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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

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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

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: Saturday morning at 9:00 am

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DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Creation has its own goodness and proper perfection, but it did not spring forth complete from the hands of the Creator. The universe was created "in a state of journeying" (*in statu viae*) toward an ultimate perfection yet to be attained, to which God has destined it. We call "divine providence" the dispositions by which God guides His creation toward this perfection:

By his providence God protects and governs all things which he has made, "reaching mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and ordering all things well". For "all are open and laid bare to his eyes", even those things which are yet to come into existence through the free action of creatures.

The witness of Scripture is unanimous that the solicitude of divine providence is concrete and immediate; God cares for all, from the least things to the great events of the world and its history. The sacred books powerfully affirm God's absolute sovereignty over the course of events: "Our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases." And so it is with Christ, "who opens and no one shall shut, who shuts and no one opens". As the book of Proverbs states: "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established."

And so we see the Holy Spirit, the principal author of Sacred Scripture, often attributing actions to God without mentioning any secondary causes. This is not a "primitive mode of speech", but a profound way of recalling God's primacy and absolute Lordship over history and the world, and so of educating His people to trust in Him. The prayer of the Psalms is the great school of this trust.

Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of His children's smallest needs: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?"... Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Providence and secondary causes. God is the sovereign master of His plan. But to carry it out He also makes use of His creatures' co-operation. This use is not a sign of weakness, but rather a token of almighty God's greatness and goodness. For God grants His creatures not only their existence, but also the dignity of acting on their own, of being causes and principles for each other, and thus of cooperating in the accomplishment of His plan.

To human beings God even gives the power of freely sharing in His providence by entrusting them with the responsibility of "subduing" the earth and having dominion over it. God thus enables men to be intelligent and free causes in order to complete

the work of creation, to perfect its harmony for their own good and that of their neighbors. Though often unconscious collaborators with God's will, they can also enter deliberately into the divine plan by their actions, their prayers and their sufferings. They then fully become "God's fellow workers" and coworkers for His kingdom.

The truth that God is at work in all the actions of His creatures is inseparable from faith in God the Creator. God is the first cause who operates in and through secondary causes: "For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." Far from diminishing the creature's dignity, this truth enhances it. Drawn from nothingness by God's power, wisdom and goodness, it can do nothing if it is cut off from its origin, for "without a Creator the creature vanishes." Still less can a creature attain its ultimate end without the help of God's grace.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #302-308

<u>VOCATION SEEDS'</u> "No one can serve two masters." Is God calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon or religious? If so, please call 416-968-0997.

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. this Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

ADULT FAITH STUDY PROGRAMME are held on Thursdays, from 1-2:30 p.m. and from 7-8:30 p.m.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT Fr. Steven and the Youth Group of our Parish will be showing the inspirational movie "Monsieur Vincent" in the parish hall on Sat. March 5th at 6:15pm (right after the 5:00pm Mass). This movie is a classic, being produced in 1948, and it won an academy award. It recounts the life of St. Vincent the Paul and the tremendous influence his charity has had on others. The movie is in French with English subtitles and is about two hours long. Vincent's influence continues today, especially through organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Come to our movie night and find out more about St. Vincent and what enabled him to have such great love.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY collection for the poor and the needy is this weekend. Please help us help those in need.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY weekend will take place next weekend. Please bring your gently used clothing **on these days ONLY**. We appreciate your donations which will help so many families in need and we thank you for your continued generosity.

SVDP & CHURCH INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2010 are ready to be picked up at the parish main entrance.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2011 on Friday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, 10066 Yonge St. This World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions to observe a common day of prayer each year to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ.

2011 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY on Saturday, April 9th at 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the North Bldg. of the Metro Toronto Convention Ctr. For tickets or for more info, please call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510 or visit www.lift-Jesus-higher-rally.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9th until April 17th, the 40 Days for Life Campaign is a prayer focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results through the use of a three-point program: prayer and fasting, constant peaceful vigil and community outreach. Toronto's Campaign will be at the same location, which is "The Women's Care Clinic" at 960 Lawrence Ave., W (near Dufferin St.) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Participants will pray across the street from the medical building (same side as the villa Columbo). St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church is allowing us to use a 'tea room' to warm up and washrooms are available. Please join us. For info, please call 416-204-9749 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/toronto.

COINS FOR LIFE Did you know that there have been over 3 million recorded abortions in Canada since 1969? Last year alone, over 100,000 innocent lives were aborted. Generations of Canadians are denied the right to life and we need your help to bring an end to this crime against humanity. Coins for Life, a fundraising initiative is one way of getting involved. Over the next 4-6 weeks, we encourage everyone to fill a 'Coins for Life' box with their loose change. These boxes will be handed out at the back of the church next weekend and the coins will be collected on the weekend of May 1st, Divine Mercy weekend. proceeds will help fund many CLC initiatives such as the National March for Life, LifeChain, and 40 days for life to name a few. 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. For information or if you are interested in volunteering please visit www.coinsforlife.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY on Sat., March 5th at the Henri Nouwen Society to help us in our hospitality ministry at our Seeds of Hope reflection at L'Arche Daybreak. Hours: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, please contact Maureen at nouwensociety@nouwen.net or 416-926-2287.

