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Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 8:30 am

First Friday: 7:00 pm (Latin)

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 3:00 pm to 6:50 pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: 8:30 am Saturday Mass **Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group:** Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, There are only two weeks to go until Easter and the Bible Readings of this Sunday all speak about resurrection. It is not yet that of Jesus, which bursts in as an absolute innovation, but our own resurrection, to which we aspire and which Christ Himself gave to us, in rising from the dead. Indeed, death represents a wall as it were, which prevents us from seeing beyond it; yet our hearts reach out beyond this wall and even though we cannot understand what it conceals, we nevertheless think about it and imagine it, expressing with symbols our desire for eternity.

The Prophet Ezekiel proclaimed to the Jewish people, exiled far from the land of Israel, that God would open the graves of the dead and bring them home to rest in peace (cf. Ez 37:12-14). This ancestral aspiration of man to be buried together with his forefathers is the longing for a "homeland" which welcomes us at the end of our earthly toil. This concept does not yet contain the idea of a personal resurrection from death, which only appears towards the end of the Old Testament, and even in Jesus' time was not accepted by all Judeans. Among Christians too, faith in the resurrection and in life is often accompanied by many doubts and much confusion because it also always concerns a reality which goes beyond the limits of our reason and requires an act of faith.

In today's Gospel - the raising of Lazarus - we listen to the voice of faith from the lips of Martha, Lazarus' sister. Jesus said to her: "Your brother will rise again," and she replies: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day" (Jn 11:23-24). But Jesus repeats: "I Am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live" (Jn 11:25-26). This is the true newness which abounds and exceeds every border! Christ pulls down the wall of death and in Him dwells all the fullness of God, who is life, eternal life. Therefore death did not have power over Him and the raising of Lazarus is a sign of His full dominion over physical death which, before God, resembles sleep (cf. Jn 11:11).

However there is another death, which cost Christ the hardest struggle, even the price of the Cross: it is spiritual death and sin which threaten to ruin the existence of every human being. To overcome *this* death, Christ died and His Resurrection is not a return to past life, but an opening to a new reality, a "new land" united at last with God's Heaven. Therefore St Paul writes: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Rom 8:11).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us turn to the Virgin Mary, who previously shared in this Resurrection, so that she may help us to say faithfully: "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the

Christ, the Son of God" (Jn 11:27), to truly discover that He is our salvation.

(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 10 April 2011)

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

Deceased of the Riordan Family

THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of Fr. Claudio, we would like to thank you for your generosity to the Passionist Mission collection. We collected \$11131.00. We thank God for their work among us and we pray that the fruits of the mission will be felt among us for years to come. Passionist Perpetual Mass Association enrolments are now available through the parish office. This is a good way to support their work and also to participate in the spiritual benefits of the Passionist Family worldwide.

LENTEN SERIES ON PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN April 7 (Prayer & Contemplation).

Conferences will be given by Fr. Marco.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS, Wednesday, April 9th: 9-11 a.m. English & Italian. and 6-8 p.m. English & Italian.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS: Friday, April 11: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, April 12: 3-5 p.m.; Sunday, April 13: 3-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 16: 5-8 p.m.

TRIDUUM, EASTER & DIVINE MERCY NOVENA Holv Thursday, April 17th:

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)
Good Friday April 18th

Good Friday. April 18th: 12:00 p.m. Commemoration of our Lord's Passion

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (English) **3:00 p.m.** Commemoration of our Lord's Passion

4:30 p.m. Celebrazione della Passione del Signore

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Italian)

Easter Vigil, April 19th:

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass (Please note that the Easter Vigil is a long service of approximately 2 hours)

Easter Sunday, April 20th:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

9:30 a.m. Holy Mass (Italian)

11:00 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. Holy Mass

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 p.m. in English. 7:45 p.m. in Italian.

CWL GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday, April 8th. We are growing our Membership. To all ladies of the Parish: you are invited to attend our meeting to see if the CWL is the Parish Ministry you would like to join in prayer and action.

SMI & SVDP INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are ready to be picked up in the lobby. May God reward you.

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS FAMILY CENTRE helps couples to achieve and avoid pregnancy and improve women's health using NaPro Technology which is rooted and grounded in Catholic Church teaching. To raise funds, we are selling hand-made Belgian chocolate Easter eggs for \$3 each or two for \$5 after all the Masses this weekend. Your support will help us promote and maintain our service in the Archdiocese.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be holding a Pro-Life Dinner and Coffee House to raise money in support of pro-life charities and activities on Saturday, May 3rd. Tickets go on sale this weekend as well as next weekend and talent sign up will begin at that time as well. Mark Your Calendar:

COINS FOR LIFE As a Lenten initiative, we encourage everyone to fill a 'Coins for Life' box with their loose change by taking a 'Coins for Life' box. These boxes are at the entrances of the Church. Filled up boxes will be collected on Divine Mercy weekend. Please visit www.coinsforlife.org

HANDMADE ROSARIES (Brigittine or Dominican) by Fr. Marco are available for purchase from the Parish Office. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life.

