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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
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 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 8:00 pm

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Christ is present to His Church

Christ is always present to His Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered Himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by His power, in such a way that when someone baptises, Christ Himself baptises. He is present in His word, for it is He Himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, He is present when the Church prays and sings, for He Himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in My name, I Am there in their midst.

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with Himself His beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord & through Him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by His members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of His body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, who is our life, appears, and we appear with Him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations

must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

From the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps burn for:
+Lily & Asa Chan
+Mr. & Mrs. F.Y. Tam

Tuesday, January 24th, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor. St. Francis was born at Savoy in 1567. After his priestly ordination, he laboured for the restoration of Catholicism in his country. Chosen bishop of Geneva, he showed himself a true pastor especially by his gentleness and zeal for souls. He died in 1622.

Wednesday, January 25th, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle. This feast commemorates the conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Thursday, January 26th, Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops Saints Timothy and Titus were disciples and assistants of the apostle, Paul. Timothy had charge of the Church at Ephesus and Titus of the Church in Crete. The letters written to them are called the pastoral epistles, for they contain excellent admonitions for the instruction of both pastors and laity.

Saturday, 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.

Joe D'Amico is to be ordained to the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 26, 2012 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediments to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

LITURGICAL LATIN SYMPOSIUM Introduction to Liturgical Latin Part 2: This course develops a student's understanding of the basic concepts of ecclesiastical Latin with a particular focus on the vocabulary, conventions and syntax of liturgical Latin. In addition to the study of Latin grammar, the course will focus on the liturgical texts of the *Ordo Missae* of Saint Pius V (extraordinary form). For information, please email liturgical.latin@live.ca

POLENTA BACCALA LUNCHEON on Sunday, Feb. 19th at the Premier Place, 696 Westburne Dr., Concord. DJ: Vince La Rosa. Adults: \$60. Children (under 12): \$45.

LECTOR WORKSHOP on February 13th at 7:30 p.m. All interested in becoming lectors are invited to attend.

2012 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. 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. Last weekend to pick the box up will be next weekend. May God reward you for your generosity.**

"THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US ON" There will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older on Feb. 3-5 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. 27-29 weekend, please call 416-281-6007 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com

2012 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE. Come and join us in prayer with His Grace Archbishop Thomas Collins, joined by His Grace Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pzak, Assyrian Bishop Emmanuel Mar Emmanuel and other city-wide religious leaders on Sunday, Jan. 22nd at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral, 200 Church St, Toronto. Refreshments to follow in parish hall. For information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344.

2012 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY on Saturday, March 3rd from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto convention Ctr., North Bldg. Adults: 19 / Youth: \$10. For tickets or information, please call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510 or www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

St. Therese, daughter of Zelig and Louis Martin, we ask you to intercede for all parents, struggling to raise their children in today's world. Help parents grow daily in patience, self-surrendered love, and ongoing commitment. Let parents and children not give up when dialogue seems strained and full of effort.

You knew the benefits of learning from the wise counsel and good example of your parents and older sisters. Help family members to reach out in care and concern for one another. Obtain for us the strength to forgive and forget past hurts. Show us how to imitate the love of Jesus, our elder brother.

St. Therese, we ask you to pray for all future mothers and fathers, that they may prepare themselves by living lives full of virtue and Christian morals. May we continue to learn from the example of your holy parents Zelig and Louise. Amen.

3^a del tempo ordinario - 22 gennaio 2012

«Ogni ora rappresenta per noi la possibilità di ottenere da Dio la vita eterna» (Karl Rahner).

«Chi crede che il corpo rimane per la risurrezione, ha cura di questa veste dell'anima e non la insozza con la fornicazione. Chi invece non crede alla risurrezione, si abbandona all'impurità, abusando del proprio corpo» (s. Cirillo di Gerusalemme, Cat. 18,1).

«Il vero e perfetto spotalizio avverrà solo in cielo, tra i figli della risurrezione» (Raniero Cantalamessa).

«È il termine seguire che caratterizza il discepolo, non il termine imparare» (Bruno Maggioni).

«La presenza di Gesù è assicurata nel mondo dalla presenza dei discepoli. Se questi non si fanno vedere, la scena risulta vuota, Cristo è come "bloccato", si trova nell'impossibilità di agire, e il vangelo non ha niente da raccontare...» (Alessandro Pronzato).

«Gesù è venuto a promuovere la vita dei discepoli non a scapito delle loro famiglie, ma a vantaggio di tutti, come lui solo sa fare. Ci saranno state difficoltà e resistenze; chissà che la suocera di Pietro non s'ammali proprio per qualche divergenza o per ricattare Pietro, ma Gesù sicuramente ha fatto tutto il possibile per portare la pace, a costo di rimetterci lui. E così sarà stato anche per il lavoro e il mantenimento delle famiglie. Zebedèo non viene lasciato solo, ma con i garzoni» (Paul Devreux).

Splende nel giorno ottavo l'era nuova del mondo, consacrata da Cristo, primizia dei risorti.
O Gesù, re di gloria, unisci i tuoi fedeli al trionfo pasquale sul male e sulla morte.
Fa' che un giorno veniamo incontro a te, Signore, sulle nubi del cielo nel regno dei beati.
Trasformati a tua immagine, noi vedremo il tuo volto;
e sarà gioia piena nei secoli dei secoli. Amen.

AVVISI

1. Le buste per le offerte per il nuovo anno possono essere prelevate nella sala parrocchiale.

2. Polenta e baccalà, il 19 febbraio, presso il Premier Place (Rutherford e Keele). Il ricavato di questa festa andrà al "Renovation Fund" della parrocchia. Biglietti: \$ 60 per adulti, \$ 45 per bambini (meno che dodicenni). Chiamate Antonietta Miniaci (905-737-3210) e Salvatore Romano (905-884-5975) per ulteriori informazioni e biglietti.

MASS INTENTIONS**Jan. 22-28**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Antonieta Padalino +Domenico Di Paolo +Michele & Camilla Fedele +Gino Pigat +Rosalina Palumbo +Antonia Chimiendi +Tommaso Romanelli +Giovanni Muzzone le anime del purgatorio
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Nora Hogan
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Ho-Tang & Yu Chan
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Frank Gibbons
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph +Leonardo Gallucci +Joseph Costa +Domenico Ramundo +Bob Dolfi le anime del purgatorio
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Saverio Giusti
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Victor Mannella
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Peter Stegmayer Members of the Paxton Family +Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Luigi Corsetti +Pierre Notte +John McLaughlin +Thomas Aquinas Lee +Anna Virgilio +Members of the Madden & Winton Families Holy Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Esmey, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Alan & Carol Cook, Joe Crevier, James Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Anna Jedlicsek, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Elena Iacobelli, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Baby Liliana Laface, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, Anthony Morse, Susan, Shirley Murphy, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Giuseppina Pellegrini, Domenico Pileggi, Esmey, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD will meet every Sunday from 1:30 – 5 p.m. in the Conference Room from March 11 until May 13. All women are invited to attend.

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH ENGLISH HIGH TEA on Saturday, February 4th from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 333 Crosby Ave.. Enjoy tea, scones, finger sandwiches and desserts while supporting local charities. tickets are \$12 at the door or reserve by phone at 905-884-3606.

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