

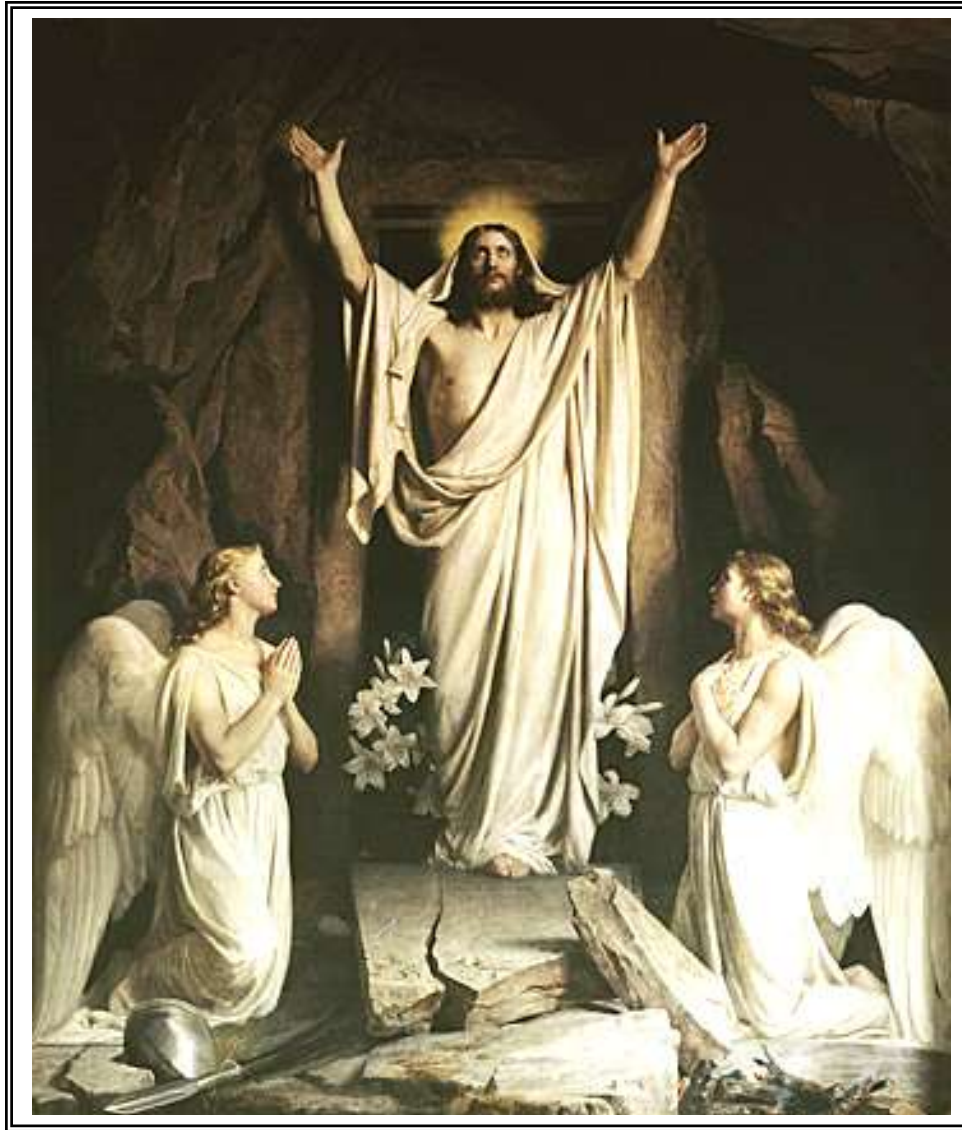


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*Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.*



Christ is Risen, He is truly Risen!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Magnificat Community.

Jesus is truly risen! Can we let that sound in our life with the power of the first Easter? Because that power of God is going on in our life now with the same force and calling. God is calling us right now through His inexhaustible Love and Mercy, shown on the Cross, into His wonderful truth of restored friendship with Him. We can reflect on the immense darkness the world is in with its self-serving politics and economics. We experience darkness in the Christian church, including our own Church through disunity and false teachings. We are aware of our own personal darkness especially not being fully dedicated to seek Gods Will in everything.

Only if we acknowledge our darkness can we begin to pass over into God's light. Only if we believe and are deeply touched by God's revelation of His Love for us through the Cross can we believe in the new life offered to us in the Resurrection. Easter teaches us that although we can go through a dark night, we do not give in to despair. We can not be negative because God is always in charge with His gentle and powerful Love. Out of doubts He brings hope, out of weakness strength, out of mix-ups patience and endurance and ultimately growth.

