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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
9:30 am (Italian)
11:00 am
12:30 pm
4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

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

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm
Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 12:00 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

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ADVENT

When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #524*)

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 17th 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.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, Priest St. Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He was ordained a priest in Venice and sailed for the East Indies in 1541. In 1542, he landed in Goa and from there set out to preach the Gospel in different lands. He died 1552 in China. He is patron of the missions.

Friday, December 6th, First Friday of the Month. We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sat, 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 & was an effective pastor & teacher. He died in 397.

Advent Day of Recollection - In Conversation with God from 8:30 a.m. - 1p.m. Conferences by Fr. Marco. Hosted by CWL. Tickets: \$5 (light breakfast)

First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:
+Belinda Wong

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Monday, Dec 9th**. 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."*** **Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Sung Mass at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall. We encourage everyone to prepare for our patronal Feast by making this Novena to our Lady, which begins Sunday, Dec. 1st.**

MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS NOVENA PRAYER

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with your Son and my Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot... I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution and with Christ the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge! Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of Typhoon Haiyan leaving thousands dead. Estimates suggest more than 9.5 million people are in need of aid across nine provinces and more than 600,000 have been forced from their homes. **The Canadian government has announced it will match donations to the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund made by Canadians between Nov. 9 and Dec. 9. Contributions made through the Archdiocese of Toronto for this relief effort will be eligible for the matching program.** We offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help those in crisis in the Philippines.

RIGHT TO LIFE Christmas Cards will be sold at the main entrance of the Church after all the Masses.

CALLING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS (12-17 & 18-35)! The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invite parish community youth and young adults to come together to serve and, meet others in Ontario and worldwide through engaging activities. Please provide your contact information at (905) 717-9827.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for Gr. 8 Children are being taken up at this time. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish next year, please call the parish office to register.

CWL ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE hosted by Fr. Bob is on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 8:00 p.m in the Rectory. All CWL Members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS For those who have lost a loved one through death, separation or divorce. Come and join us for an informative evening on Dec. 3rd from 7-9 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre - 1155 Yonge St., 4th Floor, Toronto, ON. (It is on the North East corner of Yonge and Shaftebury - Free underground parking off Shaftebury and we are beside the Summerhill subway station.) Our Facilitator is *Fr. Fred Scinto C. R.*, Topic: "I am in Grief: How do I face the Christmas Holidays" December 3, Pre registration is NOT required. Enquiries: Deacon James at 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com

ROSE OF SHARON SERVICES FOR YOUNG MOTHERS CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2013 With the holidays just around the corner, Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers is preparing to create Christmas Baskets for 150 families this year. We have been blessed in the past to receive support from the community and we are reaching out to once again ask for your help to provide gifts for families in need at this special time of year. The agency will be collecting new and unwrapped toys, clothes as well as food and toiletries for mothers and their babies up to December 13th at 361 Eagle St. in Newmarket. Please contact our office at 905-853-5514 ext. 230 or visit www.therose.ca for information.

25th ANNUAL & FAREWELL CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at Unionville Alliance Church, Unionville. Special guests: Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, Toronto Mass Choir. For tickets, please call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230. Tickets from \$20.

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Thornhill, ON Regional Arts Program focuses on dance, drama, visual arts, instrumental music and vocal music. Applications are due on Monday, Dec. 2, 2013. For info, please call 905-882-1460 x 264.

ST. FRANCIS CENTRE FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES Advent Retreat: The Star of Bethlehem on Dec. 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 51-941-1747 or email stfranciscentre@rogers.com for info or to book.

1° di Avvento - 1 Dicembre 2013

PREGHIERA A NOSTRA SIGNORA CHE SCIOGLIE I NODI

Vergine Maria, Madre del Bell'Amore, Madre che non ha mai abbandonato un figliolo che grida aiuto, Madre le cui mani lavorano senza sosta per i suoi figlioli tanto amati, perché sono spinte dall'amore divino e dall'infinita misericordia che esce dal Tuo cuore volgi verso di me il tuo sguardo pieno di compassione. Guarda il cumulo di "nodi" della mia vita. Tu conosci la mia disperazione e il mio dolore. Sai quanto mi paralizzano questi nodi Maria, Madre incaricata da Dio di sciogliere i "nodi" della vita dei tuoi figlioli, ripongo il nastro della mia vita nelle tue mani. Nelle tue mani non c'è un "nodo" che non sia sciolto.

Madre Onnipotente, con la grazia e il tuo potere d'intercessione presso tuo Figlio Gesù, mio Salvatore, ricevi oggi questo "nodo" (*nominarlo se possibile...*). Per la gloria di Dio ti chiedo di scioglierlo e di scioglierlo er sempre. Spero in Te. Sei l'unica consolatrice che Dio mi ha dato. Sei la forza delle mie forze precarie, la ricchezza delle mie miserie, la liberazione di tutto ciò che mi impedisce di essere con Cristo. Accogli il mio richiamo. Preservami, guidami proteggimi, sii il mio rifugio. **Maria, che scioglie i nodi, prega per me.**

Prega per me, o Vergine Maria, e raccomandami al Tuo Divin Figlio. Meglio di me Tu conosci le mie miserie e i miei bisogni. O Madre mia e dolce Regina prega per me il Tuo Figlio Divino e ottienimi di ricevere le Grazie che mi sono più necessarie ed essenziali per la mia Salvezza Eterna. Io mi abbandono completamente a Te. Le Tue preghiere non sono mai state respinte da Lui: sono le preghiere di una Madre al suo Figlio; e questo Figlio Ti ama così tanto, che Egli fa tutto ciò che Tu desideri al fine di aumentare la Tua Gloria e di testimoniare il grande amore che Egli prova per Te.

"O Madonna fermiamoci lì: mi affido pienamente corpo e anima a Te; e Tu preoccupati della mia salvezza. Così sia" (Sant' Alfonso Maria de' Liguori)

AVVISI

1. Vi si invita a recitare la preghiera qui sopra dal 1 al 9 dicembre come novena alla Madonna dei nodi in preparazione per la celebrazione della festa dell'Immacolata, nostra Patrona. Una S. Messa bilingue per l'Immacolata si celebrerà il 9 dicembre alle 7pm e sarà seguita da un ricevimento in sala.
2. Alle Messe di oggi e a quelle di domenica prossima si ricevono offerte per la S. Vincenzo de Paoli per preparare cestini natalizi per i poveri della nostra parrocchia.

MASS INTENTIONS**Dec. 1 - 7**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Carlo Carusi +Giuseppe Renda +Lucia e Luigi Di Tacchio +Vito Di Tacchio +Victoria Rojas +Sergio Durante +Sonja Quattrin +Giuseppe e Angelina Corvinelli +Marcello e Marianna Del Gobbo +Antonio Maria e Lucia Scianitti +Fioralba Maria e Salvatore DiNardo +Filomena e Antonio DiPietrantonio +Franco Ritacca
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Giuseppe & Cristina Galcazza
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Carol Medina MacNeil
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Christian & Ida Gruber
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Filomena & Mario Corbo
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Alma Gibbons
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Les & Kuchta Families +Antonio Abbruzzino +Belinda Wong Members of the Paxton Family Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Members of the Naughton Family Intentions of Anne Roman & Ronald Wood +Maria & Tadeusz Les +Joan Scott +Brendan Boylan +Julian Gilbert +Belinda Wong

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Terry Jennings, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Narcisco Marcone, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Paul Melotte, 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 Santaguidda, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Margot Senbrich, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan.

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