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Sunday 8:00 am
9:30 am (Italian)
11:00 am
12:30 pm
4:30 pm

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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 BEATITUDES

What we have just heard is the *Magna Carta* of Christianity: *the Beatitudes*. We have seen once more, with the eyes of our heart, what happened at that time. A crowd of people is gathered around Jesus on the mountain: men and women, young people and elderly folk, the healthy and the infirm, who have come from Galilee, but also from Jerusalem, from Judea, from the cities of the Decapolis, from Tyre and Sidon. All of them anxiously awaiting a word, a gesture that will give them comfort and hope. We too are gathered here... *to listen attentively to the Lord*.

Dear young people, many and enticing are the voices that call out to you from all sides: many of these voices speak to you of a joy that can be had with money, with success, with power. Mostly they propose a joy that comes with the superficial and fleeting pleasure of the senses.

...*People are made for happiness*. Rightly, then, you thirst for happiness. *Christ has the answer* to this desire of yours. But He asks you to trust Him. *True joy is a victory*, something which cannot be obtained without a long and difficult struggle. Christ holds the secret of this victory.

The "Sermon on the Mount" *marks out the map of this journey*. The eight Beatitudes are the road signs that show the way. *It is an uphill path*, but He has walked it before us. He said one day: "He who follows Me will not walk in darkness" (Jn 8:12). And at another time He added: "These things I have spoken to you, that *My joy may be in you*, and that your joy may be full" (Jn 15:11). It is by walking with Christ that *we can achieve joy*, true joy! Precisely for this reason He again repeats the proclamation of joy to you today: "Blessed are they..." Jesus did not limit Himself to *proclaiming* the Beatitudes, *He lived them!* Looking at His life anew, re-reading the Gospel, we marvel: the poorest of the poor, the most gentle among the meek, the person with the purest and most merciful heart is none other than Jesus. The Beatitudes are nothing more than the description of a face, *His face!* At the same time, the Beatitudes *describe what a Christian should be*: they are the portrait of Jesus' disciple, the picture of those who have accepted the Kingdom of God and want their life to be in tune with the demands of the Gospel. To these Jesus speaks, calling them "blessed". The joy promised by the Beatitudes is the very joy of Jesus Himself: a joy sought and found in *obedience to the Father* and in *the gift of self to others*.

By looking at Jesus you will learn *what it means* to be poor in spirit, meek and merciful; what it means to seek justice, to be pure in heart, to be peacemakers. With your gaze set firmly on Him, you will discover the path of forgiveness and reconciliation in a world often laid waste by violence and terror....

Dear friends, the Church today looks to you with confidence and expects you to be *the people of the Beatitudes*. *Blessed are you* if, like Jesus, you are poor in spirit, good and merciful; if you really seek what is just and right; if you are pure of heart, peacemakers, lovers of the poor and their servants. *Blessed are you!* Only Jesus is the true Master, only Jesus speaks the unchanging message that responds to the deepest longings of the human heart, because He alone knows "what is in each person" (cf. Jn 2:25). Today He calls you to be the *salt* and *light* of the world, to choose goodness, to live in justice, to become instruments of love and peace. His call has always demanded a choice between good and evil, between light and darkness, between life and death. He makes the same invitation today to you....

To believe in Jesus is to accept what He says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on the difficult path of the Gospel virtues.... Answer the Lord with strong and generous hearts! He is counting on you. Never forget: *Christ needs you to carry out His plan of salvation!* Christ needs your youth and your generous enthusiasm to make *His proclamation of joy resound in the new millennium*. Answer His call by placing your lives at His service in your brothers and sisters! Trust Christ, because He trusts you.

Pope John Paul II, July 25, 2002, Toronto

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.

'VOCATION SEEDS' "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If you think God is calling you, please call Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997.

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 6th.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2010 are ready to be picked up at the parish hall.

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 SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, 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.

Wednesday, 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.*

Thursday, February 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. 5th, St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr. St. Agatha was martyred in Catania, Sicily in the year 251. Her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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. 5th at 6:15 p.m. (right after the 5:00 p.m. Mass). This very interesting and easy to understand film is a scientific examination of the mysterious origin all life and of the basic building blocks of all life. 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 to attend the World Youth Day in Spain. These Movie Nights are for all the parishioners.

