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15 minutes before each Sunday Mass. Weekdays: Appointment with the priest

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THE PURITY OF SOUL NECESSARY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

What is there to say about the great purity of soul with which the saints approached to receive the Bread of Angels? We know that they had a great delicacy of conscience which was truly angelic. Aware of their own misery, they tried to present themselves to Jesus "holy and immaculate," (Eph. 1:4) repeating with the Publican, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13), and having recourse with great care to the cleansing of Confession. When St. Jerome was brought Holy Viaticum at the end of his life, the Saint prostrated himself on the ground in adoration and he was heard to repeat with profound humility the words of St. Elizabeth and those of St. Peter, "How is this, that my Lord should come to me?" "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8). And how many times was the angelic and seraphic St. Gemma tempted to not receive Holy Communion, holding herself to be nothing else than a vile "dunghill"?

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina used to repeat with trepidation to his brethren, "God sees blights even in the angels. What must He see in me!" For this reason he was very diligent in making his sacramental Confessions. "Oh, if we could only understand Who is that God Whom we receive in Holy Communion, then what purity of heart we would bring to Him!" exclaimed St. Mary Magdalen Pazzi. For this reason St. Hugh, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis de Sales, St. Ignatius, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Francis Borgia, St. Louis Bertrand, St. Joseph of Cupertino, St. Leonard of Port Maurice and many other saints went to Confession every day before celebrating Holy Mass. St. Camillus de Lellis never celebrated Holy Mass without first going to Confession, because he wanted at least "to dust off" his soul. Once, at sundown, in a public square in Livorno, before taking leave of a priest of the same religious order, foreseeing that he would not have a priest to confess to on the following morning before his Mass, paused, took off his hat, made the sign of the Cross and went to Confession right there in the square to his confrere. Also, St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph Cafasso, St. John Bosco, St. Pius X, and Padre Pio of Pietrelcina went to Confession very often. And why did St. Pius X wish to lower the age for First Holy Communion to seven years, if not to allow Jesus to enter into the innocent hearts of children, which are so similar to angels. And why was Padre Pio so delighted when they brought him children five years old who were prepared for First Holy Communion?

The saints applied to perfection the directive of the Holy Spirit, "Let everyone first examine himself, and then eat of that Bread and drink of that Chalice; because he who eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks unto his own condemnation" (1 Cor. 11:28-29).

To examine themselves, to repent, to accuse themselves in Confession and to ask pardon of God, and in this way, every day profit from the Sacrament of Confession, was something natural for the saints. How fortunate they were to be capable of so much!

The fruits of sanctification were constant and abundant because the purity of soul with which each saint welcomed into himself Jesus, "the Wheat of the elect," (Zach. 9:17) was like the good ground "... which brings forth fruit in patience" (Luke 8:15).

St. Anthony Mary Claret illustrates this fact very well: "When we go to Holy Communion, all of us receive the same Lord Jesus, but not all receive the same grace nor are the same effects produced in all. This comes from our greater or lesser disposition. To explain this fact, I will take an example from nature. Consider the process of grafting, the more similar the one plant is to the other, the better the graft will succeed. Likewise, the more resemblance there is between the one that goes to Communion and Jesus, so much the better will the fruits of Holy Communion be." The Sacrament of Confession is in fact the excellent means whereby the similarity between the soul and Jesus is restored. For this reason St. Francis de Sales taught his spiritual children, "Go to Confession with humility and devotion ... if it is possible, every time that you go to Holy Communion, even though you do not feel in your conscience any remorse of mortal sin."

In this regard it is well to recall the teaching of the Church. Holy Communion must be received only while one is in the grace of God. Therefore, when one has committed a mortal sin, even if one has repented of it and has a great desire to receive Holy Communion, it is **necessary** and **indispensible** to confess oneself first before receiving Holy Communion, otherwise one commits a most grave sin of sacrilege, for which Jesus said to St. Bridget, "there does not exist on earth a punishment which is great enough to punish it sufficiently!" St. Ambrose said that persons who commit this sacrilege "come into church with a few sins, and leave it burdened with many." St. Cyril wrote something yet stronger: "They who make a sacrilegious Communion receive satan and Jesus Christ into their hearts — satan, that they may let him rule, and Jesus Christ, that they may offer Him in sacrifice as a Victim to satan." Thus the Catechism of the Council of Trent (De Euch., v.i) declares: "As of all the sacred mysteries ... none can compare with the ... Eucharist, so likewise for no crime is there heavier punishment to be feared from God than for the unholy or irreligious use by the faithful of that which ... contains the very Author and Source of holiness."

On the other hand, Confession made before Holy Communion to render a soul already in the state of Sanctifying Grace more pure and more beautiful, is something precious even though not required. It is precious because it clothes the soul with a more beautiful "wedding garment" (cf. Matt. 22:12) with which it may take its place at the table of the angels. For this reason the most conscientious souls have always made frequent use (at least once a week) of the sacramental cleansing of absolution, even for venial sins. If you want great purity of soul in order to receive Jesus, no purity shines brighter than that which one obtains when he makes a good confession, where the cleansing Blood of Jesus renders the repentant soul

divinely bright and beautiful. "The soul that receives the Divine Blood becomes beautiful, as being clothed in a more precious garment, and it appears so beautifully aglow that if you could see it you would be tempted to adore it," declared St. Mary Magdalene di Pazzi. (Taken from **Jesus Our Eucharistic Love**, by Fr. Stefano Manelli)

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

Sunday, June 2nd, celebrates the Mystery of Our Lord's Body & Blood, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Corpus Christ Mass & procession at <u>St. Clare of Assisi, Woodbridge</u>. Mass at 3:30 p.m. followed by outdoor procession. Adoration with Benediction at 4:45 p.m. This event is for our region, the Northern Region of the Archdiocese.