NEW BEGINNINGS: For the Separated, Divorced and Widowed. Come and join us for an informative evening with Gary Marche, a clinical Social Worker at Catholic Family Services on Tues., March 1st at 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure's Church, 1300 Leslie Street, Toronto. His topic is **The Process of Renewal,** using the fairytale "The Four Musicians of Bremen" to explain this process. No registration required. Info: Dcn. James Shaughnessy at 416-921-1163 x 2227.

8^a del tempo ordinario - 27 febbraio 2011

Il Signore, che elargisce all'uomo ciò che vale di più, la vita eterna e l'immortalità, senza dubbio si degnerà di fornirci anche i beni temporali. (S. Cromazio di Aquileia, Com. a Matteo, Trat. 32, 2).

L'impegno sapiente dell'uomo di fede è la ricerca del regno di Dio e della sua giustizia, consumando il cuore e la mente nella conoscenza della volontà del Padre, che conosce perfettamente tutti i nostri bisogni e riempie di beni coloro che con cuore filiale si affidano a Lui.

La vigilanza cristiana consiste nel rinnovare ogni giorno la comunione con il Padre celeste, riscattando il tempo dalla malizia dell'incredulità che ci porta a preoccuparci per il domani non facendoci vivere oggi la pienezza della presenza di Dio.

"[Il Signore Gesù infine] li consola dicendo: Il Padre vostro celeste sa che di tutto questo voi avete bisogno Non dice "Dio sa", ma il Padre vostro sa, in modo da instillare nel loro cuore, con questa parola, "padre", una più grande fiducia. Se voi avete un padre, dice loro, e un simile padre, egli non potrà trascurare i figli che si trovano in estrema necessità: anche gli uomini che son padri si guardano bene dal lasciar soffrire i loro figli. E oltre a questo aggiunge un'altra considerazione, un altro motivo: di tutto questo voi avete bisogno, volendo significare che non si tratta di cose superflue, di cui Dio potrebbe non curarsi, lui che non disdegna di donare all'erba, ad esempio, tanti ornamenti non indispensabili. Ma ora io so – sembra dire Gesù – che le cose di cui vi invito a non preoccuparvi sono anche necessarie alla vita. Perciò, questa necessità che voi considerate un legittimo motivo di preoccupazione, io credo, al contrario, che debba liberarvi da ogni affanno. (S. Giovanni Crisostomo, Commento al Vangelo di S. Matteo, Discorso 21, 1; 22, 2-3)."

"Beati quelli nel cuore dei quali è penetrato oggi l'ascolto della parola del Signore! Beati quelli le cui menti sono indotte alla fede da una così straordinaria promessa del Salvatore! Beati coloro che dalla fede nei comandamenti celesti sono stati liberati dalle tormentose preoccupazioni per le cose presenti! Con tali parole, infatti, il Signore incalza oggi i suoi discepoli, anzi tutti quelli che lo ascoltano: *Non datevi pensiero per la vostra vita di che mangerete né del vostro corpo di che vi vestirete, perché la vita vale più del cibo e il corpo più del vestito.* Chi è così invidioso dei propri beni, chi è così nemico dei propri piaceri, da disprezzare i beni spontanei e predisposti dal Cielo e da desiderare quelli ottenuti con le fatiche e i dolori del mondo? (S. Pier Crisologo, Dal Sermone 163, 1-2.11)."

AVVISI

- 1. Vi si invita a prelevare le vostre ricevute fiscali al retro della chiesa.
- 2. Si programmano i seguenti pellegrinaggi: Fatima (14 maggio), Midland (19 giugno), S. Anna (25-28 luglio), Santi Medici (24-25 settembre). Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210) o Ezia (905-884-3896).

MASS INTENTIONS		Feb. 27 - Mar. 5
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Benedetto Baccillieri
		+Domenico e Pasqualina
		D'Agostini .
		+Deceased of the Morra Family
		+Felice Guarnieri
		+Walter Gargaro
		+Luca & Rosa Polletta
		+Izabela Mendes
		+Andrea & Concetta Sangoi
		+Maria Sangoi
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+John Dingillo
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Spec. Intention of Eileen Hammond
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph
	-	+Sigismondo Posa
		+Carlo Castelli
		+Valerie Paoletti
		+Camillo di Cesare
		+Sebastiano Mallia
T	0.00	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Maria & Paolo Ditta
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus +Paul Davies
		+Louis Pomeroy
		Special Intention
		+Deceased Members of the
		Naughton Family
		+Herbert, Catherine & Patrick
		Paxton
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Louis Pomeroy
		Deceased Members of the
		Paxton Family Deceased Members of the
		Madden & Winton Family
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