I have no doubt that the Magnificat community at this time goes through a crucial period of its existence: the leadership and ministry of Fr. Rustia is taken away from us and Satan is ready to tempt us with anger, discouragement and division, so that he can destroy the good works of God that we are dedicated to pursue. But let us seek to hear God's voice Who says: "*I am in charge*", this is a challenge to show that we have matured as a spiritual Lay Community, that we can pull together behind our goals and that everyone is invited to take his or her responsibilities seriously and look for the opportunity to participate with love and give generously of his or her talents. That does not mean that we sweep our feelings under the carpet. We have to face our feelings whether they are anger, discouragement or anything else. But we stand together in prayer that light and strength will come and in the conviction that the building of God's Kingdom is priority and can not be delayed.

We are Christian when we enter the power of the resurrection. How do we do that? You might be surprised by the simple basic answer to this question. We do it by Faith, Hope and Charity. St. Paul says: "All that matters is faith, lived in hope and expressed in charity" And is that not what we have renewed openly together in the Easter Mass? What is faith? It is not just to believe that God exists, Satan does that too. But it is to believe all that God has revealed about Himself as taught by the authentic tradition of the Catholic Church. The greatest threat to faith in our days is rationalism which means they believe in the truth according to their own philosophy and understanding. Faith is surrender, passover. We believe and we practice and then we understand with the mind and heart. What is hope? It is to desire heaven and eternal life, trusting in the promises of Jesus. It is like oil in an engine, it keeps us going.

What is charity? It is love, not just any kind but the agape-love that Jesus has for us and that we share with all those He loves. He loves the sinner not the sin. It is hard to see how we can love our neighbour if we do not love God with all our heart and strength.

This is central. We have heard it many times but it needs our constant reflection . Only by living the full truth of it can we bring the light of the resurrection to the world. It means always seeking to do Gods will as Jesus did. We can only go this way by the power of the Holy Spirit. The question I ask myself is: *Have I come to God with sincerity and love?*

Now we celebrate *Mercy Sunday*. Total proclamation of God's inexhaustible love and mercy for each one of us. It flows from the pierced Heart of Jesus and is in today's liturgy given as a sacrament; whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Again this greatest gift and treasure of God is ignored, doubted and put aside by many. But "in these last times" Jesus is calling mankind to take a closer and deeper look, be touched and converted. His prophet-secretary is sister Faustina. I invite you all to get her Diary for your personal meditation and guide to your friendship with Our Lord. Reading it and reflecting I have to say of myself that I have still many conversions and changes of life ahead of me and in my old age I have not as long a time in which to do it as most of you.

Here is just one quote (number 723). Today I heard these words: The graces I grant you are not for you alone, but for a great number of other souls as well.... And your heart is My constant dwelling place, despite the misery that you are. I unite Myself with you, take away your misery and give you my mercy. I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater right he has to my mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of my hands. He who trusts in my mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool.

My dear friends, I am not the one to take Fr. Rustia's place, but I will be there for you to pray with you and help as best as I can to find solutions.

In the love of Our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Matthew Robbertz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F" and "R".

Rev. Fr. Matthew Robbertz.
Magnificat Spiritual Director



Dear Magnificat Brothers & Sisters,

We praise and thank God for the Easter Triduum celebration in Regina Mundi. We are so blessed to have Fr. Matthew Robbertz during the celebration. It gave us the opportunity to commemorate the heart of our faith and to experience the fullness of the Triduum - the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the service on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening.

On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper. We heard the institution of the Eucharist by Christ and his admonition of "Do this, in remembrance of me." The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens us so that we can serve our brothers and sisters. To reinforce this important teaching of Christ, our beloved priest, Fr. Matt washed the feet of the Magnificat apostles. Fr. Matt illustrated the wonderful example of the service to which we all are called when Jesus, who is the Lord and Master, takes a basin of water and a towel and washes the feet of his apostles ending the words, "What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do." This is a sign that Jesus gave to his disciple about his mission - to love and serve humankind.

On Good Friday, we remember the passion and death of Jesus Christ. It is all about how Jesus took upon himself the fullness of the sorrow and suffering of humanity. The Good Friday service was such a solemn celebration especially when the cross, the symbol of our salvation, was brought forward for all of us to venerate. It gave us the opportunity to humble ourselves before the awesome saving action of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Magnificat Apostles once again presented the Passion and Death of Christ before the 3:00 o'clock Friday service. It was an awesome performance. The agony and suffering of Jesus Christ were truly portrayed in the presentation. It reminds us how our Lord Jesus Christ had suffered from the horrible torture and excruciating pain before he died on the cross to redeem us.

On Saturday Easter Vigil, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. We proclaimed with fire and song that Christ is truly risen! The scripture stories of God's interaction with humankind from creation through to the resurrection were read.

Brothers and sisters, the celebration of the Easter Triduum was such an amazing event. It gave us the true meaning of our religious faith. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ will always be remembered as the saving act of our Lord and the miracle of His resurrection. Jesus had to trust that His suffering would lead to the glory of resurrection and the redemption of the world. As we are called by God to serve Him through this community, we have to trust Him that the sufferings that we are now experiencing will turn into a blessing. Trust the Lord our God and in His time, He will grant our prayers.