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

4^a del tempo ordinario - 30 gennaio 2011

"Tutte le beatitudini di cui Gesù ha parlato nel vangelo, sono confermate dal suo esempio, ed egli giustifica il suo insegnamento attraverso la propria testimonianza. (...) In se stesso dunque, il Signore manifesta tutte le beatitudini. (Origene, *Comm. a Lc 38.1-2*)"

"I cristiani sono uomini come gli altri: non si distinguono per il paese in cui vivono, nè per la lingua che parlano, nè per le abitudini di vita. (...) Abitano nella propria patria, ma come fossero stranieri; adempiono con lealtà il loro dovere di cittadini, ma sono trattati come forestieri. (...) Obbediscono alle leggi dello stato, ma con la loro vita vanno oltre la legge. Amano tutti e da tutti sono perseguitati: non sono compresi e apprezzati e tutti li condannano. Vengono uccisi, ma dalla morte traggono vita; sono poveri, ma arricchiscono molti; non hanno nulla, ma possiedono tutto. (...)...Il mondo odia i cristiani, che non gli hanno fatto alcun torto, solo perchè si oppongono a un sistema di vita basato sul piacere...Come l'anima si affina e migliora se stessa attraverso il digiuno e il sacrificio del corpo, così i cristiani, maltrattati e perseguitati, ogni giorno di più aumentano di numero. Dio ha assegnato loro un posto così sublime che a nessuno è permesso di abbandonare. (...) Non vedi che quanto più aumentano i martiri, tanto più si moltiplica il numero dei credenti? Questa non è opera d'uomo: è la potenza di Dio. Questa è una prova che egli verrà. (*Lettera a Diogneto, 5-7*)"

"Beati gli operatori di pace, perchè saranno chiamati figli di Dio. I seguaci di Cristo sono chiamati alla pace. Quando Gesù li chiamò, essi trovarono la loro pace. Gesù è la loro pace. Ora non devono accontentarsi della loro pace, devono anche farla. Questo vuol dire rinunciare a violenza e ribellione... I discepoli di Gesù mantengono la pace soffrendo loro stessi il male piuttosto di farne ad altri; conservano la comunione dove un altro la rompe, rinunciando all'autoaffermazione e subiscono in silenzio odio e ingiustizie. Così vincono il male col bene... Ma la loro pace non sarà da nessuna parte maggiore che lì dove vanno incontro al malvagio offrendogli pace e sono pronti a subire del male da parte sua. I pacifici porteranno la croce col loro Signore: infatti sulla croce fu conclusa la pace. Essendo così attirati nell'opera di pace di Cristo, chiamati a partecipare all'opera del Figlio di Dio, essi stessi saranno chiamati Figli di Dio. (D.Bonhoeffer, *Sequela* pp.93-4)"

AVVISO

1. Vi si ricorda di prelevare le buste per le offerte per quest'anno.

MASS INTENTIONS**Jan. 30-Feb. 5**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** +Benedetto Baccilliero
+Nicola & Maria Carusi
+Domenico & Pasqualina
D'Agostini
+Gennaro & Rosa Minchella
+Tony Minchella
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of our Holy Father
- MON. 8:00 a.m.** +Holy Souls in Purgatory
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** +Holy Souls in Purgatory
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** +Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. In honour of St. Joseph
+Antonio Cosentino
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of our Holy Father
Intentions of the SMI priests
- 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
+Maria Tirelli
+Jose Placencia
+Deceased Members of the
Naughton Family
+Herbert, Catherine & Patrick
Paxton
+Steven Turner
Holy Souls in Purgatory
- SAT. 9:00 a.m.** In reparation to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
+Chacko & Anna Thomas
+Charles Shu Xun & Joan Li
+Sr. Marie Gerard de Souza
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of our Holy Father
For an increase in holy
vocations

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

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.

CWL MEETING on Monday, Jan. 31st, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, EWTN, etc. on June 7-13 (7 days, 6 nights) with Fr, Andrea. Cost: \$455/person (4 in room), \$490 (3 in room).... For info, please see the posters and the flyers at the entrance of the Church or contact Camila at 905-695-1687, cnoakowski@rogers.com or Boots at 416-832-1608, bmontano@rogers.com.

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