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(1581 - 1660)

SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Sung English Mass
11:30 a.m. Sung Latin Mass
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Before every Mass on Sundays
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. Saturday

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Philip Fournier: 416-538-5893

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-9944

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

9:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS

Gaudete Sunday

Opening Hymn: 304 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds

Descending

Kyrie: 205

Creed: *more ambrosiano*

Offertory Hymn: 305 – O Word that goest Forth on High

Sanctus: 208

Agnus: 209

Closing Hymn: 310 – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

11:30 USUS ANTIQUIOR

Gaudete Sunday

Veni Redemptor Gentium, v.2,3,4 S. Scheidt

Asperges me, Domine

Introit *Gaudete in Domino*

Kyrie *Salve (ad libitum XI)*

Gradual *Qui Sedes*

Alleluia *Excita, Domine*

Credo 1

Offertory *Benedixisti*

Sanctus 17

Agnus 17

Communion *Dicite: Pusillanimes*

Wachet Auf! Ruft uns die Stimme, J.S. Bach

Praeludium in C, Georg Bohm

Vespers and Benediction

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church,
1372 King Street West

PARISH FINANCES (DECEMBER 5/6)

Regular Collection	\$2539
Maintenance & Debt	\$870
Shepherd's Trust	\$110

Thank you very much for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2010

... Are now available at the back of the church. Please pick up the box that has your name on it. We have eliminated the boxes from number 249 and up (sorry, but we had too many extra boxes), so if you previously had one of those numbers, or if you are not currently using envelopes for the regular collection, please take a box without a name assigned to it. Also, kindly put your name and address on the first few envelopes so that we can make sure that our database is up to date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

8:00 Nadine Hubert, req. by the Pontisso Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Blessed Anthony Grassi of the Oratory, Priest

8:00 Mary, Mother of God School, req. by L. & B. Ezman

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 Rita Hubert, req. by the Pontisso Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 Olivia Ezman, req. by the Ezman Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 (+) Kyle Van de Giesen, req. by Ian Brown & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 (+) Relatives and friends of parishioners

5:00 (+) Stanislaw Gierada, req. by Jean Kotwa

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Is under way! The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church in the parish hall.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY!

If you are in high school and would like to join other youth in a lively study of Scripture, then come on out! The group meets on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the rectory at Holy Family Church. This year we are looking at the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

ADULT CATECHISM

Want to have a better understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church? Consider joining our adult catechism class! The group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., beginning with this Monday, September 28, at Holy Family Church in the parish hall.

CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



The 2010 Oratory Liturgical Calendar is available at the bookstall. Get yours for only \$5.00!

VISIT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO ONLINE

The website carries event listings, photos, helpful contacts, historical data, and much more. Learn more about your faith, and stay up to date on all the latest news.

H1N1 FLU VIRUS (SWINE FLU)

The Archbishop has mandated the following measures:

- Temporarily suspend communion on the tongue.
- Please remind your parishioners that if they are feeling sick or ill, it is best for them to stay home.

“To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto, I recognize the distress these changes to our sacred liturgy may cause for some. Be assured that these are temporary measures only, intended to protect and care for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Please join me in offering prayers for the sick and suffering in our community.”

-Archbishop Thomas Collins

VOCATION SEEDS

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park, 416-968-0997.

vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Some concern has been raised about the plight of stores and businesses on Roncesvalles during the reconstruction of the street. The two-year upheaval is causing considerable hardship for many vendors: some are in danger of going under, others are at least 40% down from last year. Please consider shopping locally and patronizing the restaurants and other businesses on Roncesvalles to help ease their burden.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Please let us know if you have relatives or friends who should be on our list. We bring Holy Communion to the housebound on the first and third Fridays of every month. Contact Br. Ted, 416-532-2889.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mark your calendars: Saturday, January 9. Homemade soup, turkey and trimmings, and Christmas pud and entertainment! \$25/person, \$50/family. Buy your tickets early – only 100 will be sold! Call 416-532-2879 for more info.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS

Begins on January 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church and runs 7 consecutive Mondays. Registration will take place at the first class.



**BLESSED ANTHONY GRASSI
OF THE ORATORY, DECEMBER 15**
*There will be a sung English Mass at
Holy Family Church at 5:30 p.m.*

Anthony Grassi was born in 1592, three years before Philip's death, in Fermo, a town of a few thousand inhabitants on the Adriatic coast. He was the eldest child of five born to a devout middle class family. Antonio was a good natured and intelligent boy, and quickly gained the respect and admiration of his teachers and friends. He showed early signs of piety in his frequent attendance of daily Mass and received regular spiritual direction from Father Ricci who had known Saint Philip personally. The Oratorian Fathers in Fermo all took a liking to Anthony and he in turn presented himself to the Congregation as a postulant just before his seventeenth birthday in 1609. Eventually he was elected superior of the Fermo Oratory in 1635. Anthony retained the position of superior for the next 36 years until his death in 1671.

Perhaps the life of Blessed Anthony does not immediately strike our imagination. He did not go off half-way across the world to spread the faith as did Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Jean de Brebeuf, or other well known missionaries. He is not known for great feats of physical mortification. He left no learned writings to make his name known in seminaries and universities. He did not found a religious order or institute. And his life was not as permeated with the supernatural as was Philip's. Anthony's life was a hidden one in a small provincial town in an institute whose priests and brothers should strive to be unknown; and there he found his peace. Perhaps, the very commonness of his life should make him of special interest to us and to our restless age.

Anthony also realized that whatever vocation we are called to, we can be sanctified in it by doing each task well, no matter how menial and seemingly unimportant. One of his oft-repeated maxims was '*ad litteram, ad litteram*', meaning *to the letter* - to follow the rules of the institute to the letter. It requires wisdom and humility to recognize that there is virtue in following a rule - whether it be a rule of a religious community, a rule of a place of work, a rule of family life, or one of the ten commandments. When we ignore all laws and rules and act just to please ourselves, order breaks down in society and in our souls; we become slaves to the law of our passions. Anthony feared this breakdown in the harmonious life of the Oratory whose few rules help to establish the spirit of Saint Philip, and, hence, he always demanded that the rule be kept by others and ensured that it was by keeping it himself.

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