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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

...With joy then and fresh resolves for the future, let us reflect briefly on the great mystery of today's liturgy. In the Scripture readings the whole significance of Christ's Ascension is summarized for us. The richness of this mystery is spelled out in two statements: Jesus gave instructions, and then Jesus took His place.

In the providence of God – in the eternal design of the Father – the hour had come for Christ to go away. He would leave His Apostles behind, with His Mother Mary, but only after He had given them His instructions. The Apostles now had a mission to perform according to the instructions that Jesus left, and these instructions were in turn the faithful expression of the Father's will.

The instructions indicated, above all, that the Apostles were to wait for the Holy Spirit, Who was the gift of the Father. From the beginning, it had to be crystal-clear that the source of the Apostles' strength is the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who guides the Church in the way of truth; the Gospel is to spread through the power of God, and not by means of human wisdom or strength.

The Apostles, moreover, were instructed to teach – to proclaim the Good News to the whole world. And they were to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, they were to speak explicitly about the Kingdom of God and about salvation. The Apostles were to give witness to Christ to the ends of the earth. The early Church clearly understood these instructions and the missionary era began. And everybody knew that this missionary era could never end until the same Jesus, who went up to heaven, would come back again.

The words of Jesus became a treasure for the Church to guard and to proclaim, to meditate on and to rive. And at the same time, the Holy Spirit implanted in the Church an apostolic charism, in order to keep this revelation intact. Through His words Jesus was to live on in His Church: I Am with you always. And so the whole ecclesial community became conscious of the need for fidelity to the instructions of Jesus, to the deposit of faith. This solicitude was to pass from generation to generation - down to our own day. And it was because of this principle that I spoke recently ... stating that the first priority for seminaries today is the teaching of God's word in all its purity and integrity, with all its exigencies and in all its power. The word of God – and the word of God alone – is the basis for all ministry, for all pastoral activity, for all priestly action. The power of God's word constituted the dynamic basis of the Second Vatican Council, and John XXIII pointed out clearly on the day it opened: 'The greatest concern of the Ecumenical Council is this: that the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine should be more effectively

guarded and taught'. And if the seminarians of this generation are to be adequately prepared to take on the heritage and challenge of this Council they must be trained above all in God's word: in 'the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine'. Yes, ... our greatest challenge is to be faithful to the instructions of the Lord Jesus.

And the second reflection on the meaning of the Ascension is found in this phrase: Jesus took His place. After having undergone the humiliation of His passion and death, Jesus took His place at the righthand of God; He took His place with His eternal Father. But He also entered heaven as our Head. Whereupon, in the expression of Leo the Great, the glory of the Head became the hope of the body. For all eternity Christ takes His place as the firstborn among many brethren: our nature is with God in Christ. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives forever to intercede for us with Father. At the same time, from His throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness.

Because of Christ's merits, because of His intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in Him. The Church may indeed experience difficulties, the Gospel may suffer setbacks, but because Jesus is at the right-hand of the Father the Church will never know defeat. Christ's victory is ours. The power of the glorified Christ, the beloved Son of the eternal Father, is superabundant, to sustain each of us and all of us in the fidelity of our dedication to God's Kingdom and in the generosity of our celibacy. The efficacy of Christ's Ascension touches all us in the concrete reality of our daily lives. Because of this mystery it is the vocation of the whole Church to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Dear sons, be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ's victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world. Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken His place with His Father, whom He loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that He can come back again and take us to Himself. This is the mystery of the Ascension of our Head. Let us always remember: Jesus gave instructions, and then Jesus took His place. Amen. (Homily of Pope John Paul II, May 1979)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BUNDLE UP WEEKEND on the weekend of June 4/5. Please bring your gently used clothing & household items to the truck at the church on these days **ONLY**. We appreciate your donations which will help so many families in need. No computers please. We thank you for your continued generosity.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Saturday, June 11, St. Barnabas, Apostle. A Jew of the tribe of Levi, a native of Cyprus, St. Barnabas accompanied St. Paul on his first missionary journey.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

Sunday, June 26th, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, celebrates the Mystery of Our Lord's Body and Blood, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The term, Real Presence expresses this belief. We do not only receive Holy Communion. We must also ADORE Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and we also make **REPARATION** for the many offences and sins committed against the Holy Eucharist. There will be a EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR at 6 p.m. and a CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION at 7 p.m. The faithful are encouraged to participate in this Devotion and affirm our belief in the Real Presence. All parish groups and societies, are especially invited to take part in a practice that is very popular in many different countries. Children who have received their first Holy Communion this year are most invited to participate to lay flower petals before Our Lord in procession.

YOUTH GROUP 50/50 TICKET SALES at the main entrance of the Church this weekend. Don't miss out on your **last** chance! The winner's name will be printed in next week's bulletin and he or she will be contacted directly by the Youth Group.

