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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: 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

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, We know how many trials our brothers and sisters of the Holy Land and of the Middle East must face. Their service is therefore all the more precious, strengthened by a witness which in some cases has even gone so far as the sacrifice of their life.... Today too, if we Christians are to be in the world a sign and instrument of close union with God and of unity among men we must found our life on these four "hinges": a life founded on the faith of the Apostles passed on through the living Tradition of the Church, brotherly communion, the Eucharist and prayer. Only in this way, by remaining firmly united to Christ, can the Church carry out her mission effectively, despite the limitations and short-comings of her members, despite the divisions which the Apostle Paul already had to face in the community of Corinth as the Second Reading from the Bible this Sunday recalls, where he says: "I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement" (1 Cor 1:10).

In fact, the Apostle knew that in the Christian community of Corinth discord and divisions had developed; therefore, with great firmness he added: "Is Christ divided?" (1:13). By so saying he affirmed that every division in the Church is an offence to Christ; and, at the same time, that it is always in Him — the one Head and Lord — that we can find ourselves once again united, through the inexhaustible power of His grace.

Here then is the ever timely appeal of today's Gospel: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Mt 4:17). The serious commitment of conversion to Christ is the way that leads the Church, in the time that God ordains, to full and visible unity.... May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church always go with us on this journey.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 23 Jan 2011

FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT begins at 3:00 p.m. with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. **Eucharistic Holy Hour** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and end with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN:

In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
+Anna Tsang & deceased family members

ST. BENEDICT PRAYER BOOK The St. Benedict Prayer Books have been delivered and are available for pick-up from the Parish Office. The cost is \$21.00. If paying by cheque, please make your cheque out to: **St. Joseph's Workshop**

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 28th, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor. St. Thomas was born around the year 1225 into the family of the Count of Aquino. He studied at the Benedictine Abbey of Monte Cassino and at the University of Naples. He joined the Friars Preachers, also known as Dominicans and became a great teacher. He wrote extensively in the areas of philosophy and theology.

Friday, Jan. 31st, St. John Bosco, Priest. St. John Bosco was born near Castelnuovo, Italy in 1815. He encountered many difficulties as he prepared for ordination to the holy priesthood. Once ordained, he dedicated himself to the education of the young, eventually founding two congregations dedicated to this apostolate. He died in 1888.

Saturday, Feb. 1st, First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

(Sunday, February 2nd) Today's feast recalls the day that Jesus was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph and presented to God in accordance with the law. It was Simeon who acknowledged Jesus as the light to all the nations. **On this Feast, candles are blessed. A limited number of Presentation Candles will be available at the Chapel of Our Lady. Suggested offering for the boxed candles: \$3. For parishioners who would like to have their own candles blessed, the blessing will take place at the beginning of each Holy Mass.**

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US

Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call on January 31st to February 2nd at St. Augustine's Seminary. This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older 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.

HANDMADE ROSARIES (Brigitine or Dominican)

are available for purchase from the Parish Office.

2014 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES

are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. For the parishioners who put their donations in previous year's envelopes, plain envelope and/or use loose cheques week after week, please help us record your donation in our accounting system by getting a box of envelopes which will be your envelope number to use. 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 your old envelopes as they may have been reassigned. Church support is a precept of the Church undertaken with gratitude to God for His countless blessings.**

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL On behalf of our neighbours in need in the community, we would like to thank our parishioners for such a generous response to our appeal for help at Christmas. We received so many wonderful, practical gifts and donations! Together, we were able to provide a Christmas dinner and celebration for nearly 200 of our neighbours. Gift cards and gift baskets designed to help through the winter months were given to 148 families. Your kindness and generosity makes this possible. Thank you.

CWL All CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish are invited to our Membership Tea on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 1:30 to 4 pm. Get to know more about CWL Mission & Goals. Come join us & make a difference!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE on January 26, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Puzak, Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald and other local religious leaders. This service is the final event of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, For more information, contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400, ext. 344.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO AND NEW BEGINNINGS invite you to an inspirational talk with Maureen McDonnell, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Regis College. The event will take place on Tuesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre: 1155 Yonge St (at Shaftesbury Ave.). 4th Floor, and the topic will be "**Presence: Opening Up to God's Love in Our Experience of Loss.**" Free underground parking is available and we're located next to the Summerhil Subway station. Pre registration is NOT required. For information, please contact Deacon James Shaughnessy MSW., RSW., Psyn.D. at 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or by email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

LEARN FROM ME FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE OF HEART This prayer book on DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS is available from the parish office. Just published as part of our efforts to celebrate the Year of Faith, this little book explains the origins and the spirituality of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It also includes a selection of traditional prayers. It is especially useful as an introduction to a devotion that leads us into the very Heart of God. Cost is \$5.00. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life movement.

