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9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

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Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am

Wednesday Italian Mass: 7:00 pm

Confession:

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

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass. Weekdays: Appointment with the priest

Baptism:

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

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Contact the priest one year in advance

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare His way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

John the Baptist is "more than a prophet." In him, the Holy Spirit concludes His speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light." In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.... Behold, the Lamb of God." Finally, with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of "the divine likeness," prefiguring what he would achieve with and in Christ. John's baptism was for repentance; baptism in water and the Spirit will be a new birth.

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ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character. As a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.

From December 17^{th} on, there is a notable shift in emphasis as the events immediately preceding the Lord's birth are present in the gospel readings while the first readings proclaim the most important Messianic prophecies.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific theme. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

ADULT FAITH STUDY PROGRAMME (open to all) on Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m. & from 7-8:30 p.m. Please note that the same topic will be discussed that day.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, December 7th, St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor, St. Ambrose was born at Trier about the year 340. In 374, while living in Milan, he was elected bishop of the city by popular acclaim and ordained on December 7th. He devotedly carried out his duties and was an effective pastor and teacher. He died in 397.

Wednesday, December 8th, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Solemnity celebrates the sinlessness and purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite Mass (the Tridentine Rite Mass according to the 1962 Missal) will be celebrated by Fr. Steven at 2:00 p.m. We will have Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m., Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:50 p.m. Bilingual (English/Italian) Holy Mass is at 7:00 p.m. Communal consecration to Our Lady will take place during Holy Mass right after Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24

6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Italian), Midnight

Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25

p.m. There is <u>NO</u> 4:30 p.m. Mass this day. <u>Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, Dec. 27</u> 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11:00 a.m., 12:30

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Eve (Friday, Dec. 31): 5:00 p.m., 8 p.m. (Italian) Day (Saturday, Jan. 1): 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. There is NO 4:30 p.m. Mass this day. Please note that January 1st is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

<u>VOCATION SEEDS</u> "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If so, please visit www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be giving away "Christ is Christmas" buttons after all the Masses this weekend and the next in exchange for any amount of donation for the Martyrs' Shrine and the Wheelchair Foundation. Christmas cards are also available this weekend after all the Masses.

SMI YOUTH GROUP will be selling delicious Christmas goodies and religious gifts after all the Masses on Dec. 11/12th and 18/19th in support of their 2011 WYD pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain.

2011 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES As announced last week, envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized alphabetically. For the parishioners who put their donations in previous year's envelopes, plain envelope and/or use loose cheques week after week, please help us record your donation in our accounting system by getting a box of envelopes which will be your envelope number to use. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please call the Parish Office. Please do not use your 2011 envelopes until 2011. Church support is a precept of the Church undertaken with gratitude to God for His countless blessings.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY members are now planning Christmas for our families in need. If you would like to prepare a gift basket for a family or for an individual, please phone 905-717-9827 for information. We can also be contacted at svdp.smi@gmail.com. We thank you for remembering the many among us who are facing great hardship during this festive season.

CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL on Wed., Dec. 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift for the Rose of Sharon. Membership is now due for 2011, please drop your \$25.00 fee in the offertory basket or the Parish office with your name, address, phone # & email.

NEW BEGINNINGS for the Separated, Divorced, and Widowed. Come and join us for an informative evening on Tues., Dec. 7th from 8-9:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure's Church, Toronto. We also have a weekend retreat from Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. to Dec. 12 at 4p.m. at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Ctr, Mississauga. For info, please call James at 416-921-1163 x 2246.

22nd ANNUAL BENEFIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Sunday, December 19th at 4 p.m. at Unionville Alliance Church. Featuring Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, Toronto Mass Choir and the St. Michael's Boys Choir. For tickets, please call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230 (evenings).

COURAGE Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers? Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. We have been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family and our beloved John Paul II said of this ministry, "COURAGE is doing the work of God!" We also have an outreach called Encourage which ministers to relatives and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. For information, please visit www.couragerc.org or call 416-928-5094.

2ª di Avvento - 5 dicembre 2010

L'Avvento ha valore in sé e non solo in vista del Natale. Iniziare l'anno liturgico con l'Avvento significa riportarci al vero motivo per cui viviamo: l'attesa del Signore. Ed è importante pensare che prima di noi altri hanno atteso e che, nella vicenda degli altri, come Gesù indica essere per sé, noi siamo invitati a cogliere la venuta del Signore. La storia dell'umanità può essere letta come la storia di chi ha atteso il Signore. L'Avvento è un tempo opportuno per rileggere la nostra storia e intravedere 'nuovi germogli', sentire nostalgia di qualcosa che possa togliere pesantezza alla nostra esistenza. È un tempo propizio perché anche in noi germogli qualcosa di nuovo come il germoglio dal tronco di Iesse, qualcosa che dia vigore all'identità del credente e rinnovi la comunione all'interno della comunità.

