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**Sunday Masses:** 

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: 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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#### THE LAMB OF GOD

After agreeing to baptize Him along with the sinners, John the Baptist looked at Jesus and pointed Him out as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". By doing so, he reveals that Jesus is at the same time the suffering Servant Who silently allows Himself to be led to the slaughter and who bears the sin of the multitudes, and also the Paschal Lamb, the symbol of Israel's redemption at the first Passover. Christ's whole life expresses His mission: "to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

By embracing in His human heart the Father's love for men, Jesus "loved them to the end", for "greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." In suffering and death His humanity became the free and perfect instrument of His divine love which desires the salvation of men. Indeed, out of love for His Father and for men, whom the Father wants to save, Jesus freely accepted His Passion and death: "No one takes [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord." Hence the sovereign freedom of God's Son as He went out to His death.

It is love "to the end" that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew and loved us all when He offered His life. Now "the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that One has died for all; therefore all have died." No man, not even the holiest, was ever able to take on himself the sins of all men and offer himself as a sacrifice for all. The existence in Christ of the divine person of the Son, who at once surpasses and embraces all human persons, and constitutes Himself as the Head of all mankind, makes possible His redemptive sacrifice for all.

The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" and teaches that "His most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us." And the Church venerates His cross as she sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope."

The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men". But because in His incarnate divine person He has in some way united Himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls His disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [Him]", for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in His steps".... *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 608-9, 616-618.* 

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING** will be held on Wednesday, January 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. Anyone interested in learning about the work of the society, is welcome to attend.

#### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

**Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Anthony Abbot** St. Anthony is considered to be the father of Monasticism. He was born in Egypt around the year 250. After the death of his parents, he distributed his property to the poor, and beginning a life of penance, withdrew into solitude. He attracted disciples and laboured on behalf of the Church. He died in 356.

**Friday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr.** St. Agnes is a martyr of the early Church of Rome. Devotion to her spread rapidly as a model of fidelity and loyalty to the Faith exhibited at so young an age. Her name is listed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

**2011 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES** are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized alphabetically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please call the Parish Office. **Church support is a precept of the Church undertaken with gratitude to God for His countless blessings. Please do NOT use previous year's envelopes as you might not get credited for the donations.** 

**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. Everyone welcome.

**'VOCATION SEEDS'** St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or religious life? If so, please call Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997.

"THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend some time with Him so that you may discover His call. There will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older on Feb. 4-6 to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary. For information, please call 416-968-0997.

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE** Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential info or to register for the Jan. 28-30 weekend, please call 416-281-6007 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com

**ALONE AGAIN** is a marriage enrichment weekend for couples married **25+ years.** This unique weekend (Feb. 25-27<sup>th</sup>) is designed to help married couples look at the rest of their lives once children have left, or planning for their retirement, or continuing their personal growth once retired. This weekend is being held at Queen of Apostles Renewal Ctr, Mississauga. For info, call: 905-278-8879 or 416-694-1742 or register at Queen of Apostles,

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**THE EXAMPLE OF LU MONFERRATO** The little village of Lu, northern Italy, with only a few thousand inhabitants, is in a rural area 90 kilometers east of Turin. It would still be unknown to this day if, in the year 1881, the family mothers of Lu had not made a decision that had "serious consequences". The deepest desire of many of these mothers was for one of their sons to become a priest or for a daughter to place her life completely in God's service. Under the direction of their parish priest, Msgr. Alessandro Canora, they gathered every Tuesday for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord for vocations. They received Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month with the same intention. After Mass, all the mothers prayed a particular prayer together imploring for vocations to the priesthood. Through the trusting prayer of these mothers and the openness of the other parents, an atmosphere of deep joy and Christian piety developed in the families, making it much easier for the children to recognize their vocations. Did the Lord not say, "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Mt 22:14)? In other words, many are called, but only a few respond to that call. No one expected that God would hear the prayers of these mothers in such an astounding way. From the tiny village of Lu came 323 vocations! 152 priests (diocesan and religious), and 171 nuns belonging to 41 different congregations. Every ten years, the priests and sisters born in Lu come together from all around the world. Fr. Mario Meda, the long-serving parish priest of Lu, explained that this reunion is a true celebration, a feast of thanksgiving to God who has done such great things for Lu. The prayer that the mothers of Lu prayed was short, simple, and deep: "O God, grant that one of my sons may become a priest! I myself want to live as a good Christian and want to guide my children always to do what is right, so that I may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give you a holy priest! Amen.

