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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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Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Friday at 7:30 pm Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'

Jesus uses this argument going on behind His back to teach His disciples about how authority should be exercised in His Church – not by lording it over others, but by serving them. In fulfilling His own mission to found the Church whose head and supreme lawgiver He is, He came to serve and not to be served (Mt. 20:28).

Anyone who does not strive to have this attitude of self-forgetful service not only lacks one of the main pre-requisites for proper exercise of authority but also runs the risk of being motivated by ambition or pride. "To be in charge of an apostolic undertaking demands readiness to suffer everything, from everybody, with infinite charity" (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 951).

To demonstrate to His Apostles the abegnation and humility needed in their ministry, he takes a child into His arms and explains the meaning of this gesture: if we receive for Christ's sake thosw who have little importance in the world's eyes, it is as if we are embracing Christ Himself and the Father who sent Him. This little child whom Jesus embraces represents every child in the world, and everyone who is needy, helpless, poor or sick....

The Navarre Bible, The Gospel of Mark, p. 132-3



The Spirituality of St. John Marie Vianney, the Curé of Ars

St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill, invites you to a series of Monthly Recollections marking the Year of the Priesthood to be held on the first Saturday of the month. Following the 9:00 a.m. 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 at the end of this year, 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., October 3rd - The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Sat., Nov. 7th- Atonement, Reconciliation & Penance Sat., December 5th - The Sacred Liturgy Sat., February 6th – Eucharistic Adoration

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, September 21st, St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist. The account of Matthew's conversion from a life of sin as a publican contains the invitation that Jesus wishes to each of His followers: "Follow Me." His gospel, considered the first to have been written, was the favourite Gospel of the early Church.

Tuesday, September 23rd, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25 1887. At a very young age, he dedicated his life to God. He was ordained in the year 1910 and lived most of his life as a Capuchin friar in San Giovanni Rotondo. He became famous for his piety and for the visible wounds of Christ on his body. He died in 1968.

Saturday, September 26th, St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs. St. Isaac Jogues and Companions were the first North American martyrs officially recognized by the Church. They suffered greatly for the Church and the Faith in the 1600's.

<u>'VOCATION SEEDS'</u> "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to religious life and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, please call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC? RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), our faith instruction program, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m., is for those who desire full communion with the Catholic Church through reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, or for those who wish to deepen their faith. Please call the office to register.

ATRIUM PROGRAMME (also known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) If you think your child (ages 3-7) will benefit from a "hands-on" approach, this program may be of interest to you. It is a Montessori approach to learning and experiencing our faith. Sessions begin at our Parish in October: Wednesday or alternate Saturday mornings. For information and registration or preregistration for next year (spots are limited), please call Anita at 905-508-9275.

ENGLISH & ITALIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS have resumed at 8 p.m. English choir is on Wednesdays and the Italian Choir is on Thursdays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION will be on September 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the church hall for grades 1-7 for students NOT attending a Catholic School. On registration date, \$35 for the first child, \$30 for the second child and \$20 for each additional children. After registration date, the fee is \$50, \$40, and \$30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are interested in joining this most rewarding ministry please call the parish office or email Margaret Gerritse at mmgerritse@hotmail.com.

<u>SHARELIFE:</u> The results of the 2009 campaign truly demonstrate the strength and unity of our Catholic community and reflect the generosity of our parishioners. Our total this year was \$148,580, \$36,420 shy of our goal. May God reward you for your generosity.

LIFE CHAIN is a prayerful, peaceful, witness to the evil of abortion and to sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. Please take a stand for the unborn and their mothers. Life Chain is for one hour, on one day of the year, on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2 to 3 p.m. at south Yonge/Major MacKenzie intersection and North Yonge/King Side Road intersection. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for Me." (Mt. 25:40).

BIBLE STUDY one book at a time (currently Luke's Gospel) on Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Sylvia at 905-751-1035.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are holding an "OKTOBERFEST" on the 3rd of October in the Parish Hall. Buffet dinner with a live German band "Euro Connection" and cash bar. \$35/person. Please support the Knights who in turn support our local charities. Tickets can be obtained from the church office at 905-884-1784, Alan Cook 905-884-9282 or Roland 905-780-8354. Tickets will also be sold at all entrances of the Church for the next 2 weeks.

<u>CWL</u> general meeting on Monday, Sept 28th, starting with Mass at 7 p.m. We will meet in the Conference Room after Mass. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

YOUTH GROUP will be holding a "Recruitment Weekend" after Mass on Sunday, September 19th. Interested youth, aged 16 and over, are encouraged to sign up at the entrance of the Church after Mass.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertisements make our bulletin possible. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Please call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

FR. HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY invites everyone to commemorate the 13th anniversary of Fr. Nouwen's death on Monday, September 21st at Sacred Heart Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Maureen at 905-884-0025x110 if you need info or directions.

"Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance."

