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

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"You are the salt of the earth...." One of the main functions of salt is to season food, to give it taste and flavour. This image reminds us that, through Baptism, our whole being has been profoundly changed, because it has been "seasoned" with the new life which comes from Christ (cf. Rom 6:4). The salt which keeps our Christian identity intact even in a very secularized world is the grace of Baptism. Through Baptism we are re-born. We begin to live in Christ and become capable of responding to His call to "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Rom 12:1). Writing to the Christians of Rome, Saint Paul urges them to show clearly that their way of living and thinking was different from that of their contemporaries: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect" (Rom 12:2).

...As the salt of the earth, you are called to preserve the faith which you have received and to pass it on intact to others. Your generation is being challenged in a special way to keep safe the deposit of faith (cf. *2 Th* 2:15; *1 Tim* 6:20; *2 Tim* 1:14).

Discover your Christian roots, learn about the Church's history, deepen your knowledge of the spiritual heritage which has been passed on to you, follow in the footsteps of the witnesses and teachers who have gone before you! Only by staying faithful to God's commandments, to the Covenant which Christ sealed with His blood poured out on the Cross, will you be the apostles and witnesses of the new millennium.

It is the nature of human beings, and especially youth, to seek the Absolute, the meaning and fullness of life. Dear young people, do not be content with anything less than the highest ideals! Do not let yourselves be dispirited by those who are disillusioned with life and have grown deaf to the deepest and most authentic desires of their heart. You are right to be disappointed with hollow entertainment and passing fads, and with aiming at too little in life. If you have an ardent desire for the Lord you will steer clear of the mediocrity and conformism so widespread in our society.

"You are the light of the world...." For those who first heard Jesus, as for us, the symbol of light evokes the desire for truth and the thirst for the fullness of knowledge which are imprinted deep within every human being. When the light fades or vanishes altogether, we no longer see things as they really are. In the heart of the night we can feel frightened and insecure, and we impatiently await the coming of the light of dawn. Dear young people, it is up to you to be the watchmen of the morning (cf. Is 21:11-12) who announce the coming of the sun who is the Risen Christ!

The light which Jesus speaks of in the Gospel is the light of faith, God's free gift, which enlightens the heart and clarifies the mind. "It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of

God on the face of Christ" (2 Cor 4:6). That is why the words of Jesus explaining His identity and His mission are so important: "I Am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). Our personal encounter with Christ bathes life in new light, sets us on the right path, and sends us out to be His witnesses. This new way of looking at the world and at people, which comes to us from Him, leads us more deeply into the mystery of faith, which is not just a collection of theoretical assertions to be accepted and approved by the mind, but an experience to be had, a truth to be lived, the salt and light of all reality (cf. Veritatis Splendor, 88).

In this secularized age, when many of our contemporaries think and act as if God did not exist or are attracted to irrational forms of religion, it is you.... who must show that faith is a personal decision which involves your whole life. Let the Gospel be the measure and guide of life's decisions and plans! Then you will be missionaries in all that you do and say, and wherever you work and live you will be signs of God's love, credible witnesses to the loving presence of Jesus Christ. Never forget: "No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a bushel" (Mt 5:15)! Just as salt gives flavour to food and light illumines the darkness, so too holiness gives full meaning to life and makes it reflect God's glory. How many saints, especially young saints, can we count in the Church's history! In their love for God their heroic virtues shone before the world, and so they became models of life which the Church has held up for imitation by all.

Yes, now is the time for mission! ... The Church welcomes you and wishes to be your home and your school of communion and prayer. Study the Word of God and let it enlighten your minds and hearts. Draw strength from the sacramental grace of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Visit the Lord in that "heart to heart" contact that is Eucharistic Adoration. Day after day, you will receive new energy to help you to bring comfort to the suffering and peace to the world. Many people are wounded by life: they are excluded from economic progress, and are without a home, a family, a job; there are people who are lost in a world of false illusions, or have abandoned all hope. contemplating the light radiant on the face of the Risen Christ, you will learn to live as "children of the light and children of the day" (1 Th 5:5), and in this way you will show that "the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true" (Eph 5:9).

Pope John Paul II, July 25, 2001, Castel Gandolfo

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.

'VOCATION SEEDS' "You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon or religious? If you think God is calling you, please call Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2010 are ready to be picked up at the parish hall.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thursday, February 10th, St. Scholastica, Virgin St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, was born in Nursia, Italy, about the year 480. Like her brother, she vowed herself to God in the monastic life at Monte Cassino and died there around the year 547.

Friday, February 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a little girl named Bernadette at Lourdes in France. Through this humble girl, our Lady called sinners to conversion and enkindled within the Church a great zeal for prayer and charity, especially service to the sick and the poor. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after Holy Mass on this day to those who request it (have a serious illness or who are about to have an operation).

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE COLLECTION this weekend. Please help us maintain our Church.

2011 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. 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 previous year's envelopes as you might not get credited for the donations.**

TALK ON THE ROSARY will be given by Fr. Silvio in the Parish Hall after the Saturday, Feb. 12th 9a.m. Mass & rosary. Coffee & social to follow. All are invited.

