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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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MIRACULOUS SIGNS REVEAL CHRIST'S POWER

... Jesus Himself explained in this case that the miracle of curing the paralytic was a sign of the saving power whereby He forgives sins. Jesus performed this sign to show that He had come as Savior of the world. His principal task was to free mankind from spiritual evil, the evil that separates man from God and impedes salvation in God. That evil is sin.

With the same key one can explain that special category of Christ's miracles, the driving out of demons. According to Mark's Gospel, Jesus ordered, "Unclean spirit, come out of the man!" when Jesus met the man in the territory of the Gerasenes who had an unclean spirit (Mk 5:8). On that occasion we witness an unusual conversation. When that unclean spirit felt threatened by Christ, he cried out against Jesus, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me!" Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "Legion is my name. There are many of us" (cf. Mk 5:7-9). We are therefore on the margin of an obscure world involving physical and psychical factors which undoubtedly play their part in causing pathological conditions. The demonic reality is inserted into that world. Various represented and described in human language, the demonic world is radically hostile to God and therefore to man and to Christ Who had come to free him from the power of evil. But in spite of himself, in that clash with the other presence, even the unclean spirit burst out into that admission coming from a perverse but lucid intelligence, "Son of the Most High God."

...Jesus made His mission clearly known to free humanity from evil and first of all from sin, spiritual evil. This mission implies and explains his struggle with the evil spirit who is the prime author of evil in human history. As we read in the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly declared that this is the meaning of His work and of that of His apostles. We read in Luke: "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to tread...upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you" (Lk 10:18-19). According to Mark, after having appointed the Twelve, Jesus sent them forth "to preach and to have authority to drive out demons" (Mk 3:14-15). According to Luke the seventy-two disciples, after returning from their first mission, reported to Jesus, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of Your name" (Lk 10:17).

This manifested the power of the Son of Man over sin and over the author of sin. Even the demons are subject to the name of Jesus, which means Savior. However, His saving power will have its definitive fulfillment in the sacrifice of the cross. The cross will mark the complete victory over Satan and sin. This is the Father's plan which His only-

begotten Son fulfilled by becoming man, to conquer in weakness and to attain the glory of the resurrection and of life by means of the humiliation of the cross. The divine power shines forth even in this paradox, that power which can rightly be called the "power of the cross."

...At the end of our reflection we turn once more to the text of St. Augustine, "If we consider now the deeds worked by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we see that the eyes of the blind, miraculously opened, were closed by death, and the limbs of the paralyzed, miraculously restored, were again immobilized in death. All that was temporarily cured in the mortal body, was in the end undone; but the soul that believed passed to eternal life. With this infirm man the Lord wished to give a great sign to the soul that would have believed, for the remission of whose sins he had come, and whose weaknesses He had healed by the humiliation of Himself" (Augustine, In Io. Ev. Tr., 17, 1).

Yes, all the "mighty deeds, wonders and signs" of Christ are for the purpose of revealing Him as Messiah, as Son of God, for the revelation of Him who alone has the power to free mankind from sin and from death, of Him who is truly the Savior of the world. (*General Audience on November 25, 1987*)

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps burn for: Deceased members of the Catenaro & Faticante Families

Tuesday, 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.

Thursday, Feb. 2nd, Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. 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 day, candles are blessed during the celebration of Holy Mass. Anyone wishing to have candles blessed are asked to bring them today.*** Additional Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3rd, St. Blase, Bishop, Martyr. St. Blase was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. ***The traditional blessing of throats will take place after Holy Mass.***

First Friday of the Month We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 12 noon until just before the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Saturday, Feb. 4th, First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND SECOND COLLECTION is next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE will take place this weekend after all the Masses. All ladies of the parish are invited.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY will take place next weekend. Please bring your gently used clothing and footwear to the St. Vincent De Paul truck at the back of the Church.

THANK YOU!!!! The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of our parishioners who gave so generously at Christmas. Our friends in need, that we assist throughout the year, were able to enjoy a happy Christmas, because you care. We are grateful for your ongoing support and we pray that you will be blessed in a special way in 2012.

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

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. Please call the office for tickets.

"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.

MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR GALA FUNDRAISER presented by the Fr. Michael McGivney Catholic Academy, on Friday Feb. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Merlyns Banquet Hall, 5284 Hwy 7 E. \$50/person. Dinner, Dance, Cashbar. for info, please contact Alisia D'Silva at 905-472-4961 x 247 or alisia.d'silva@ycdsb.ca

2012 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY on Saturday, March 3rd at the Metro Toronto convention Ctr., For tickets or information, please call 416-251-4255.

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«Nel troppo rumore diventa difficile udire l'impercettibile discorso di Dio, un Dio che - almeno lui! - non urla per farsi sentire ma ci invita, piuttosto a rientrare in noi stessi» (Paolo Curtaz).

«Gesù si ribella contro i maestri della Legge, e la sua ribellione è a favore dei piccoli. I maestri impongono loro un giogo insopportabile. Ignorano che Dio rende liberi. Impongono a Dio le loro convenzioni sociali e la loro regola. Gesù restituisce a Dio la sua libertà trasgredendo il potere degli scribi e dei farisei, rifiutando il fondamento stesso della loro autorità» (C. Duquoc).

«Pareva che da ogni crepa del terreno sbucassero demoni... Gesù è il grande vincitore dei demoni. Dovunque giunge, egli "sdemonizza" la terra» (Kásemann).

«L'indemoniato è simbolo di tutte le obiezioni che ci impediscono, finalmente, di diventare credenti. Abita nella sinagoga, partecipa alla preghiera: in monito a diffidare dall'esteriorità» (Paolo Curtaz).

Santa Maria, Madre di Dio, tu hai donato al mondo la vera luce,
Gesù, tuo Figlio – Figlio di Dio.
Ti sei consegnata completamente alla chiamata di Dio
e sei così diventata sorgente della bontà che sgorga da Lui.
Mostraci Gesù. Guidaci a Lui.
Insegnaci a conoscerlo e ad amarlo, perché possiamo anche noi
diventare capaci di vero amore ed essere sorgenti di acqua viva
in mezzo a un mondo assetato.
(S.S. Benedetto XVI, *Deus charitas est*)

AVVISO

1. 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. 29-Feb. 4**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** +Deceased members of the
Morra family
+Nazzareno Cristini
+Rosina Corvinelli
+Benedetto Baccilieri
+Pietro Francescutti
+Nicola Maria Carusi
le anime del purgatorio
- MON. 8:00 a.m.** +Nell Comella
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** +Maria & Anton Gal
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** +Louis Pomeroy
7:00 p.m. In honour of St. Joseph
+Andrea Gianfagna
le anime del purgatorio
- THURS. 8:00 a.m.** +Anton Grah
- FRI. 8:00 a.m.** +Leonardo Gallucci
7:00 p.m. In reparation to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus
+Sangbae Jeon
+Chuck & Anna Chacko
Members of the Paxton Family
Members of the Naughton
Family
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
- SAT. 8:30 a.m.** In reparation to the Immaculate
Heart of Mary
+Herbert, Catherine & Patrick
Paxton
+Jose Sou
spec. Int. of Patrick & Stephen
Burke
+Leslaw Kostrzewa
+Nell Comella
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, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

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