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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:00 p.m.
by appointment.

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St. Joseph's Morrow Park 416-393-5516

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THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, June 25 8:00 am
Special Intention

Tuesday, June 26 8:00 am
Marguerite & Gordon Churchill
(Deceased)
Requested by Gail Churchill & family

Wednesday, June 27 8:00 am
Bishop Colin Campbell (Deceased)
Requested by Patrick Campbell & daughters

Thursday, June 28 8:00 am
ST. IRENAEUS, Bishop, Martyr
Mary D'Souza (Deceased)
Requested by Aileen Brito

Friday, June 29 8:00 am
SOLEMNITY
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles
Lee Wai Chun (Deceased)
Requested by Melina

Saturday, June 30 9:00 am
James Francis Amyotte (Deceased)
Requested by the family



GRADUATION

We would like to congratulate the students of **Blessed Trinity School, St. Agnes School, Brebeuf College**

School and St. Joseph's Morrow Park on their graduations. May God bless and guide them as they continue in their studies.

Tour of St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica & Seminary London, Ontario, with Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy

This is going to be a day trip, **Wednesday, July 11, 2012** on a coach bus. Msgr. Sheehy will be celebrating the Holy Mass at the Cathedral. Cost is \$45.00, lunch included. If interested, please contact Camila at 905-763-7670.

Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreats – July 7th

Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd. - Saturday, July 7, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Join them for Adoration. Father Eugene D'Avella will speak on **"Be it done unto me according to Your will"**.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage at Regina Mundi

Magnificat invites individuals, groups and families to a pilgrimage at the Divine Mercy Oratory. All are welcome to participate in a prayer program of worship and praise, holy Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation, invocation to Mary Queen of the World, Way of the Cross, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Holy Eucharist, Benediction and healing on **Sunday afternoons in July and August**.

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012

Regina Mundi Retreat Centre is located at 19309 Warden Ave. Queensville, ON. For more information, please call 905-478-4264.

Catholic Cemeteries

Archdiocese of Toronto

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

An integral aspect of the ministry of Catholic Cemeteries is to provide for the spiritual needs of our families. This is their foremost celebration, along with 'All Souls' Day Mass in November. As part of the fulfillment of this commitment an Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed is celebrated each August close to the Feast of the Assumption. This year the 'Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed' will be held on **Wednesday August 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at the following cemeteries: Assumption, Mississauga; Christ the King, Markham; Holy Cross, Thornhill; Mount Hope, Toronto; Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge; Resurrection, Whitby; St. Mary's, Barrie.

Martyrs' Shrine

In Ontario, Canada, just east of Midland, on Highway 12, twin spires rising above the treeline welcome visitors to historic Martyrs' Shrine. The Shrine honours the eight Jesuit saints who lived, worked and died here some 380 years ago. The grounds, including the famous Shrine Church and 75 pleasantly landscaped acres, invite you into prayer and tranquility. Come and learn about the Jesuit missionaries, Jean de Brébeuf, Gabriel Lalemant, and their companions who were responsible for bringing Christianity to Canada over 380 years ago!

The Shrine is open from 8:30 am – 9:00 pm - daily.
For more information call 705-526-3788 or
Email: shrine@jesuits.ca

Weekday Masses (peak season July & August)

9:00, 10:30, 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm

Weekend Masses: 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm



**SOLEMNITY
THE NATIVITY OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
Sunday, June 24, 2012**

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, Today, 24 June, the liturgy invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist, whose life was totally directed to Christ, as was that of Mary, Christ's Mother.

John the Baptist was the forerunner, the "voice" sent to proclaim the Incarnate Word. Thus, commemorating his birth actually means celebrating Christ, the fulfillment of the promises of all the prophets, among whom the greatest was the Baptist, called to "prepare the way" for the Messiah (cf. Mt 11: 9-10).

All the Gospels introduce the narrative of Jesus' public life with the account of his baptism by John in the River Jordan. St Luke frames the Baptist's entrance on the scene in a solemn historical setting.

My book *Jesus of Nazareth* also begins with the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, an event which had enormous echoes in his day. People flocked from Jerusalem and every part of Judea to listen to John the Baptist and have themselves baptized in the river by him, confessing their sins (cf. Mk 1: 5). The baptizing prophet became so famous that many asked themselves whether he was the Messiah. The Evangelist, however, specifically denied this: "I am not the Christ" (Jn 1: 20).

Nevertheless, he was the first "witness" of Jesus, having received instructions from Heaven: "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit" (Jn 1: 33).

This happened precisely when Jesus, after receiving baptism, emerged from the water: John saw the Spirit descending upon him in the form of a dove. It was then that he "knew" the full reality of Jesus of Nazareth and began to make him "known to Israel" (Jn 1: 31), pointing him out as the Son of God and Redeemer of man: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn 1: 29).

As an authentic prophet, John bore witness to the truth without compromise. He denounced transgressions of God's commandments, even when it was the powerful who were responsible for them. Thus, when he accused Herod and Herodias of adultery, he paid with his life, sealing with martyrdom his service to Christ who is Truth in person.

Let us invoke his intercession, together with that of Mary Most Holy, so that also in our day the Church will remain ever faithful to Christ and courageously witness to his truth and his love for all."

*Pope Benedict XVI Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, June 24, 2007*



**SOLEMNITY
SAINTS PETER & PAUL
Friday, June 29, 2012**

"The Lord stood by me and gave me strength" (II Tim 4: 17). This is how St Paul describes to Timothy the experience he had during his Roman imprisonment. These words, however, can be applied to the entire missionary life of the Apostle of the Gentiles, as well as to the life of St Peter....

..... The Lord himself will lead them to the fulfillment of their mission, a fulfillment that would take place precisely here, in Rome, where these his chosen ones gave their lives for his sake, making the Church fertile with their blood.

"And they became the friends of God" The word "friends" is particularly eloquent when we think that it was spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper: "No longer do I call you servants...", he said, "but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you" (Jn 15: 15). Peter and Paul were "friends of God" in a unique way, for they had drunk the cup of the Lord. *Jesus changed the names of both* when he called them to his service: to Simon he gave the name Cephas, that is, "rock", hence Peter; He gave Saul the name of "Paul", which means "little one".

"Peter, who first professed faith in Christ, Paul, who enlightened the depths of the mystery; the fisherman of Galilee who founded the first community with the righteous of Israel, the teacher and doctor who proclaimed salvation to all the Gentiles".

"Blessed is the Lord who sets his friends free". If we think of the personal vocation and history of the two Apostles Peter and Paul, we note that the apostolic and missionary zeal of each one was in proportion to the depth of his conversion. Tested by the bitter experience of human misery, the Lord delivered them.

Through the humiliation of his denial and the abundance of tears which purified him inwardly, Simon became Peter, that is, the "rock": strengthen by the power of the Spirit, three times he declared to Jesus that he loved him, and he received the mandate to tend his sheep (cf. Jn 21: 15-17).

Saul had a similar experience: the very Lord he was persecuting (cf. Acts 9: 5) "*called [him] through his grace*" (Gal 1: 15), blinding him with a dazzling light on the road to Damascus. In this way the Lord freed him from his prejudices and radically transformed him, making him "*a chosen instrument*" to carry Christ's name to all the Gentiles (cf. Acts 9: 15).

So it was that they both became "friends of the Lord".

Homily of Pope John Paul II, June 29, 2003

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