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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: 8:30 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 & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 12:00 pm to 6:50 pm

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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

We should give some consideration to our Lenten penance and practices as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Triduum.

The Holy Season of Lent begins with its discipline of fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of her corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. In this preparation for the Solemn Feast of Easter, the faithful do penance.

The privileged forms of penance of our Church are fasting, almsgiving, prayers, works of mercy, and abstinence from meat. It is evangelical (Gospel) law that a follower of Christ must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred for sin as an offence against God, external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue.

All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to the needs of others, and to save money to give to the poor. Current Church discipline permits one to take a main and two lesser meals which do not equal the main meal. Mandatory fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, on which days one must abstain from meat and eat only one main meal. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence and meat may not be taken on these days. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

+Asa & Lily Chan Mr. & Mrs. Fong-Yiu Tam

"ATONEMENT & RECONCILIATION" LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION on Saturday, Feb. 23rd from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Hosted by the CWL. Tickets: \$5 to cover light breakfast.

PLEASE NOTE that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 18th.

PARISH SKATING PARTY On Family Day, Feb. 18th the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a free parish skating party at Elgin Barrow Arena from 2-3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations of food or support for the Richmond Hill Foodbank will be collected. Come out & join us!

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.

LENTEN DAILY PENANCES for Growing in Faith

- On Sundays Lectio Divina: Devote a half hour or so each Sunday to reading Sacred Scripture in a prayerful manner. You might begin with one of the Gospels, or perhaps take up next Sunday's Bible readings.
- On Mondays Meditative Prayer: Set aside time
 to pray by yourself in silence. You might repeat
 peacefully the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ,
 Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a
 sinner."
- On Tuesdays Fasting: Choose one day of the week each week - perhaps this day to fast. Offer your mortification for specific intentions. Pray that your spiritual hunger will match your physical hunger.
- On Wednesdays Charitable Works of Mercy:
 Use this day to go out of your way to care for the poor, the needy, and the lonely. Reflect on all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and commit to carrying out each of them during the season of Lent.
- On Thursdays Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Make regular Eucharistic Adoration a priority of your Lenten observance. Bring all your prayer requests and the needs of your family and friends before the Lord's Eucharistic presence. Let him gaze at you in love.
- On Fridays Study of the Faith: Build into your Lenten Fridays choice time to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Start with those areas of doctrine which you need to understand better.
- Saturdays Confession and Mortification for Sins: Let your Lent be marked by frequent confession. Resolve to give up certain pleasures and conveniences during Lent as a penance for sin. -Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.

SUNDAY MISSALS A limited number of Sunday Missals are available for purchase in the Parish Office. If interested, please come to the Parish Office during regular office hours.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. The Legion is an international lay movement whose active members assist the Parish Priests in looking after the spiritual needs of the Parish. New members are welcome. If any parishioners would like to receive the pilgrim statue of Our Lady into their house for family consecration & enthronement, please call the Parish Office and the Legion members will be happy to arrange this.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS If you are interested in joining us, please call Steve at (905) 508-2685.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY "FAITH ON FIRE" on Saturday, March 2nd from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Convention Ctr., Toronto, ON. For tickets / information, please call 416-251-4255 / 905-270-2510 or pdkromer@rogers.com

PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FATHER

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd, and You never leave Your flock untended. You gave Your life that we may live, and You appoint shepherds after Your own heart to lead Your people by word and example to likewise give themselves away in love. We thank You for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI, and for his service to the Church and the world. We ask that You now give him a fruitful period of rest and prayer, of gratitude and praise. We ask You, Lord Jesus, with the Father, to send the Holy Spirit on the Church. In particular, guide the Cardinals who will shortly exercise the obligation and privilege of electing a new Pope. Guide their deliberations and decisions with divine wisdom and insight. Even now, Lord Jesus, give to the new Pope, whom You have already chosen, an abundance of holiness and strength, to carry out the mission You have entrusted to him. May Your Word reign supreme in his life, and may his every word and action point the Church to You, the supreme and eternal Shepherd, and the only mediator between God and humanity, for you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