-St. Augustine

20 settembre 2009 - 25^a del tempo ordinario

"Tutta la pratica della sapienza cristiana non consiste né in abbondanza di parole, né in abilità nel discutere, né in appetiti di lode e di gloria, bensì nella sincera e volontaria umiltà che il Signore Gesù Cristo ha scelto e insegnato con ogni mezzo, dal seno materno fino al supplizio della croce. Cristo ama l'infanzia e verso di lei orienta il modo di agire degli adulti; verso di lei riconduce gli anziani; egli attrae al suo esempio personale coloro che egli innalza al regno eterno. Se però vogliamo divenire capaci di capire come sia possibile pervenire ad una conversione così mirabile, e per quali trasformazioni si debba ritornare allo stato d'infanzia, lasciamo che sia san Paolo a istruirci, con le parole: Non siate come bambini nel modo di giudicare, siate invece bambini in fatto di malizia (1 Cor 14,20). Non si tratta perciò di tornare alle goffaggini degli inizi, bensì di riprendere da essa una cosa che si addice benissimo anche agli anni della maturità, cioè che svaniscano senza indugi le nostre agitazioni interiori e che ritroviamo rapidamente la pace; che non serbiamo ricordo delle offese; che non siamo minimamente avidi di dignità; che amiamo stare insieme serbando un'uguaglianza secondo natura (Leone Magno, Sermone VII)."

"Quello indicato da Gesù attraverso la figura del bambino, è il primato del servizio. Per servire e per entrare nel regno, è chiesto di diventare piccoli come bimbi: se non vi convertirete e non diventerete come fanciulli non entrerete nel regno dei cieli (Mt 18.3). Accanto a questo vi è però un altro possibile senso (particolarmente comprensibile per noi moderni): chi si trova nella condizione di aver diritto di essere servito (il bambino), è chiamato invece a servire. Il bimbo nel vangelo è simbolo del rovesciamento di chi da grande si fa piccolo, di chi, pur trovandosi nella posizione di essere servito, vuole invece servire. La presenza di Dio nel mondo è legata a questo rovesciamento. Ecco perché è richiesto di riconoscere nel servo e nel bambino la presenza di chi invia (Mc 9, 37). (...) Il primo e il più grande servitore nel suo farsi piccolo è Gesù stesso, il quale (come dice un frammento dell'apocrifo e perduto 'Vangelo dei Nazirei') "ha baciato i piedi a ognuno" (P. Stefani, Sia santificato il tuo nome B, 175-6)."

AVVISI

- 1. Si programmano pellegrinaggi in Terra Santa (13-23 novembre) ed a Teopoli (4 ottobre). Coloro che sono interessati possono chiamare Ezia (905-884-3896), Antonietta (905-737-3210), o Vittoria (905-883-1255).
- 2. Continua per i prossimi due mercoledì la presenza di don Andrea al Gruppo di preghiera per la sua serie di conferenze intesa ad aiutare lo sviluppo di una più intensa vita di preghiera.

MASS INTENTIONS		September 20-26	
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Le anime sante del	
		purgatorio	
		+Francesco Fiorentino	
		 + Dec. Members of the Morra family 	
		+ Francesco Capobianco	
		Intentions of SMI priests	
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the	
		Madden & Winton Families	
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Special Int. of Warren Lobo	
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Special Int. of Ida & Frank	
		Foch	
	7:00 p.m.	+Maria & Rinaldo Ciotola	
	•	+Mario Calce	
		+Valeria Bianchi-Ciaralli	
		+Fulvio Ciaralli	
		Holy Souls in Purgatory	
		Intentions of our Holy Father	
		Intentions of SMI priests	
		Suffering souls	
		In honour of St. Joseph	
		Special Intention	
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the	
		Paxton Family	
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Maria Ferreira	
	7:00 p.m.	+Antonio Sanginesi	
		+George Sternik	
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the	
		Immaculate Heart	
		+Adalard Angeles	
		+Felipe Larez	
		+Yolanda Taricano	
		+George Bronetto	
		Spec. Int. of Akhil Bijo	
		+Cecile Saad	
		+Adelina Sorichetti-Belli	
		Deceased Family & Friends	
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REMEMBER OUR SICK

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Daniella Ballan, Henry Bisnath, Zalina Bisnath, Stephanie Byrne, David Canivet, Peter & June Christoff, Manuela Clement, Antonio Cosentino, Aldo Dell'erba, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Ioannis Kourkoulakos, Macaria Margate, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Paul Melotte, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Esmy, Domenico Pileggi, Harry Rhynhold, Todd Santaguida, Therese Vincent, Sandra Weinholdt, Ted Zygmunt.

TAI CHI classes will resume on Tuesday, September 22nd for seniors 55+. 10 weeks for \$10. Beginners class is from 9-10:15 a.m. Ongoing class is from 10:15-11:30 a.m. For info, please call Mary Watts at 905-939-0834.

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