#### 2<sup>a</sup> del tempo ordinario - 16 gennaio 2011

"Fino a quando tutti I suoi nemici non siano annientati - e l'ultimo nemico ad essere annientato sarà la morte (1 Co 15,26) - l'Agnello di Dio continua a prender su di il peccato per ciascun uomo che è nel mondo, fino a che il peccato sia rimosso da tutto il mondo e il Salvatore possa consegnare al Padre un regno preparato, in grado di essere governato dal Padre (Origene, Commento al Vangelo di Giovanni)."

"Ecco l'Agnello di Dio che prende su di sè il peccato del mondo. Non disse: 'colui che prenderà su di sè, ma ancora non prende', e neppure: 'colui che ha preso prima, ma non prende più su di sè'. Questa operazione di prendere su di sè il peccato egli la compie per ciascun uomo che è nel mondo, fino a che il peccato non sia rimosso da tutto il mondo e il salvatore possa consegnare al Padre un Regno preparato, che è in grado cioè (in virtù dell'assenza di ogni peccato, anche minimo) di essere governato dal Padre come re e accogliere in se stesso, in tutto quanto se stesso, ciò che è di Dio. Si adempiranno allora le parole: Perchè Dio sia tutto in tutti (1Cor 15.28). (Origene, *Comm.a Gv* 1.37)"

"Nessuno toglie i peccati, se non lui...a cui nessun bene per l'uomo è impossibile nè alcun male dell'uomo è insanabile. Come ha rivelato l'apostolo Pietro, dicendo: Voi sapete che non a prezzo di cose corruttibili, come l'argento e l'oro, siete stati redenti dalla vostra vuota condotta ereditata dai vostri padri, ma con il sangue prezioso di Cristo, come di agnello senza difetto e senza macchia (1Pt 1.18-19)..., quando per noi ha versato il suo sangue sulla croce; quando nel mistero della sua santissima passione ognuno di noi è stato purificato dall'acqua del battesimo; e quando toglie i peccati del mondo lavandoci dai nostri peccati di ogni giorno nel suo sangue, ogni volta che sull'altare si ripete il memoriale della sua beata passione. (Floro di Lione, *De actione...* 90)"

"L'Agnello predestinato prima della fondazione del mondo (1Pt 1,20) rappresenta l'amore eterno di Dio per il mondo e il peso dei dolori che questo mondo gli costa; non dice in primo luogo la condizione posta da Dio perché Dio possa amarci un giorno, ma il prezzo che paga egli stesso affinché noi lo amiamo. Il simbolo dell'Agnello non esprime in primo luogo ciò che a noi può costare la nostra pasqua verso Dio, ma ciò attraverso cui Dio decide di passare per venire fino a noi. (...) Il simbolo dell'Agnello ha dunque anzitutto senso per Dio stesso. Prima di mostrarci a libro aperto l'amore che dobbiamo a Colui che tanto ci ama, Dio mostra e 'vede' egli stesso, nell'Agnello così quale...intende quell'abisso predestinato, nel impegnarsi per noi e con noi, e insieme vi scorge e mostra l'amore che ci porta (G. Martelet, Libera risposta a uno scandalo pp. 203-6).

#### AVVISI

1. Vi si invita a prelevare le buste per le offerte per il 2011.

MASS INTENTIONS Jan. 16-22 SUN. 9:30 a.m. +Bruno Sposato +Deceased members of the Morra Family +Filomena Galle +Amadea Scopa +Ugo Veri +Domenica & Domenico Vitale +Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father MON. 8:00 a.m. +Holy Souls in Purgatory +Ida & Christian Gruber TUE. 8:00 a.m. WED. +Holy Souls in Purgatory 8:00 a.m. In honour of St. Joseph 7:00 p.m. +Ida Pelligrini +Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father Intentions of the SMI priests +Holy Souls in Pugatory THURS. 8:00 a.m. FRI. 8:00 a.m. +Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m. In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Lina Perugino +Zenaida Argus +Deceased Members of the Naughton Family Holy Souls in Purgatory For an increase in holy vocations SAT. 9:00 a.m. In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Libera Mastro +William Reardon +Francesco Caldarola Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of our Holy Father PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Esmy, Peter Christoff, Manuela

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