ACT OF REPARATION

Oh Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

TRIDUUM IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED HEART OF IESUS Each evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Church:

- Tuesday, June 4: Devotion to the Sacred Heart
- Wednesday, June 5: War of the Vendee.
- Thursday, June 6: Holy Martyrs of Compiegne

Friday, June 7, SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 12 noon. Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. Sung Latin Mass (Novus Ordo) at 7:00 p.m. (Palestrina's Missa Papae Marcelli). Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

+Patrick & Josephine McGuinness

PLEASE NOTE that as we enter into the summer season, let us remember that the Church is God's house and that **modest attire** should be worn at all times in this sacred place. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1378 teaches us: "to prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required.... Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

CWL INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK DINNER on Tuesday. June 11, beginning with Holy Mass at 7 p.m. All CWL are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend and we also invite all ladies of our Parish to join us for dinner and an opportunity to meet and socialize with our SMI CWL. Please bring your favorite dish you wish to share.

FR. PIETRO'S 25TH **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY** on Tuesday, June 18th. Mass at 7 p.m. Refreshments in the hall after Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP will be praying the SECOND PSALTER on Weds. June 5th. All are invited to join.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD for children 3-7 yrs old. **A Montessori approach** to learning about our faith. Sessions begin in October. If interested, please call Anita at 905-508-9275.

LEGION OF MARY meetings has moved to Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We are looking for new members. Please call the office if you are interested.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF FAITH WITH BLESSED TRINITY PARISH, Join us on a pilgrimage to the National Canadian Shrine of St Anne de Beaupre, Cap de La Madeleine, Sacred Heart Shrine, & St Joseph's Oratory, June 22 – 25 with our Spiritual guide Fr. Neil J. Roy, S.T.L., Ph.D., of the College of Saint Mary Magdalen, NH. The weekend coincides with the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist and the 125th anniversary of the miracle of Cap de La Madeleine. For info: www.blessedtrinity.ca or Mary 416-497-7059 or Judith 905-886-4022 or Gloria 905-839-8810. 3 persons in room /\$320 per person. 2 persons in room /\$350 per person. Coach pick-up at other locations.

MARYGROVE CAMP: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council, helps over 1,000 girls each summer, open to eligible girls ages 5 -13, Marygrove provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy such an adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly. This collection will take place on June 8 and 9.

TEOPOLI CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL CENTRE in Muskoka! We would love to invite all children ages 6-17 to participate in this fun, adventurous and prayerful programme. There are four terms to choose from that run for 10 days! Give your child the experience of a lifetime at the Teopoli Summer Experience! For more information and registration forms call The United Society 416-243-7319 or visit www.teopoli.com.

AVVISI

- Giovedì, 13 giugno, festa di S. Antonio di Padova. Si celebra la S. Messa alle 7pm, seguita dall'unzione degli ammalati.
- Martedì, 18 giugno: 250 anniversario dell'ordinazione sacerdotale di p. Piero. La Santa Messa delle 7pm sarà seguita da un rinfresco in sala.
- I Padri della Consolata terrano la 7a sfilata annual di moda il 5 giugno alle 11am presso la Supreme Banquet Hall di Woodbridge. Per informazioni chiamate Emily (905-856-7990) o I Missionari della Consolata (416-749-8907).

MASS INTENTIONS		June 2 - 8
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Renda
		+Maria e Raffaele Campagna
		+Sisto Ritota
		+Maria e Berardo Zuccarini
		+Giovanni e Amalia Nalli
		+Antonio e Mariagrazie
		DeAngelis
		+John Brinias
		+Giuseppe e Alberto Giancola
		+Emanuele e Antonietta Toffi
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+ Mrs. Luk (Shiu Shan Ng)
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+ Paul Park
	7:00 p.m.	In honore S. Giuseppe
		+Maria Silvestri
		Le anime del purgatorio
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Nicola Crimi
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+ Mrs. Luk (Shiu Shan Ng)
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In honour to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		Special Intention
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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Rory Burke,

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CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES 7th Annual Fashion Show on Wed., June 5th at Supreme Banquet Hall, Woodbridge, ON starting at 11 a.m. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Consolata mission of Ropi, Ehiopia. \$50/person, Info: Emily at 905-856-7990 or the

Consolata Missionaries at 416-749-8907.

BE A SAINT! A CHRISTIAN BATTLE PLAN FOR A SOCIETY IN CRISIS Catholic Chapter House is hosting our third all-day Catholic event in Toronto on Saturday June 8th with guest speaker Dr. Peter Kreeft. The day will start with praying the Rosary at 10:15 am and ends at 4 pm. Info / tickets, call 1-888-522-2070.

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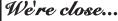
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