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Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.



“Regina Mundi – Queen of the World!”

As you enter our gates to our community, the outstretched, loving arms of our Lady welcomes everyone to Regina Mundi Retreat Centre – Home of the Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Community – this place dedicated to *Mary, Queen of the World and Jesus, King of the Divine Mercy!*

Our devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, is part of our Christian faith. This month of May is dedicated to her and we look up to our Blessed Mother for her love, her guidance and her powerful intercession to his beloved Son, Jesus!

Together with our Blessed Mother, JESUS, her beloved Son and the Magnificat Community, we welcome each and everyone to Regina Mundi - the oasis of peace, prayer and love!

"Behold, your Mother"



Brothers and Sisters,

It is May, it is spring! Everything invites us to look for gentleness and a new pure beginning. We have risen with Jesus and left sin behind. It is almost natural that we look to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as a personification of this purity and freshness and ask for help to keep and grow in the Easter life we have received. The devotion to Mary feels comfortable to us catholic who have been brought up with it. We celebrate the many feasts honoring Mary and pray our daily ave's.

Many protestant Christian practically ignore Mary and think that our devotion is much exaggerated. They ask: "Where do I find the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption in Scripture?" We say that these are presumed in scripture like the woven fabric background of a picture and that the Christians of all centuries have seen it that way. No wonder that we find more and more liberal theologians denying that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God and saying that Mary is just a female body from Nazareth used by God to have a son [with Joseph] who was chosen to be Gods son by adoption.

But God asks Mary's consent and the Eternal Word took flesh from His Mother and became man like us: the God-man. In the flesh, He suffered for us and won forgiveness and eternal life for us. The mystery of Gods total Love. Jesus, the new Adam made Mary, the new Eve, the Co-Redemptrix.

But also Mary needed to be redeemed. It would be an offense against Jesus, says St. Augustine, to say that His Mother was a sinner. For the honor of Our Lord and Her role in the plan of redemption Mary was preserved from all sin. This is a little bit of theology but I want to go more to the heart and the food for our Spiritual life. Just let us look at the daily living together of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth and their relationship during Jesus public life. {Maria Valtorta in "The Poem of the God Man" describes it or meditates on it very beautifully}.

We see real family in action just like our life. But look at the understanding, love, care, sharing, prayer, duties, work and recreation that goes on. Mary taught Jesus and later He taught Her. Many disciples found their way to Jesus through Mary. Maybe you don't mind some quotations from the volumes of "True Life in God" which {with prudent precaution} are the words of Jesus through the mystic Vassula. ...*"that day I was conceived by the Holy Spirit in Her virginal womb.....I descended from heaven to heaven, from My throne to My Throne..... Her Heart, since the Immaculate Conception was an incessant prayer, an atoning incense, an incessant adoration for God.... Come to the Heart of your Blessed Mother.... Our two Hearts, joined in one will conquer bitter plague, not by physical strength nor by force or arms but by love and sacrifice"*.

As Mary was involved with Jesus, so she is involved with the mystical body of Jesus which means each one of us really caring for us to grow up and become an eikon of Jesus. The question is: are we close to Her? Is She an intimate part of all I do and want? Jesus wants to give us everything that is His, also His Mother to be our Mother. This is why He said just before He died on the cross: *"Behold, your Mother"*.

In the love of Jesus,

Fr. Matthew Robbertz
Spiritual Director, Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Comm.



My dear Magnificat Family,

ITALPINO. It's the new word around here nowadays. It stands for ITALIAN FILIPINO. A description of the devotees that throng the celebrations at Regina Mundi. Holy Week. Divine Mercy Sunday. A whole variety of colors became the landscape of the celebrations. Imagine the four busloads of Italians who came for the celebration of Mercy Sunday. The Oratory was full packed. The flow of grace and blessings was felt by the multitude. The Oratory has become the place of Divine Mercy.

The Magnificat Family more than ever should set its heart now on fully acquiring this "promised land" and transform it into "*the land flowing with milk and honey*" of mercy and love.

I earnestly urge our elders to assure that every month of the year there will be at least one big gathering for our family, Magnificat, and our devotees of Divine Mercy who look at Regina Mundi as a sacred place, a place of anointing. Now the sacredness of this place becomes a concern of our family. We must do everything so that all who come to us shall feel the sacred presence.

There is still much to be done; many things to be put in the proper place.

