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*O give thanks unto  
the Lord for He is good:*



*for His mercy endureth forever.*

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PLEASE NOTE** that on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Holy Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and that the Parish Office is closed for the day.

**THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK**

**Friday, Oct. 15, St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor.** St. Teresa is the great reformer of the Carmelite Order. Her works of spirituality have merited for her the title of Doctor of the Church. She died in 1582.

**Saturday, Oct. 16, St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville.** On December 31, 1737, St. Marguerite and three companions committed themselves to serve the needy in Montreal. A year later, they began to live together in her house also to take in the destitute. Eventually, they came to be known as the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal. At her beatification in 1959, some 8000 in six autonomous congregations looked to her as foundress.

**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.** Born in 1647 in France, St. Margaret Mary joined the Sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial where she received the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through her, this devotion spread throughout the Church.

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

**DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO DOES?** For information, please call the Parish Office.

**FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** invites everyone to join them in the conference room after the Friday evening Mass to praise and 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.

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

**BIBLE STUDY** on Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. For information, please call Sylvia at 905-751-1035.

**“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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ROME** on Oct. 26 – Nov. 5 2010 for \$2375. Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Oswin Fernandes. For info, please call 416-731-1668.

**RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY** at 3 p.m. on the last Saturday of the month at the Holy Family Mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery. Everyone welcome.

**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CHURCH 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION** beginning in Nov. 13-21 in Polish and Nov. 27-28 in English. Please call 416-504-4643 or visit <http://stanislaw.ca> for information.

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD Evening of Worship and Eucharistic Holy Hour** on Tuesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**ST. ROBERT’S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1985 Reunion** at the Delta Hotel, Markham on Saturday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Facebook “St. Robs Class of ‘85” Group. Email: [st.robsclassof85@hotmail.com](mailto:st.robsclassof85@hotmail.com).

**28<sup>a</sup> del tempo ordinario - 10 ottobre 2010**

Preghiera Evangelium Vitae

O Maria,  
aurora del mondo nuovo, Madre dei viventi,  
affidiamo a Te la causa della vita:  
guarda, o Madre, al numero sconfinato  
di bimbi cui viene impedito di nascere,  
di poveri cui è reso difficile vivere,  
di uomini e donne vittime di disumana violenza,  
di anziani e malati uccisi dall'indifferenza  
o da una presunta pietà.  
Fà che quanti credono nel tuo Figlio  
sappiano annunciare con franchezza e amore  
agli uomini del nostro tempo il Vangelo della vita.  
Ottieni loro la grazia di accoglierlo come dono  
sempre nuovo,  
la gioia di celebrarlo con gratitudine in tutta la  
loro esistenza  
e il coraggio di testimoniarlo  
con tenacia operosa, per costruire,  
insieme con tutti gli uomini di buona volontà,  
la civiltà della verità e dell'amore  
a lode e gloria di Dio creatore e amante della vita.

Giovanni Paolo II

“La fede è la sorgente della preghiera.” (S. Agostino)

“La preghiera è così potente sul cuore di Dio!  
Occorre pregare con perseveranza, senza scoraggiarsi, anche se dovessimo morire senza essere esauditi.” (B. Elisabetta della Trinità)

## 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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Oct. 10-16**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** † Gabriel Magnotta  
† Angelo Mignardi  
† Giuseppe & Antonio  
Giancola  
† Palmo & Dora DiBlasio  
† Iolanda De Roehls  
† Domenico & Pasqualina  
D'Agostini  
†Pietro & Domenico  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Intentions of our Holy Father  
Intentions of SMI priests
- MON. 9:00 a.m.** † Holy Souls in Purgatory
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** † Mary Kramer
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** † Frances Teuma-Castelletti  
**7:00 p.m.** In honour of St. Joseph  
† Gabriel Magnotta  
Deceased & the Intentions of  
the Mastroguiseppe family  
†Cesare & Lodovina Gallone  
& Family  
† Pasquale & Rosa Tomassi &  
Family  
† Vincenzo Capoccelli  
† Giovanni Volpe  
† Alberto Perriciolo  
† Giuseppe Giusti  
†William Benazzi  
†Domenico Lippa
- THURS. 8:00 a.m.** Spec. Int. of Arcadia Mendoza
- FRI. 8:00 a.m.** †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**7:00 p.m.** In Reparation to the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus  
† Gladys de Souza  
† Henry Sekora  
† Deceased of the Naughton  
Family  
†Deceased of the Madden &  
Winton Families  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Intentions of our Holy Father  
Intentions of SMI Priests
- SAT. 9:00 a.m.** In honour of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary  
† Libera Mastro  
† Angelina Colavecchia  
†Maria Russano  
† Francesco Naccarato  
Special Intention  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Intentions of our Holy Father  
Intentions of SMI priests

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