

PENTECOST SUNDAY

PASTOR'S CORNER



Do you know anything about Mary's *fiat*? No, I am not talking about her vehicle, although what use God could possibly have with an Italian-made car shall be left to the imagination. In the secular world, the letters FIAT refer to *Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino*, which was founded in 1899. In the spiritual sphere, *fiat* (Latin for "let it be done") refers to Mary's permission to begin the world's greatest moral revolution by bringing Christ into the world. There are some theologians who argue that Mary's fiat could not have been genuine since she, a young girl who knew very little about the world, would have been afraid of rejecting God's invitation. Therefore, she must have felt coerced into obeying Him because she believed that she had no other choice. But we need to remember that love prepares itself to accept Love even though that love may bring great difficulties and hardships. In his book *The Four Loves*, C. S. Lewis states that "*To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.*"

This is why Mary's love was inseparable from her trust. She trusted that, in the final analysis, whatever difficulties she would endure would dissolve in the presence of lasting joy. Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, the papal preacher, stated the following in his book, *Mary Mirror of the Church*: "*Mary's fiat was a free act; rather, it was the first really true free act since the beginning of the world, because true freedom does not consist in doing or not doing what is good but in freely doing what is good; freedom to freely obey and not freedom to obey or not obey God.*" Mary's freedom implies more than saying "yes" or "no". It was a freedom to embrace freely all that her initial fiat would bring into play. Her freedom was both human and divine; human by nature, divine by grace.

Keep in mind that we too have our own personal fiat, one that is contained in the *Our Father*, and we say it every day: "Thy will be done." In reciting these words, we are repeating Mary's *fiat*, welcoming God's Will into our daily lives. There is wonder here, and we wonder where it will take us. For some, it will not make sense. But for us, it should be an eye-opening experience of God's continual presence in our midst. **This is what I want you to remember when you pray the Our Father.**

Fr. Slawek



MAY 28, 2023

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Saturday, June 2, 2023: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Seeing With Heart—A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBT Young Adults

This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic priest, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day with Mass.

We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to meet and interact with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources strengthen their love, and grow closer to God.

Facilitator: Fr. Tom Rosicia, CSB. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes lunch.

For more information or to Register: Call Mike Hyland—647-295-2499



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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference



Turning concern into action

"The reward for Christian charity is the joy that one feels after having performed a good deed". -

Don Bosco

In all the ordinary and extraordinary things that we do to bring comfort, the hope and joy to the less fortunate in our community, we give witness and thanks to God's love and compassion.

Thank you for your contributions to Bundle Up Sunday.

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they can use you.
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MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, May 30

9 a.m. Intentions of Sierra Popescu.

Wednesday, May 31

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Thursday, June 1

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Benoit Lemieux req. by Vivien Vj.

Friday, June 2

9 a.m. Thanksgiving req. by the Dunst family.

Saturday, June 3

4:30p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, June 4

9 a.m. Intention to the Holy Trinity req. by LuLu.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Aquilino Matus Jr. req. by Joriza Porcal & family.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers For the Homebound

Are there any Ministers interested in resuming Communion to the Homebound? Is so, please contact the Parish office.

Attention Parishioners

Are you interested in the Coffee Social resuming in the Fall after the 9 a.m. Mass every Wednesday?

Are you interested in a Bingo Night starting in the Fall?

Please contact the Parish office give us your feedback.