<u>CWL BAKE SALE</u> after all masses on next weekend with all proceeds going to our Parish Maintenance & Building Fund. Please support this important cause.

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

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.

ROSE OF SHARON SERVICES FOR YOUNG MOTHERS & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2011 GALA on Saturday, April 16th. Please call 905-853-5514 for more info or to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$100 with \$25 tax receipt.

IESUIT DINNER The 5th Jesuit Provincial's Dinner will be held on April 13th at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. Besides recognizing the 50th Anniversary Jesuit Jubilarians, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Social Outreach Programs is being honoured with the "Magis Award" for their outstanding work and dedication. For tickets, please call 416-481-9154 or e-mail jdo@jesuits.ca.

EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, EWTN, etc. on June 7-13 (7 days, 6 nights) with Fr. Andrea. Cost: \$455/person (4 / rm), \$490 (3 / rm).... For info, please see the posters and the flyers at the entrance of the Church or contact Camila at 905-695-1687, cnoakowski@rogers.com or Boots at 416-832-1608, bmontano@rogers.com.

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"Come la Parola vuole che siano i cristiani, quali discepoli del Cristo: modellati solo su ciò che vedono in lui o che da lui odono. Come luce del mondo, in modo da non ammettere il male e da illuminare coloro che ad essi si accostano affinché conoscano la verità, e divengano ciò che devono essere o mostrino ciò che sono. Come sale in terra, cosicché quanti hanno comunione con loro siano rinnovati nello spirito per diventare incorruttibili (S. Basilio il Grande, *Morali* 80,1.9s)."

"Risplendano le vostre opere davanti agli uomini, perché vedano le buone azioni vostre e glorifichino il Padre vostro che è nei cieli (Mt 5,16). Non dunque "perché siate visti da loro", con l'intenzione di convertirli a voi, perché se siete qualcosa non lo siete da voi; ma "perché glorifichino il Padre vostro che è nei cieli", convertendosi al quale diventino quello che voi siete (Agostino, La città di Dio, 5,13-16)."

"I lontani non si possono interessare con una preghiera che non diviene carità, con una processione che non aiuta a portare le croci dell'ora. Senza volerlo li spingiamo sulle strade di una carità senza Dio e di una attività sociale senza preghiera. Un cristiano che si rassegnasse ad assistere indifferente alla rovina del mondo, rifiuterebbe la propria vocazione temporale, che è una vocazione di civiltà, e tradirebbe il Vangelo, traducendo il soprannaturale in accidioso quietismo. (...) Noi non ci crediamo dispensati dal lavorare con responsabilità nostra, né ci rifiutiamo di camminare con chiunque ha rettitudine di intenti e di opere. È finito il tempo di fare da spettatore sotto il pretesto che si è onesti e cristiani. Troppi ancora hanno le mani pulite perché non hanno mai fatto niente. Un cristiano che non accetta il rischio di perdersi per mantenersi fedele a un impegno di salvezza, non è degno di impegnarsi col Cristo (P. Mazzolari, Se tu resti con noi pp. 42-4).'

"Che cosa sono queste buone opere che possono essere viste in questa luce? Non possono essere altro che le opere che Gesù stesso suscitò in loro (i discepoli *ndr*) quando li chiamò, quando li fece luce del mondo sotto la sua croce: essere poveri, miti, stranieri, apportatori di pace ed infine essere perseguitati e respinti, ed in tutto ciò una sola cosa: portare la croce di Gesù. La croce è la strana luce che risplende, e in questa sola tutte quelle buone opere dei discepoli possono essere viste. In tutto ciò, non è detto che Dio divenga visibile...Visibile diventa la croce e visibili diventano le opere della croce, visibili diventano la privazione e la rinuncia di quelli che sono chiamati beati. Ma nella luce di questa comunità non si può più lodare l'uomo, ma Dio solo (D. Bonhoeffer, *Sequela* pp. 99-100)."

AVVISI

- 1. Vi si invita a prelevare le vostre ricevute fiscali al retro della chiesa.
- 2. Mercoledì, 9 febbraio, alle 2pm, P. Steven celebrerà la Santa Messa in latino secondo il rito tridentino.
- 3. Sabato, 12 febbraio, dopo la messa delle 9am, P. Steven parlerà del santo Rosario.

MASS INTENTIONS		Feb. 6-12
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe e defunti Giancola
		family
		+Brooklynn Brunetta
		+Gina Grossi
		+Vito, Caterina & vito Zurzolo
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		+Elvira Santangelo
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		+Caterina Maria Boragina
		+Erminia Di Nardo
		+Nicola Morsillo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Thomas Aquinas Lee
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph
		+Francesco & vincenza Maria
		Panacci
		+Maria Mannella
		+Ivano & Loretta Dalla Zuanna
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father
		Intentions of the SMI priests
THIIDS	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
FKI.	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
	7.00 p.iii.	Heart of Jesus
		+Maria Christina Valvis-Rocha
		+Thomas Ormesher
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		+Deceased Members of the
		Naughton Family
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Thomas Aquinas Lee
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