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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

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Friday at 7:30 pm

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“YOU ARE THE CHRIST.”

The word "Christ" comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew *Messiah*, which means "anointed". It became the name proper to Jesus only because He accomplished perfectly the divine mission that "Christ" signifies. In effect, in Israel those consecrated to God for a mission that He gave were anointed in His name. This was the case for kings, for priests and, in rare instances, for prophets. This had to be the case all the more so for the Messiah whom God would send to inaugurate His kingdom definitively. It was necessary that the Messiah be anointed by the Spirit of the Lord at once as king and priest, and also as prophet. Jesus fulfilled the messianic hope of Israel in His threefold office of priest, prophet and king.

Jesus' messianic consecration reveals His divine mission, "for the name 'Christ' implies 'he who anointed', 'he who was anointed' and 'the very anointing with which he was anointed'. The one who anointed is the Father, the one who was anointed is the Son, and he was anointed with the Spirit who is the anointing." His eternal messianic consecration was revealed during the time of His earthly life at the moment of His baptism by John, when "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power", "that He might be revealed to Israel" as its Messiah. His works and words will manifest Him as "the Holy One of God".

Many Jews and even certain Gentiles who shared their hope recognized in Jesus the fundamental attributes of the messianic "Son of David", promised by God to Israel. Jesus accepted His rightful title of Messiah, though with some reserve because it was understood by some of His contemporaries in too human a sense, as essentially political.

Jesus accepted Peter's profession of faith, which acknowledged Him to be the Messiah, by announcing the imminent Passion of the Son of Man. He unveiled the authentic content of His messianic kingship both in the transcendent identity of the Son of Man "who came down from heaven", and in His redemptive mission as the suffering Servant: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Hence the true meaning of His kingship is revealed only when He is raised high on the cross. Only after His Resurrection will Peter be able to proclaim Jesus' messianic kingship to the People of God: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #436, 438-440



The Priest - the Believer

The priest must be a believer, one who converses with God. If this is not the case, then all his activities are futile. The most lofty and important thing a priest can do for people is first of all being what he is: a believer. Through faith he lets God, the other, come into the world. And if the other is not at work, our work will never be enough; When people sense that one is there who believes, who lives with God and from God, hope becomes a reality for them as well. Through the faith of the priest, doors open up all around for people: it is really possible to believe, even today. All human believing is a believing-with, and for this reason the one who believes before us is so important. In many ways this person is more exposed in his faith than the others, since their faith depends on his and since, at any given time, he has to withstand the hard-ships of faith for them....

There is a mutual given-and-take in faith in which priests and lay people become mediators of the nearness of God for one another. The priest must also nurture the humility of such receiving in himself
....

The first "task" a priest has to do is to be a believer and to become one ever anew and ever more. Faith is never simply there automatically; it must be lived. It leads us into conversation with God which involves speaking and listening to the same degree. Faith and prayer belong together; they cannot be separated. The time spent by a priest on prayer and listening to Scripture is never time lost to pastoral care or time withheld from others. People sense whether the work and words of their pastor spring from prayer fabricated at his desk.

Pope Benedict XVI, from A New Song for the Lord, tr. by Martha M Matesich, NY: Crossroad Publishing Co., 1996, and quoted in Magnificat for Holy Thursday, March 24, 2005.

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), our faith instruction program, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 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.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, September 14th, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Today's feast commemorates the Veneration of the true Cross and celebrates the double anniversary of the finding of the Cross in September 326 and the dedication of the Churches built by the emperor Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary. **Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. Veneration of the relic of the Cross will take place after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.**

Tuesday, September 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows. Today, we commemorate the fidelity of Our Lady at the foot of the Cross and contemplate her compassion.

Wednesday, September 16th, St. Cornelius, Pope & Martyr, & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr. Martyrs of the third century who suffered both for the unity of the Church and the Faith.

'VOCATION SEEDS' "Who do people say that I Am?" Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood or religious life and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, please call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.

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 in October: Wednesday or Saturday mornings (9:30 –11 a.m.). For information and registration please call Anita at 905-508-9275.