"Noi abbiamo un problema. Forse un problema spicciolo: che saremo? grano o pula? Già. Non ci piacerebbe proprio essere il materiale di scarto del Signore. Strane sensazioni di rispetto e timore si mescolano: paura del ventilabro, paura del fuoco inestinguibile (Mt 3,12), paura della scure (Mt 3,10). Eppure fermarsi alla paura sarebbe una posizione troppo comoda; vedere come irraggiungibile la meta è utile solo a chi cerca scuse per non intraprendere il cammino. Certo ognuno di noi parte da quel poco che può, ma con la speranza di arrivare a compiere ciò di cui nemmeno ci si penserebbe capaci. Questi ci sembrano i "frutti degni di conversione": prendere in mano la propria vita, il proprio "punto di partenza", per lasciarsi poi guidare. La conversione è il movimento dell'uomo, la salvezza è il moto di Dio (*Gruppo OPG*)."

La spiritualità del cristiano è la spiritualità del tempo intermedio, tra la prima e la seconda venuta di Cristo. La vigilanza è la virtù di cui Gesù maggiormente ci parla; è la virtù per eccellenza. Quaggiù noi non possiamo altro che protenderci verso la carità, così come ci protendiamo verso il Cristo. Solo attraverso la vigilanza, questo incessante vegliare, noi possiamo mettere da parte nostra tutto ciò che è necessario perché da parte sua il Dio vivente, nel suo Spirito, ci metta l'Amore che ci deve totalmente colmare, totalmente riempire. La veglia è una risposta alla fedeltà di Dio. La nostra vigilanza è correlativa alla certezza che Dio è fedele. Se contiamo su questo, riusciamo, possiamo anche vegliare; d'altra parte, quello che Dio ci chiede in contrapposizione alla sua fedeltà, è precisamente che noi vegliamo, con questa tensione incessante, all'incontro con il suo Cristo. Questa vigilanza si caratterizza per tensione, per sforzo, per lotta, per tenebre: perché è virtù del tempo intermedio che è il tempo della prova. Ma la vigilanza cristiana deve essere accompagnata sempre da una punta di gioia che scaturisce da questa certezza: che Dio, in Cristo ci ha dato già tutto ciò di cui abbiamo bisogno. Il mormorare per le difficoltà non è giusto perché gli ostacoli sono molto meno dei doni che ci sono stato già fatti, le prove sono molto meno dure dei mezzi che ci sono stati già dati per vincerle. Tutta la comunità è chiamata alla vigilanza, perché l'intero popolo ha la garanzia d'incontrare il Cristo nella sua totalità. La fedeltà e la vigilanza della comunità danno la sicurezza dell'incontro personale con il Signore.

AVVISO

1. Si organizza la festa della famiglia per l'8 gennaio 2011. Per iscriversi, chiamate Antonietta Miniaci (905-737-3210) o Rosa Marsella (905-731-9175).

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 5-11 +Gabriele Magnotta SUN. 9:30 a.m. +Angelo Mignardi +Carlo Carusi +Marcello & Emidio Frasca +Amedeo Scopa & Famiglia +Chiapetta Umile +Lucia & Luigi Di Tacchio +Angela Palmieri +Rosa Bellissimo +Francesca, Danny & Carmen MON. 8:00 a.m. +Apolonia Monik 7:00 p.m. +Salvatore Fusca 8:00 a.m. +Jillianne Gabriel TUE. 7:00 p.m. +Paul Joseph Ricciardi In Thanksgiving to Our WED. 8:00 a.m. Blessed Mother 7:00 p.m. THURS. 8:00 a.m. +John Dingillo +Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m. FRI. 8:00 a.m. +Carmen Delgado In reparation to the Sacred 7:00 p.m. Heart of Jesus +Milan Ercul +Lana Ricci +Francis Maurice +John LeClaire +George Joseph & Sabat Kafieh +Deceased of the Naughton Family +Deceased of the Paxton Family +Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father SAT. 9:00 a.m. In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Barbara Ercul +Lucy D'Souza +Lucia Mancinelli +Antonio Scianitti +Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of SMI priests REMEMBER OUR SICK Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Esmy, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, James Davidson, Caterina & Dominic De Grano,

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Vincent, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt. <u>RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY</u> at Holy Cross Cemetery is cancelled for this month. Please join us every Wednesday at Our Lady's Chapel at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

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