May this prayer be in our heart: *"Lord you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with your Spirit and make us one in peace and love. Lord continue to give us the grace of understanding, courage and perseverance during this time of tribulation." Jesus we trust in You.*

We take this opportunity to thank the Magnificat apostles and our Magnificat members who have contributed to the success of the Passion play. Thank you Magnificat Music Ministry for providing the beautiful music. Thank you also Daughters of the King for always providing and serving the food. Thank you all for your support and generous help. We also take this opportunity to thank Fr. Matt Robbertz for celebrating a wonderful Easter Triduum. Thank and Praise God for all your great help!

A Blessed Easter to everyone,

Joe & Annie Lapid

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Presiding Elders

Palm Sunday Celebration



Palm Sunday Celebration at Vanier Hall, Regina Mundi

Fr. Matt Robbertz, together with the Magnificat family and friends celebrated the commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem singing and shouting, with palm branches in their hands, *Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!*

Christ entered into his own city in triumph to die and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith.

Holy Thursday Celebration – Vanier Hall, Regina Mundi



Do this in remembrance of me!

Institution of the Holy Eucharist during the
Last Supper, Holy Thursday!



Washing of the Feet

Fr. Matt did what Jesus had done with his Apostles, “*washed their feet and said to them, Do you know what I have done to you? I have given you example, so you should also must do!*”

Fr. Matt Robbertz washing the feet of the Magnificat Apostles reminding everyone of the love and service to which they are called.



Good Friday



We remember the Passion and Death of our Lord, Jesus Christ on this solemn day of Good Friday. An awesome performance of "The Passion of Christ" play portrayed by our Apostles.



Good Friday Celebration continue



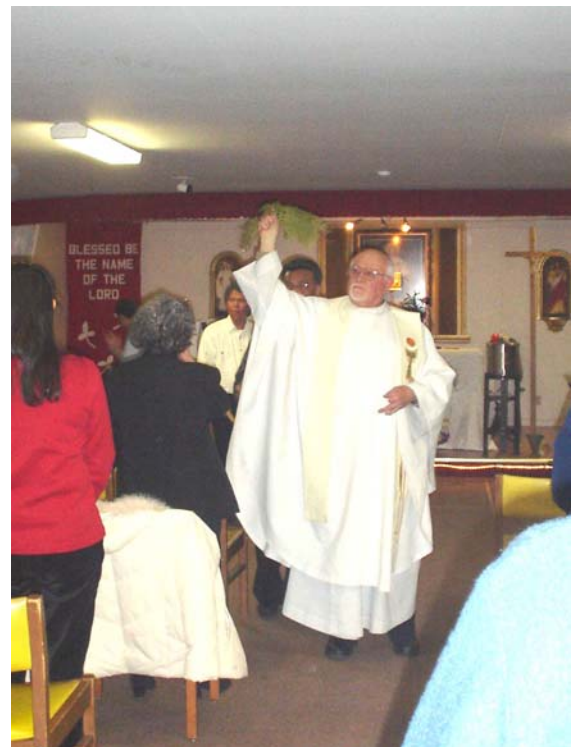
*“This is the Wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the World. Come let us worship!
The solemn Good Friday service was celebrated by Fr. Matt Robbertz together
with friends, guests and the Magnificat family.*

Saturday, Easter Vigil Celebration



*“Christ is Risen!
Truly, He is Risen”*

The community proclaimed with fire and song that Christ is truly risen. To all our friends, guests and Magnificat family, thank you for celebrating with us the Easter Triduum. Indeed, these are amazing events and the holiest days of our faith.



Magnificat

Invites you to the
CELEBRATION OF THE

“FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY”

March 30, 2008 (Mercy Sunday)

VANIER HALL, REGINA MUNDI

AGENDA

- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.** • **Holy Rosary**
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.** • **Sharing/Testimony**
- 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.** • **Praise & Worship**
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** • **Stations of the Cross**
- 3:00– 3:30 p.m.** • **Solemn Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** • **Holy Eucharist**
Celebrant – Fr. Matt Robbertz
- 5:00 p.m.** • **Fellowship (“Potluck”)**



Please come and join us!

Spring Dinner & Dance



*Saturday
April 19, 2008*

Time: 6:30 p.m. till 1:00 a.m.

Milliken Mills Community Centre

North Hall and South Hall

7600 Kennedy Road (near 14th Avenue)

Markham, Ontario

Attire: Formal

Includes dinner, entertainment & door prizes!!!

Ticket price: \$25.00

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ACTIVITIES

Saturdays

- 2:00 – Holy Rosary
- 3:00 – Devotion to the Devine Mercy Prayer Meeting
- 4:00 – Anticipated Sunday Mass

Join the Magnificat Community

in the

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Every First Friday of the Month

(7:30 p.m. – Chapel)

Friday, March 7, 2008



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