ENGLISH CHOIR REHEARSALS starting Wednesday, September 23rd at 8:00 p.m.

ITALIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS starting on Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

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.

BIBLE STUDY one book at a time (currently Luke's Gospel) on Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Starting September 10th. For more information, please call Sylvia at 905-751-1035.

13 settembre 2009 - 24^a del tempo ordinario

"Per la Chiesa vi è un tempo di persecuzione e un tempo di pace, e il Redentore dà precetti diversi a seconda dei vari tempi. In tempo di persecuzione ordina di dare la propria vita; in tempo di pace, impone di dominare quei desideri terreni che più si rivelano prepotenti in noi. Quando cessa la persecuzione da parte dei nemici, è tempo di custodire più attentamente il cuore. Infatti, in tempo di pace, quando ci è concessa una vita quieta. Ci assalgono desideri smodati. È questo stato di avarizia che va tenuto a freno considerando attentamente la condizione di colui che viene assalito. In effetti, a che pro dovrebbe insistere nell'ammassare, chi non può rimanere quaggiù ad ammassare. La brevità del cammino è un rimprovero ai nostri desideri a lungo termine: è inutile infatti caricarsi di molte provviste, quando la meta cui si tende è vicina. Spesso può esser facile aver ragione dell'avarizia, ma ci arrestiamo poi davanti a qualche altro ostacolo, trascurando in pratica l'impegno verso la perfezione (...)."

"L'insegnamento nuovo di Gesù non concerne però solo la sua propria sorte, ma anche quella di chi si è messo al suo seguito. Seguire, infatti, è passare per la stessa via di chi si segue, è mettere i propri passi nelle orme dei piedi di Gesù. Se dunque egli cammina verso la morte, anche quelli che lo seguono fanno strada verso una morte, che non è banalmente la morte fisica: si tratta, dice Gesù, di "rinnegare se stessi, di prendere la propria croce... di perdere la propria anima a causa di Gesù e dell'Evangelo" (Daniel Attinger "Evangelo Secondo San Marco", Nuove Frontiere, 72-73)."

"Abbiamo riconosciuto il segno della tua immensa gloria quando hai mandato tuo Figlio a prendere su di sé la nostra debolezza; in lui nuovo Adamo hai redento l'umanità decaduta e con la sua morte ci hai reso partecipi della vita immortale (prefazio del tempo ordinario, III)."

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. Se l'estate vi ha ispirato voglia di cantare, vi si ricorda che le prove del coro sono ricominciate il giovedì sera; oltre ad un'esperienza importante di amicizia, la partecipazione al coro é occasione particolare di dare lode al Signore e di edificare la sua Chiesa.

3. Per sette mercoledì (settembre 9, 16, 23, 30; ottobre 21, 28; novembre 4), don Andrea guiderà il Gruppo di preghiera nel Seminario di Vita nello Spirito; chi desiderasse rinnovare la propria fede con questa pia pratica é invitato a partecipare.

MASS INTENTIONS**September 13-19**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Le anime sante del purgatorio +Giuseppe Giusti + Dec. Members of the Bocchicchio family + Dec. Members of the Montecalvo family + Dec. Members of the Bianco family +Tonya Marie D'Ambrosi +Antonio & Maria Facciolo +Anna Facciolo & Family +Adele Tollis
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. of Jocelyne and Desiree
	7:00 p.m.	For the people
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	In Honour of Our Lady
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Dec. Members of the Naughton Family
	7:00 p.m.	+Gino Colovecchia +Sara Di Biase Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests Suffering souls In honour of St. Joseph
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton
	7:00 p.m.	+Vincenzo Maio
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart +John Anderson +Michael Jurisich +Mario Azzoli Special Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Daniella Ballan, Henry Bisnath, Zalina Bisnath, Stephanie Byrne, David Canivet, Peter & June Christoff, Manuela Clement, Antonio Cosentino, Aldo Dell'erba, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Ioannis Kourkoulakos, Macaria Margate, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Paul Melotte, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Esmey, Domenico Pileggi, Harry Rhyhold, 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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