St. Michael's Cathedral. This annual Feast invites the faithful of the Archdiocese to recall our unity in faith under the guidance of our Archbishop, the Most Rev. Thomas Collins.

The Church of St. Mary Immaculate provides a similar point of focus and unity for our parish community. It is here that the faithful gather to celebrate the Sacraments of our Faith and especially to be nourished spiritually through the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass: to be instructed by the living Word of God, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood and to adore Him truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

After consultation with His Grace, Archbishop Collins, it was determined that the Sanctuary of our parish church be re-ordered in keeping with the dignity and holiness of the sacred rites celebrated and to restore the Blessed Sacrament to the centre of the Church, the rightful place for the Tabernacle. The generosity of two families has made this possible.

On Thursday, September 30th, during a Solemn Mass celebrated by our Pastor, His Excellency Bishop Pearse Lacey, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, blessed and dedicated the new Sanctuary furnishings.

The Pulpit: The new pulpit, the table of God's Word is of wood as is the base of the Altar, the table of the Eucharist. At the centre of the pulpit there is a dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit by whose inspiration the Sacred Scriptures were written. Adorning the altar are four statues of the Evangelists, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. These statues (which were graciously donated to the parish by Fr. Marco) represent the Evangelists by means of the traditional symbols associated with each one specifically: St. Matthew's symbol is a man because his Gospel emphasizes Christ's humanity and opens with His genealogy. St. Mark's symbol is a lion because it opens with the command, "Prepare the way for the Lord." St. Luke's symbol is a bull because early on the Gospel speaks of priestly duties and temple sacrifices. St. John's Gospel is symbolized by an eagle because of the lofty language of its opening verses.

The Altar has a marble top and in its centre is an opening called a *sepulchrum* containing two reliquaries; one with the relics of the St. John de Brebeuf, St. Gabriel Lalement and St. Charles Garnier, Canadian Martyrs. The other reliquary contains relics of the Apostles as well as relics of St. Agatha, and St. Albina, Virgin Martyrs of the early Church and a relic of St. Francis Xavier. These relics were reverently placed in the *sepulchrum* by Bishop Lacey who also anointed the Altar with sacred chrism. These rites consecrate the Altar of Sacrifice on which the elements of bread and wine become the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. These elements are beautifully represented by

wood carvings of wheat and grapes on the front of the Altar. At the centre of the altar's base is carved in Latin, "Et verbum caro factum est;" And the Word became flesh. Truly the word becomes Flesh on the Altar and this Word is Jesus Himself as the IHS monogram also on the altar base reminds us. IHS are the first three letters of JESUS in Greek.

Directly behind the Altar, in a place of honour, stands the tabernacle in which is kept the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood. The Tabernacle is the heart of the parish church where the faithful come to adore Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. This Tabernacle, which was in the old parish church built on this site in 1894, has been restored and refurbished.

At the centre of the stained glass diptych of the Annunciation is the great Crucifix, a reminder that the Church preaches Christ Crucified. The Crucifix is a symbol of what both the Altar (during the Sacred Liturgy) and the Tabernacle (after Mass) contain: the Body and Blood of our Saviour. The statue of the Risen Lord above the diptych completes the Mystery of the Redemptive Incarnation represented in the various symbols and sacred furnishings found in our Church Sanctuary. We are called to conform ourselves to the life and death of Jesus so that we may live the new life of the Resurrection.

Whenever the Sacred Mysteries are celebrated the work of our Redemption is renewed. May our reverent and devout participation in these Mysteries lead us to an ever deeper love of God and neighbour. May our lives be rooted in these Sacred Mysteries and bring forth in abundance the fruits of Christian holiness.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, Oct. 18, St. Luke, Evangelist. St. Luke, born of pagan parents, converted to the Faith and became a fellow worker of the Apostle Paul. He compiled a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. The poet Dante described Luke as "the scribe of the gentleness of Christ."

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

this Sunday. Please put your donation in the world Mission envelope and put it in the regular collection.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is grateful to our parishioners for their generosity. May God reward you for your generosity. We keep the needy and our benefactors in our prayers. Our next monthly meeting is on Wed., Oct. 20th at 6:30 p.m.

"THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US" 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 one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood on Nov. 5-7 at St. Augustine's Seminary. For information, please call 416-968-0997.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY

ROSARY The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces against the Muslim forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the 'arms' of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there. Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic (1170-1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians. The Dominican pope, St. {Pius V did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St. Pius V who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form.