COINS FOR LIFE Please bring your box to the Sacristy before or after the Masses. For those who do not have a box but would like to give a donation, please drop off your cheque (made out to "Campaign Life") in the Sacristy as well. Thank you for your contribution. Please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. For info or if you are interested in volunteering please visit www.coinsforlife.org.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION DATES:

- June 5th @ 12:30 p.m. St. Mary Immaculate School
- June 5th @ 4:30 p.m. Corpus Christi School
- June 12th @ 12:30 p.m. St. Charles Garnier School
- June 12th @ 4:30 p.m. Catholic Schools

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO CANADIAN SHRINES (St. Joseph's Oratory, Cap-de-La Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre) led by Fr. Terry McKenna on Thurs., June 30-Sunday, July 3. For information, please call Mary at 416-497-7059.

ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX students will be selling tickets after all the Masses this weekend for their car wash initiative. Please support them.

5 giugno 2011 - Ascensione del Signore

Nessuno pensi che l'Ascensione sia una dipartita di Gesù, una specie di allontanamento, sia pure nello splendore dell'ascesa al cielo. L'Ascensione è il modo nuovo di Gesù di essere presente tra i suoi, come scrive Leone magno: "Proprio allora il Figlio di Dio si diede a conoscere nella maniera più sublime e più santa come Figlio di Dio, quando rientrò nella gloria della maestà del Padre e cominciò in modo ineffabile a farsi più presente per la sua divinità, lui che nella sua umanità visibile, si era fatto più distante da noi. (...) L'Ascensione di Cristo significa anche elevazione per noi, e là dove è giunta in anticipo la gloria del capo, è come un invito alla speranza del corpo: per questo dobbiamo giustamente esultare".

"Disceso dal cielo alle regioni terrestri, hai risuscitato con te, poiché sei Dio, la natura umana che giaceva in basso, nel carcere dell'ade, e con la tua ascensione, o Cristo, l'hai fatta salire ai cieli, rendendola con te partecipe del trono del Padre tuo (cfr Ef 2,6): perché tu sei misericordioso e amico degli uomini! (Tropario dalla Liturgia bizantina)."

"Dio vuole salvarci nel popolo. Non vuole una salvezza isolata. Ecco perché questa Chiesa di oggi, più che mai, accentua il senso di popolo. E perciò la Chiesa stessa subisce conflitti, perché la Chiesa non vuole la massa, vuole il popolo. La massa è il mucchio di uomini: quanto più sono addormentati, tanto meglio; quanto più conformisti, tanto meglio... La Chiesa vuole stimolare gli uomini nel vero senso di popolo. Che cosa il popolo? Il popolo è una comunità di uomini in cui tutti contribuiscono al bene comune. (...) Questa è la missione affidata alla Chiesa, missione difficile: estirpare i peccati dalla storia, estirpare i peccati dalla politica, estirpare i peccati dall'economia, estirpare i peccati ovunque siano... La Chiesa deve soffrire perché dice la verità, perché denuncia il peccato, perché estirpa il peccato. A nessuno piace che gli tocchino una piaga, perciò sussulta una società che ha molte piaghe, quando c'è chi la tocca con coraggio (O. Romero, La violenza dell'amore pp. 43-4)."

AVVISI

- 1. Lunedì, 13 giugno, festa di S. Antonio: 6.30pm: rosario, conclusione della novena; 7.00pm: Santa Messa, seguita da un rinfresco in sala.
- 2. Pellegrinaggio a S. Anna dal 25 al 28 luglio; per informazioni, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210); pellegrinaggio a Teopoli, 14 agosto; chiamate Ezia (905-884-3896); pellegrinaggio a cinque nazioni, dal 5 al 22 settembre; chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210).
- 3. Domenica 12 giugno, alle 4pm, nella chiesa di St. Peter di Woodbridge, concerto "Sognando Lui," con la grande cantante Michiko Hayashi della Fenice di Venezia. Canzoni e musiche originali scritte da G. Menin in onore del Beato Giovanni Paolo II. Per biglietti chiamate 905-851-3600.

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SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Tommaso & Teresa
		Romanelli
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		le anime del purgatorio
		Intentions of our Holy Father
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Josephine Risi
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Grm Family
WED.	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude,
WLD.	0.00 a.m.	St. (Brother) Andre & Bl.
		Pope John Paul II
	7:00 n m	In honour of St. Joseph
	7:00 p.m.	Madonna Dei Miracoli
		+Manuel De Freitas
		+Joaquim Vespera
		+Natalina Diccolo
		+Fulvio Rosciardi
		le anime del purgatorio
		Intentions of our Holy Father
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
		+Members of the Naughton
		Family
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		Family
		+Mike Virgilio
		+Carmelo di Rosa
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		Special Intention (Luigi
		Vittorio)
		+Giocchino Cristina
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