REDEMPTION AND FORGIVENESS JOURNEY, a 1 day Lenten retreat on April 12 at St. Francis Ctr., Caledon. \$40. To register or for more info, please call 519-941-1747 or email stfranciscentre@rogers.com

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE May 5-19, 2014. Join us for an intensely Catholic, fervently Marian, and deeply prayerful pilgrimage to France with our spiritual guide Father Neil J. Roy, S.T.L., Ph.D. Holy Mass will be celebrated daily. Holy sites on the itinerary include: Toulouse (St Thomas Aquinas), Ars (St Jean Marie Vianney), Paray-le-Monial (St Margaret Mary, Nevers (St Bernadette), Tours (Holy Face), St. Laurent-sur-Sevre (St. Louis de Montfort), the Vendée area (Martyrs of the French Revolution), St. Anne d'Auray, Mont St. Michel, LeMans (Bd Basil Moreau), Lisieux (St Thérèse), Rouen (St Joan of Arc), Chartres, Chapel of the Miraculous Medal (St Catherine Labouré), Notre Dame Cathedral, and more. Cost: \$3090-\$3490 (depending on number of pilgrims), plus airport tax. For info, please call Maria at 1-800-565-3619

LEGION OF MARY meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. We are looking for new members. Please call the office if you are interested.

RETROUVAILLE: Help for Troubled Marriages A live-in weekend and Post sessions to help couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relationships. For confidential and no-obligation information, go to www.torontoretrouvaille.com or call (416) 281-6007 Upcoming weekend: April 25, 26, 27, in Mississauga.

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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY REVOLUTION! Interested in knowing more about John Paul II's life-changing teaching? "Theology of the Body" presentation on April 12 (2:00 - 4:30pm) at Pauline Books & Media, 3022 Dufferin St. (near Lawrence West subway), Toronto 416-781-9131. Each Saturday is \$5.00 at the door. Texts are optional.

THE DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE on **Saturday, April 12th.** This is our 5th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith conference and we are pulling out all the stops to make it extra special this year! This year, not only will you experience all the same great hallmarks of our events including; gifts for the ten first women who register, door prizes, a fantastic music ministry, dynamic Catholic talks, but we are hosting a special mother daughter evening then night before! **Calling ALL Girls on Friday, April 11.** This program has been created especially for girls (14-18 years) and their moms! The program runs from 7pm-10pm. It will feature a series of high powered dynamic talks, intended to revitalized both the faith and fun that is meant to exist in mother daughter relationship! Raising girls in this culture is tough and we are here to help! We have a panel of speakers lined up that evening that is guaranteed to motivate and inspire! For copies of our brochure, please call **905-279-7702**, or email dynamicwomenfaith2014@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC CHAPTER HOUSE EVENT Join hundreds of Catholics to be renewed and inspired to live your faith to the fullest at 50 Gervais Dr., (Don Mills/Eglinton) on Sat., April 12! The theme of the event is "Put on the Amour of God – Understanding & Defending the Faith Event". The topics of the day: Ephesians 6, learning & defending our faith, and how we can live out our faith in today's culture. For Info/tickets, 1-888-522-2070, email info@catholicchapterhouse.com or visit www.catholicchapterhouse.com/armourofgod

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. All alumni and friends are welcome. For info or to RSVP visit <u>www.brebeufalumni.org</u>.

MASS INTENTIONS		April 6 - 12
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Renda
		+Giuseppe Iacobelli
		+Rosina e Ermelinda Bernardo
		+Antonio e Maria Grazia De
		Angelis
		+Angelo e Rosina Corvinelli
		+Samuele e Giacinta Angela
		Forte
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		+Gustavo Taffo
		+Francesca Sallese
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+ Gabriele Magnotta
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		+Maria Assunta Cavacece
		+Anna e Angelo Marcellii
		+Felice Petrucci
		Members of the Madden &
		Winton Families
		Members of the Paxton Family
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Giuseppe Giusti
		+anna Wong
		+Giovanni Paradiso
		+Maria & Joseph Ruza & Family

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Gosein, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Terry Jennings,

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Luciana, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano,

Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jeffrey

Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr,

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT Refresh and rekindle your love for each other by treating yourselves to a marriage enrichment weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, or give a weekend as a gift to family or friends. The Centre offers comfort, excellent cuisine and an inspiring program. The next weekend is April 11-13. For info, please call: 905-278-5229.

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