Pope John Paul II called the rosary his favourite prayer in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

CONFIRMATION & 1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASS REGISTRATION is being taken up for students who are in private, public or Catholic Schools outside our boundary.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP invites everyone in the conference room after the Friday evening Mass to praise & worship our Lord.

YOUTH GROUP presents Antartica: Journey to the Last Great Wilderness on Earth on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

<u>CWL GENERAL MEETING</u> on Mon. Oct. 25th, mass at 7 p.m., meeting to follow in Conference Room. All women of our Parish are welcomed. Sat. Nov. 20th is the Parish Tea. Vendors wanting to book a table for a fee of \$20 can call Maura Moore at 905-737-9182.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE We are looking for volunteers who love Mother Mary and are willing to go into our Catholic Schools to pray the rosary with the students. Training will be provided. Please call Carole at 905-770-8584 or Mariella at 905-773-8650.

ST. ROBERT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1985 Reunion at the Delta Hotel, Markham on Saturday Oct. 23rd. Facebook "St. Robs Class of '85" Group. Email: st.robsclassof85@hotmail.com.

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"Ciò che Gesù chiede alla sua Chiesa è la custodia fedele del deposito rivelato

perché possa esercitare sulla terra questa intercessione potente a vantaggio di tutti gli uomini.

L'attesa perseverante infatti è la vera bellezza della Chiesa che attira la venuta di Gesù, suo Sposo e Salvatore del mondo."

Dice l'Apostolo: Siate sempre lieti, pregate senza interruzione. Ma chi può pregare sempre così e, senza venir meno o interrompersi, attendere alla preghiera e non prendere cibo o aver tempo per dormire? O bisogna dunque dire che prega sempre e non viene meno colui che non cessa ogni giorno di lodare e supplicare il Signore alle ore canoniche secondo il rito della tradizione della Chiesa con i salmi e le preghiere consuete e questo è ciò che diceva il salmista: Benedirò il Signore in ogni tempo, sempre la sua lode nella mia bocca (Sal 33). O certamente tutte le cose, che il giusto compie e dice secondo Dio, devono essere considerate come preghiera. Poiché infatti il giusto senza interruzione compie ciò che è giusto, per questo il giusto prega senza interruzione, né mai il giusto cessa dal pregare, se non cessa dall'essere giusto. ... Questa stessa vedova può portare l'immagine della Chiesa, che sembra sola fino a che non venga il Signore, che tuttavia anche ora nel segreto ha cura di lei. (Beda il Venerabile)"

"Il Signore esaudisce prontamente la fede che è stata messa a prova.

L'attesa di Dio non è dunque un ritardo, ma strumento per la purificazione dei cuori da parte del Padre che è impaziente di esaudire i suoi figli fedeli."

AVVISI

- 1. Si organizza l'evento, tanto caro a don Andrea, in favore dei bambini affetti da HIV. L'evento si terrà il pomeriggio di domenica, 14 novembre. Per biglietti, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210) o Rosa (905-731-9175).
- 2. Si organizza un pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa. Per informazioni chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210) o Ezia (905-884-3896).
- 3. Durante il mese di ottobre si recita il S. Rosario in chiesa, da lunedì a venerdì, alle 9am.

MASS IN SUN.	TENTIONS 9:30 a.m.	Oct. 17-23 † Gabriel Magnotta † Angelo Mignardi † Bruno Sposato † Deceased Members of the Morra Family † Giuseppe Iacobelli Holy Souls in Purgatory
MON. TUE. WED.	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Spec. Int. of Anna Ahlowalia In honour of St. Joseph † Gabriel Magnotta Deceased & the Intentions of
THURS.	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	the Mastroguiseppe family †Deceased Members of the De Luca & Piccolo Families † Alberto Perricciolo † Lucio Lippa Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests †Lynn Gallagher
rki.	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving (Rhoda Gumiacal) In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus In Thanksgiving (Dave & Vallet Nicholas) † Jose & Pablito Veloz
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	† Deceased of the Paxton Family †Alfons Wize † Anto Smiljcic Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI Priests In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary † Anita Waterhouse Special Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests

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Daniella Ballan, Henry & Olga Bisnath, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Esmy, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, James Davidson, Caterina & Dominic De Grano, Aldo Dell'erba, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, John LeClaire, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Francis Maurice, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Iolanda Perugino, Domenico Pileggi, Louis Pomeroy, Lana Ricci, Todd Santaguida, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Sandra

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