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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 MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD**

This new People of God has Christ as the Eternal High Priest. The Lord assumed the ancient tradition and transformed it into an eternal priesthood. The priest is an instrument of the Lord and a tangible prolongation of His Holy Humanity. The priest does not act in his own name. He is not merely a representative of the people. He is Christ himself. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God (Heb. 5:1-4).

Christ truly acts through His priests. His priesthood is intimately and inseparably united to them. The priest is father, brother, friend... His person belongs to the Church (cf. A. del Portillo, On Priesthood, p. 83). The Church loves the priest with a complete love. On the occasion of a large ordination ceremony in Brazil, Pope John Paul II observed: *To such an extent does Jesus identify us with Himself in the exercise of the powers which He has conferred on us, that our personality disappears, in a way, before His, since it is He who acts through us. 'The sacrament of Orders, in effect, equips the priest to lend Our Lord his voice, his hands, his whole being,' someone said appropriately. 'It is Jesus Christ who, in the Holy Mass, through the words of the consecration, changes the substance of the bread and wine into His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity' (cf. J. Escriva, 'In Love with the Church,' 39). And we can continue: It is Jesus Himself Who, in the sacrament of Penance, speaks the authoritative and fatherly word: 'Your sins are forgiven' (Mt 9:2, Lk 5:20, 7:48, cf. Jn 20:23). It is He who speaks when the priest, exercising his ministry in the name and in the spirit of the Church, announces the word of God. It is again Jesus Christ Himself who takes care of the sick, children and sinners, when the love and pastoral solicitude of the sacrament ministers encompasses them (John Paul II, Homily, July 2, 1980).*

Through priestly ordination man receives the highest level of dignity possible. Through this sacrament the priest is constituted a minister of God & a dispenser of divine treasure (cf 1 Cor 4:1). These treasures consist principally in the celebration of the Holy Mass and the power to forgive sins. The priest is converted into a channel of divine grace. The priest is a mediator between God and man, between heaven and earth. On the one hand he obtains the treasures of divine mercy, while on the other he distributes them to his fellow Christians. Each priest is of tremendous value to the Church and mankind. We have to pray that we may never lack good and holy priests, priests who are ever mindful of their dignity and mission.... We cannot fail to pray for the intentions of our priests. In Conversation with God, Vol. VI, pp. 54-56.

**O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us a number of holy priests!**

**THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK**

**Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.** This feast commemorates the conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.

**Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**'VOCATION SEEDS'** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest or a religious? 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.

**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.**

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

**MOVIE NIGHT** Fr. Steven and the Youth Group of our Parish will be showing the documentary film "Unlocking the Mystery of Life" in the parish hall on Sat. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm (right after the 5:00pm Mass). This film is a scientific examination of the mysterious origin all life and of the basic building blocks of all life. This film is very interesting and easy to understand for all ages. Fr. Steven will hold a discussion after the film, which is just over an hour in length, to discuss questions, such as: What are today's leading scientists saying about the debate between Evolutionists and Creationists? Are there scientific grounds for promoting Intelligent Design Theory? What is the Church's position on the Theory of Evolution and how has this theory influenced philosophy, political thought, religion and history? Why is the media silent about many scientific findings of recent times? Tickets are \$5. Pizza, popcorn, pop and other snacks will be available for purchase. All proceeds are to help raise funds for the youth of our parish to be able to attend the World Youth Day in Spain. Fr. Steven will try to answer any questions you may have after the film. These Movie Nights are for all the parishioners.

**REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE** Please note that in the course of the year, we need to have 3 second collections to help us pay for the repairs and maintenance of this Church and of our building next door. Our next collection is Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.torontoretrovaille.com](http://www.torontoretrovaille.com).

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#### **PRAYER FOR A GOOD DEATH**

O Jesus, while I adore Your dying breath, I beg You to receive mine. Since I do not know whether I shall have command of my senses when I depart from this world, I offer You even now my last agony and all the sorrows of my passing. I give my soul into Your hands for You are my God and my Saviour. Grant that the last beat of my heart may be an act of perfect love for You. Amen.

### **3<sup>a</sup> del tempo ordinario - 23 gennaio 2011**

“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, Tr. 15 e 16).”

Questo è dunque 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 2011.

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Jan. 23-29**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** +Deceased members and intentions of Fabian Peralta & Family  
+Antonietta Padalino  
+Pietro Francesutti  
+Giovanni Muzzone  
+Gino Pigat & family  
+Giuseppe Iacobelli  
+Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Intentions of our Holy Father
- MON. 8:00 a.m.** +Catherine Mugele
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** +Frank Gibbons
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** +Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**7:00 p.m.** In honour of St. Joseph  
+Giorgio Damiani  
+Saverio Giusti  
+Sabatino & Mario Lafarcioli  
+Giovanna & Riccardo Lafarcioli  
+Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Intentions of our Holy Father  
Intentions of the SMI priests
- THURS. 8:00 a.m.** +Victor Mannella
- FRI. 8:00 a.m.** +Anna Virgilio  
**7:00 p.m.** In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
+Elizabeth Tarantino  
+Anto Smiljcic  
+Anna Peluso  
Special Intention  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
For an increase in holy vocations
- SAT. 9:00 a.m.** In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Special Int. (Anne Mary Bijo)  
Special Int. of the Sgro Family  
+John McLaughlin  
+Bill Weiss  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Intentions of our Holy Father

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Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Esmey, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, James Davidson, Caterina & Dominic De Grano, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Domenico Pileggi, Louis Pomeroy, Todd Santaguida, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O Lord, send workers for Your harvest, so that the commands of Your only-begotten Son may always be obeyed and His Sacrifice be everywhere renewed. Look with favor upon Your family, and ever increase its numbers. Enable it to lead its sons and daughters to the holiness to which they are called and to work for the salvation of others. Amen.

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