But the sign is clearer than ever. "*This the place I want where My mercy shall be outpoured anew from My heart and where the heart of my Mother shall be a beacon of love for all.*"

To this end, we have come to a resolve. *We will build a church to be our oratory.* July 1, 2006, Third Anniversary of the Oratory of Jesus King of Mercy will be the launching of the project. This is the fulfillment of the visions that many times manifested the call in prophecy. In 1999, photographs of the oratory showed distinct images of the Blessed Sacrament and the Porta Coeli (Door of Heaven). Most recently, the sign of Jerusalem Cross was seen in pictures. If God anoints these visions, the throne of Mercy shall be built.

Let us lift up our hearts and mind. To Jesus, King of Mercy. In Him we trust.

With prayers for blessings,



Fr. Teo Rustia

Spiritual Advisor & Founder of the Magnificat
Charismatic Prayer Community

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION 2006



Holy Thursday – “The Lord’s Supper” - the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the “Washing of the Feet”

The installation of the 12 Apostles of our community was on Holy Thursday at Vanier Hall. As seen here, Father Teo performing the traditional rite of the washing of the feet of the Apostles which dramatizes Jesus’ action of humility and service.



Good Friday – “Passion & Death of our Lord”
Vanier Hall, Regina Mundi

To commemorate this solemn day, the youth of our community, “MagYouth” have done a splendid portrayal of the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was one of quiet sadness and mourning for the suffering and death of our Lord.

“We adore Thee O Christ and We Bless Thee - Because by thy Holy Cross Thou Hast Redeemed the World”. We venerate the Holy Cross on which hang the saviour of the world - the historical sacrificial action of Jesus.

Good Friday is God’s Day – the day on which God won! It refers to the good the death of our Lord brought to humanity!



HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION

Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil "The Resurrection of the Lord"



The community started the Holy Saturday celebration at Vanier Hall, with a Recollection on the "Words from the Cross – Words of Life" by our distinguished, talented guest speaker, Dr. Arcadio Tamayo.

Easter Vigil celebration opens with the impressive blessing and lighting of the Easter Paschal candle, the blessing of candles and water. The candles represents "JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD" and proclaims the Resurrected Christ". This is a joyous feast –the night of nights and the real "Noche Buena". The Alleluias fills the air – Christ is Risen!

What a blessed night it was for all the faithful who have come and joined us. The celebration ended with a joyous fellowship by all.



MAGYOUTH CAMP PROCLAMATION 2006



MagYouth CORE

Aaron Calano
Carmi Guinto
Anthony Delacruz
Aimee Estrabillo
Emanuel Villamor
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MagYouth's Music Ministry

Emmanuel Villamor - Head/Guitarist
Emmanuel Caamic - Guitarist
Jeffrey Cabalu - Bass
Marci Guinto - Vocalist
Marvin Fabul - Vocalist
Kathy Troung - Vocalist

Couple Coordinators

Ernie and Nini Guinto
Larry and Josie Estrabillo

"Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation" Mark 16:20

Magnificat Youth was blessed with 19 new participants on the weekend of April 28, 29 and 30. With participants from Aurora, Mississauga, New Market, Brampton and even Scarborough, Regina Mundi was the one place where it all happened. Magyouth's service team led by James Padua and Carmi Guinto worked together to allow the new participants to experience God's calling the same way they did on their past camp. Endless laughter's were shared as each participants got to know each other and the service team Friday, which is known as the "chill night". The next day, the youth was divided into their own discussion groups sharing thoughts, ideas and concerns about the talks and shares given by the service team. Throughout the day, tears and smiles were shared as the night ended with an entertaining talent show. The youth can't thank Father Rustia enough on sharing the importance of Confession and that Jesus isn't baloney (its an inside joke between the youth and Father Rustia). The weekend ended with a wonderful mass where Magyouth's music ministry led the final worship of the weekend. God has put a smile to all our hearts and the excitement only gets better!

Special thanks to the parents for providing delicious meals to the youth throughout the weekend!

2005 was a tremendous year for us and we are truly thankful for all the love and support we have been receiving from the communities of Magnificat, Couples for Christ and Youth for Christ. Without all of you, MagYouth would not be what it is today. We pray for all of you as we hope for the same knowing that together we are all one community made to love and serve our God.