3^a del tempo ordinario - 26 gennaio 2014

Fortunati codesti pescatori che il Signore è andato a scegliere non fra i dottori della legge, o tra gli scribi, o fra i sapienti di questo mondo; essi hanno il privilegio di essere i primi! Considerati un nulla di fronte al mondo, erano destinati a conquistarlo, non però con la sapienza di parola ornata, ma con la predicazione umile della fede. Uomini umili, ma nobili quanto alla fede e all'obbedienza; disprezzati dagli uomini di questa terra, ma assai benvenuti dal cielo; ignobili per il mondo, nobili però per Cristo; poveri per il mondo, ma ricchi per Iddio (Cromazio di Aquileia, *Commento al vangelo di Matteo*, 1, Trat.15 e 16).

Questo è dunque è il Regno di Dio che viene annunciato; il Regno di Dio è Dio stesso e lo intendiamo come Salvatore. È Dio Salvatore che si prende cura della povertà umana, della condizione umana, e allora convertitevi perché il Regno di Dio è vicino. "Il Regno dei Cieli è vicino" è un annuncio all'indicativo; "Convertitevi" è una esortazione all'imperativo. E la risposta è: se Dio è vicino, accoglietelo, orientate la vostra vita, il vostro cammino verso di Lui. Non dimenticatelo; non trascuratelo perché è la vostra salvezza, perché è una offerta di vita che vi passa vicino.

La rinuncia [del cristiano] consiste nel distacco dalla vita stessa e nel ricevere la sentenza della morte, in modo da non confidare più in noi stessi (cfr 2 Co 1,9). Questo comincia quando ci rendiamo estranei alle cose estranee, quali i possessi, la gloria vana, le consuetudini umane, l'attaccamento alle cose inutili. Questo ci hanno mostrato i santi discepoli del Signore, quali ad esempio Giacomo e Giovanni, che hanno abbandonato il loro padre Zebedeo, e la stessa barca da cui dipendeva il loro sostentamento (Basilio il Grande, *Regola ampia 8*). (*Gruppo OPG*).

AVVISI

1. Vi si invita a prelevare le buste per le offerte per il 2014.
2. La S. Vincenzo de Paoli ringrazia tutti coloro che hanno contribuito alle sue attività natalizie, che hanno permesso di aiutare 148 famiglie bisognose della nostra parrocchia.
3. Ogni venerdì, alle 3pm., si espone il Santissimo Sacramento e si recita la Coroncina della Divina Misericordia. L'ora santa eucaristica comincia alle 6, con le devozioni al Sacro Cuore e la Benedizione eucaristica, seguita, alle 7, dalla S. Messa.

THE YOUNG AT HEART GROUP of Our Lady Queen of the World Parish presents Our Aging Brain Seminar on Wed., Jan. 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the OLQW Parish Hall. To register, please call 905-884-7006.

MASS INTENTIONS**Jan. 19-26**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Benedetto Baccileri +Nicola e Marua Carusi +Defunti Famiglia Morra +Gina Pigat e famiglia +Antonietta Padalino
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Maria Perrina
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving to St. Joseph
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Members of the Naughton Family +John Paul D'Souza +Francesca Sallese +Zora Martinkovic
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of SMI priests

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, 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, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, 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 Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan.

VILLANOVA COLLEGE You are cordially invited to attend our upcoming Open House on Friday, January 31st, from 10am to 12pm. As York Region's only independent, Catholic school, Villanova College offers an enriched academic program from Grade 4 to university admissions, focusing on the development of the whole child through the teachings of the Catholic Church and through extensive co-curricular programs. Please join us at any of our Open Houses or for an individual tour contact our Office of Admissions. For more information, please visit our website at www.villanovacollege.org or call the Office of Admissions at 905-833-1909 or admissions@villanovacollege.org

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