VATICAN COUNCIL II & THE SACRED LITURGY in the Parish Hall. Presenter: Rev. Fr. N. J. Roy, SSTL, PhD. 3 evenings of Discussion & Questions

- **EVENING I** Sunday, 3 March at 7:30 p.m. **Film: "The Second Vatican Council"**
- EVENING II Monday, 4 March at 7:30 p.m.
 The Sixteen Documents of Vatican II
 The Hermeneutic of Continuity
- EVENING III Tuesday, 5 March at 7:30 p.m.
 The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
 The nature and purpose of the Sacred Liturgy

TRIDUUM OF PRAYER IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH AND OF CANADA March 16, 17, 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Solemn Sung Latin Mass (Novus Ordo) In G, Soli, for Choir, & Orchestra by Franz Schubert. Conductor: Uwe Lieflander with the Schola and Soli of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy and Sinfonia Sacra on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table.

COINS FOR LIFE Did you know that there have been over 3 million recorded abortions in Canada since 1969? 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 back of the church. The coins will be collected on Divine Mercy weekend. Make Coins for Life a family project, share it with your friends, and bring the box to school and work. Remember that your small change can lead to a BIG change in Canada. Thank you for your contribution and for spreading the message on behalf of those who have no voice – the unborn. Above all, please remember to pray for the unborn and for those who have been affected by abortion. Visit www.coinsforlife.org

AVVISI

- 1. Mercoledi' delle Ceneri: la celebrazione in italiano si terra' a mezzogiorno.
- 2. Durante la Quaresima, si celebrera' la Via Crucis ogni venerdi' sera alle 7.45.

ST. FRANCIS CTR FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES invites you to a one day retreat by Fr. Pierre Farrugia ofm on Sat., March 23rd for reflection and the sacraments in preparation for Holy Week 2013. Please call 519-941-1747 or email stfranciscentre@rogers.com.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or that of your relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in hurting marriages, even reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the live-in weekend and Post sessions. call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at www.torontoretrouvaille.com

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE WITH A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND! Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Weekend Date: April 19-21. Info or to register contact: Cora & Mike(905-896-2958) or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca, www.wwme.org

<u>IESUIT DINNER</u> The 7th Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner will be held on April 10 at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. This year will recognize the 50th Anniversary Jesuit Jubilarians, Fr. Wayne Bolton, Fr. John Burns, Br. James Deshaye, and Scholastic George O'Neill, Tickets: 416-481-9154 or <u>ido@jesuits.ca</u>.

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SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Don Giovanni M. Cocco
		+Arnaldo Bernabei
		+Rosina & Angelo Corvinelli
		+Cesina Ricciuto
		+Antonio Gulli
		+Benedetto & Matilde Curtis
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		+Giuseppe Iacobelli
		+Ernesto Vettese
		+Rosa Pileggi
		+Valerio & Vittoria Eramo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Sergio Durante
	7:00 p.m.	+Earl Fernandes
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Rosa Scarpino
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Frankie Flynn
	7:00 p.m.	In honore - S. Guiseppe
		+Fulvio Rosciardi
		+John Marsella
		Deceased of Giuseppe Billota's
		family
		+Alberto Perricciolo
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THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
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FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Clare Robson
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		+Fr. Gordon Elliott
		Special Intention
		Members of the Madden &
		Winston Families
		+Norina Bruno
		+Nico Navarra
		Intentions of Caldeira & Rulli
		Families
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SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Fr. Gordon Elliott Special Intention
		+Restituta DeCiantis
		+Deceased of the Naughton
		Family
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		family
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GTATIONS OF THE CROSS A live portrayal by the Mustard Seeds Youth Group on Tuesday, March 12 at 7		
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p.m. at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, Richmond Hill. For info: www.mseeds.net/stations NEW BEGINNINGS Retreat Weekend: Jesus says:

"Come to Me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Objectives: 1. To know the love of God and recognize God's presence in your life. 2. To receive the Lord's grace of healing and restoration. 3. To grieve, to mourn, to let go, to find yourself with the support of a loving community. Friday

April 12, 7:00 p.m. to Sunday April 14, 4:00 p.m. At Scarboro Missions, Toronto, **Info:** Mary Benincasa at 416-

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