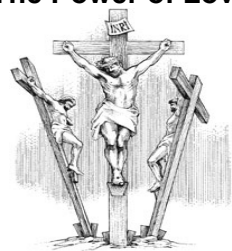


**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
The Power of Love**



The popular expression that begins with: *I'd do anything for*. Usually is not meant too seriously.

The expression is far closer to reality when you have children. People will do anything for their children: they love them so much. The way you feel about your children gives us a just a faint idea of how God feels about us. He'd do anything for us.

And he did.

God gave his son to us as a Complete Gift. He was completely ours to treasure, to find the Father through, or, sadly, to ignore and even to put to death. And human beings did put Jesus to death in the most horrible way possible, execution through crucifixion.

Today we celebrate this special feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Son joined the Father's love in doing anything for us. The feast is the exaltation of the cross because it is a demand that we recognize that this symbol of death and misery has become one of life and victory.

Jesus' death on the cross restored our capacity to have eternal life. The power of the Cross destroyed death, and love destroyed hate.

We should never wear a cross as a piece of jewelry, but as a symbol of love. Jesus is love and love alone defeats hatred and, ultimately death.

We should wear the cross as a statement to ourselves and to others. The statement is simple: *this is how much God loved the world*



We extend best wishes to the happy couples married in our Church during the summer.

Cesare Salerno
& Faustina Lanzillotti

Salvatore Salvato
& Angela Gianfrancesco

Davide Garofalo
& Maria Talarico

Antonio Lea Scala
& Sarah Tirelli

Carmine Di Giovanni
& Alessandra Lupo

Anthony Bisogno
& Adriana Chiavoroli

Brian Castillo Zurita
& Jennifer Lopes

Joseph Salvaggio
& Angela Del Gobbo

May God the Eternal keep love in your hearts, so that the peace of Christ may abide in your home.



**The Knights of Columbus
Coffee Sunday**

On Saturday Sept. 20th and Sunday 21st the Knights will be holding their first Coffee Sunday. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the parish hall before the masses on these dates. Come and join us.

VOCATION SEEDS

"Whoever believes in the Son of Man will have eternal life."

Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Liborio Amaral (416) 968-0997, or email: vocations@vocations.ca. Visit www.vocationstoronto.ca



**The Couple's for Christ Choir
& St. Norbert's Filipino
Community
Present
St. Norbert's
Fall Musical Concert
Saturday October 4, 2008
7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Tickets \$10 for adult \$5 for children and are available after each mass. Light refreshment after the concert Proceeds go to the maintenance of St. Norbert's.

**NEW BEGINNINGS
For Separated, Divorced
and Widowed Persons
Weekend Retreat**

Have you suffered the loss of a spouse through separation, divorce or death? Are you looking for strength to deal with your grief? Consider a weekend of hope and healing: November 14 to 16, 2008. Call 416-921-1163, Ext. 2246.

**Archbishop Thomas Collins
for Lectio Divina –
A Year with St. Paul,**

At St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto. This Sacred reading provides an opportunity to read aloud the Word of God taking time to pause, reflect and pray together. This month's scripture passage: Acts 9:1-22. Vespers are at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Lectio Divina from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Please join us for this personal encounter with God through Scripture.

THE SUNDAY MASS ON CTV

The televised Sunday Mass on CTV for shut-ins is moving to a new time. As of Sunday, September 21, the televised Mass will begin at 8:30 am.

From The Pastor's Desk

I am pleased to report that the air quality test performed by the City of Toronto last week in our church did not show any air contaminates at all. The results will be posted on the Toronto public health webpage shortly.

**Eucharistic Ministers Meeting
Saturday September 27, 10:30 AM
Children's Liturgy Room**

This meeting is for all Eucharistic Ministers including those who visit people's homes through the Outreach Program.

We are looking for new ministers, especially for the 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM Sunday masses.

If you feel God calling you to this ministry, please join us at the meeting or speak to our Pastoral Associate Marilyn.

**Incontrando di Ministri di
Eucharistic
sabato il 27 settembre a 10:30
nella Stanza di Liturgia**

Questa riunione è per tutto i Ministri di Eucharistic includendo quelli che visita le case delle persone attraverso.

Cerchiamo di nuovi ministri, soprattutto per la messa di domenica 10:30 e 12:00 messe

Se lei sente la chiamata di Dio lei a questo ministero, ci unisce per favore alla riunione o parla al nostro Socio Pastorale Marilyn



**PILGRIMAGE TO STS.
COSMOS & DAMIAN
Utica N.Y.
Sunday September 28 2008
Call Nunzia for information**



L'esaltazione della santa Croce ci fa conoscere un aspetto del suo cuore che solo Dio stesso poteva rivelarci: la ferita provocata dal peccato e dall'ingratitudine dell'uomo diventa fonte, non solo di una sovrabbondanza d'amore, ma anche di una nuova creazione nella gloria. Attraverso la follia della Croce, lo scandalo della sofferenza può diventare sapienza, e la gloria promessa a Gesù può essere condivisa da tutti coloro che desideravano seguirlo. La morte, la malattia, le molteplici ferite che l'uomo riceve nella carne e nel cuore, tutto questo diventa, per la piccola creatura, un'occasione per lasciarsi prendere più intensamente dalla vita stessa di Dio. Con questa festa la Chiesa ci invita a ricevere questa sapienza divina, che Maria ha vissuto pienamente presso la Croce: la sofferenza del mondo, follia e scandalo, diventa, nel sangue di Cristo, grido d'amore e seme di gloria per ciascuno di noi.



**I Cavalieri di Columbo
domenica di Caffè**

sabato Settembre. Il 20 e domenica 21 i Cavalieri avranno la loro prima domenica di Caffè. Le donazioni di merci informate sono molto apprezzate. Per favore portarli alla sala di parrocchia prima delle messe su queste date. Venite ed unirci!



**il Coro di La Coppia per Cristo
e il Comunità filippino
Presente La
Concerto Musicale**

Sabato il 4 ottobre 7:00 a 9:00
I biglietti costo \$10 per l'adulto \$5 per i bambini e si vendano dopo ogni messa. Il rinfresco leggero dopo il concerto
Procede va alla manutenzione della Chiesa

Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16
7:00 PM**

+Francesco Corapi
+Virginia & Franco Corvi
+Pietro Antonio & Michele Pamieri

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17
8:00 AM**

+Giovanni Aimola

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18
8:00 AM**

Intention Available

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19
8:00 AM**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20
5:00 PM**

Padre Pio
+Giuseppe Calderone
+Antonietta & Adelchi Melone

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21
7:45 AM**

Intention Available

9:00 AM

+Otto, Angelo, & Immacolata Paladra
+Pasquale Battista & defunti Battista
+Gervasio & Elisabetta Valela

10:30 AM

Intention Available

12:00 PM

Intention Available