Within this past year MagYouth held Camp Refuge led by Aaron Calano and Carmi Guinto with 29 participants. In addition, 10 participants were able to take part in Youth For Christ's 7th annual national conference in Calgary. In this conference, MagYouth was able to meet new friends from all over Canada learning how to Live Holy and Live Loud in our Catholic faith. In September 2005, MagYouth held its first annual Parent Appreciation night serenading the community with a surprise sit down dinner and a talent show. In November 2005, MagYouth held Camp Sanctify led by Anthony Delacruz and Aimee Estrabillo with 16 participants! Finally in December 2005, MagYouth joined Youth For Christ in Christmas formal in Scarborough having our very own Youth Music Ministry performance!

MagYouth now has a whopping 102 members! We are so excited for the upcoming year and we encourage more youth to come and join!



“New heavy duty lawn mover tractor”

After a milder winter this year, SPRING has finally come. The beauty of the green grass, the trees with its first leaves about to spring into full bloom, the smell of the flowers that have started to bloom, the sweet songs and chirping of the birds – the whole beauty of God’s creation have come alive. Regina Mundi is no exception - with its beautiful greenery of the trees and the grass with the yellow “dandelions” that blanketed the grounds.

This new heavy duty lawn mover riding tractor, which is being blessed by Father Teo, would be a great help in the upkeep of the grounds at Regina Mundi. Bro. Bobot (Sis. Alice) Mapanao of the Regina Mundi Ministry (in charge of the upkeep, operations & maintenance of the grounds and facilities) welcomes this much needed piece of equipment for “spring cleaning” project at Regina Mundi.

Other Feast Days Celebrated for the months of May & June

May

- May 01 – St. Joseph the Worker
- May 02 – St. Athanasius
- May 03 – Sts. Philip and James
- May 05 – First Friday, Sacred Heart of Jesus
- May 06 – First Saturday, Our Lady
- May 07 – 4th Sunday of Easter
- May 12 – Sts. Nereus and Achilleus and Pancras
- May 13 – OUR LADY OF FATIMA
- May 14 – 5th Sunday of Easter
- May 18 – St. John I
- May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena
- May 21 – 6th Sunday of Easter
- May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia
- May 25 – Sts. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII,
and Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
- May 26 – St. Philip Neri
- May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury
- May 28 – 7th Sunday of Easter
ASCENSION of the LORD
- May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June

- Jun 1 – St. Justin
- Jun 2 – First Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Jun 2 – Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
- Jun 3 – First Saturday – Our Lady
- Jun 3 – St. Charles Lwanga and his companions
- Jun 4 – PENTACOST SUNDAY
- Jun 5 – St. Boniface
- Jun 6 – St. Norbert
- Jun 9 – St. Ephrem
- Jun 11 – MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
- Jun 13 – St. Anthony of Padua
- Jun 18 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST
- Jun 19 – St. Romuald
- Jun 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- Jun 22 – St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher &
St. Thomas More
- Jun 23 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Jun 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Jun 25 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Jun 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria
- Jun 28 – St. Irenaeus
- Jun 29 – St. Peter and Paul

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

May 12 – May 14 – Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, MASSACHUSETTE & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, BUFFALO
For info contact Ariel & Linda Antonio

May 15 (Mon) - Fr. Teo to depart for Philippines
(Holy Land Pilgrimage w/ Phil. Group)

May 20 (Sat) - 11:00 A.M. – EVANGELIZATION & FAMILY MINISTRY MEETINGS
2:30 P.M. – Holy Rosary,
Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
4:00 P.M. – Anticipated SUNDAY MASS

May 27 (Sat.) - 2:30 P.M. – Holy Rosary,
Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
4:00 P.M. – Anticipated SUNDAY MASS

June 3 - 11:00 A.M. COE MEETING (Magnificat House)
2:30 P.M. Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
4:00 P.M. Anticipated HOLY MASS
6:00 – 9:00 P.M. Community Vigil – HOLY HOUR

June 10 (Sat.) - 11:00 A.M. – LITURGICAL/APOSTLES MINISTRY MEETING
2:30 P.M. – Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
4:00 P.M. – Anticipated HOLY MASS

June 17 (Sat.) - 11:00 A.M. – EVANGELIZATION & FAMILY MINISTRY MEETINGS
2:30 P.M. Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
4:00 P.M. Anticipated HOLY MASS
6:00 – 9:00 P.M. Daughters of the King VIGIL

June 24 (Sat.) - 2:30 P.M. – Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
4:00 P.M. – Anticipated HOLY MASS

June 28 (Wed) - FR. TEO ARRIVAL FROM THE PHILIPPINES



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MERCY

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