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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the father and the two sons better known as the Parable of the "Prodigal Son" (Lk 15:11-32) is proclaimed. This passage of St Luke constitutes one of the peaks of spirituality and literature of all time. Indeed, what would our culture, art and more generally our civilization be without this revelation of a God the Father so full of mercy? It never fails to move us and every time we hear or read it, it can suggest to us ever new meanings. Above all, this Gospel text has the power of speaking to us of God, of enabling us to know His Face and, better still, His Heart. After Jesus has told us of the merciful Father, things are no longer as they were before. We now know God; He is our Father who out of love created us to be free and endowed us with a conscience, who suffers when we get lost and rejoices when we return. For this reason, our relationship with Him is built up through events, just as it happens for every child with his parents: at first he depends on them, then he asserts his autonomy; and, in the end if he develops well he reaches a mature relationship based on gratitude and authentic love.

In these stages we can also identify moments along man's journey in his relationship with God. There can be a phase that resembles childhood: religion prompted by need, by dependence. As man grows up and becomes emancipated, he wants to liberate himself from this submission and become free and adult, able to organize himself and make his own decisions, even thinking he can do without God. Precisely this stage is delicate and can lead to atheism, yet even this frequently conceals the need to discover God's true Face. Fortunately for us, God never fails in His faithfulness and even if we distance ourselves and get lost He continues to follow us with His love, forgiving our errors and speaking to our conscience from within in order to call us back to Him. In this parable the sons behave in opposite ways: the younger son leaves home and sinks ever lower whereas the elder son stays at home, but he too has an immature relationship with the Father. In fact, when his brother comes back, the elder brother does not rejoice like the Father; on the contrary he becomes angry and refuses to enter the house. The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgive-ness, by recognizing one is loved with a freely given love a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

Dear friends, let us meditate on this parable. Let us compare ourselves to the two sons and, especially, contemplate the Heart of the Father. Let us throw ourselves into His arms and be regenerated by His merciful love. May the Virgin Mary, *Mater Misericordiae*, help us to do this. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 10 March 2010)

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

The well-being of the Universal Church

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH! Love St. Joseph a lot. Love him with all your soul, because he, together with Jesus, is the person who has most loved our Blessed Lady and has been closest to God. He is the person who has most loved God, after our Mother. He deserves your affection, and it will do you good to get to know him, because he is the Master of interior life, and has great power before the Lord and before the Mother of God.

(St. Josemaria Escriva, Priest)

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH (March 10-19)

St. Joseph, I, your unworthy child, greet you. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants. Therefore I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (Mention your request). Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church and the Patron Saint of Canada. We encourage all parishioners to make the Novena of prayer to obtain the blessings and protection of God upon the Church, upon us, and upon our country.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE General meeting on Tuesday, March 12th beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend and discern if this ministry is for you.

TRIDUUM OF PRAYER IN HONOUR OF ST. IOSEPH. PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH AND OF CANADA on Sat., March 16, Sun., March 17, Mon., March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. On **Tuesday**, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Solemn Sung Latin Mass (Novus Ordo) In G, Soli, for Choir, & Orchestra by Franz Schubert. Conductor: Uwe Lieflander with the Schola and Soli of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy and Sinfonia Sacra. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert to the Parish Hall before Mass. To share our blessings with the poor, we will also be collecting food (rice, sugar, oil, and flour) to assist the MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY (Bl. Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters) in their apostolate to the poorest of the poor.

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RCIA SCRUTINIES On this weekend and the following, the "elect" (the unbaptized members of the RCIA) will be present at one of the masses for the "scrutinies of the rites of initiation."The scrutinies are invitations to transformation through purification and healing for all the faithful at the liturgies. Please pray for all the members of the elect; may they be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS A live portrayal by the Mustard Seeds Youth Group on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, Richmond Hill. For info: www.mseeds.net/stations

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10 marzo 2013 - 4a di Quaresima

Se potessimo contemplare le anime nella loro nuda verità, ci troveremmo di fronte, qui in chiesa, allo stesso spettacolo che offrono gli eserciti dopo la battaglia: vedremmo alcuni che son morti, altri feriti. Vi prego e vi scongiuro allora: diamoci l'un l'altro una mano e cerchiamo di rialzarci. Io stesso infatti faccio parte dei feriti, ed ho anch'io bisogno di essere guarito. Ma non scoraggiatevi per questo: le ferite, benché gravi, non sono certo incurabili. Tale è il nostro medico: basta che ci accorgiamo di essere feriti, e anche se abbiamo toccato il fondo della malvagità, egli ci apre tuttavia molte vie di salvezza. (...) Anche se dunque avremo toccato il fondo della sventura, e ci troveremo nelle medesime condizioni di colui che dopo aver dissipato l'eredità paterna si riduceva a mangiare ghiande, troveremo completa salvezza nel pentimento.(...) Buono è infatti il Signore Dio. A lui basta unicamente questo: che il debitore dei diecimila talenti gli si getti ai piedi, che lo scialacquatore delle sostanze paterne ritorni e che la pecorella smarrita voglia essere ricondotta all'ovile (Giovanni Crisostomo, Omelie su 1Cor 23.5).

Il ragazzo non torna indietro perché vuole bene a suo padre, ma perché in casa di suo padre si sta meglio di dove è adesso: quindi lo spinge la degradazione a cui è arrivato, e la speranza di migliorare la situazione. Non è ancora una grande conversione, però per noi è significativa, perché è quasi sempre la nostra conversione: torniamo perché stiamo male dove siamo, perché ci rendiamo conto della nostra perdita di dignità, di gioia, di speranza, di luminosità, e non perché vogliamo bene al Signore; ci rendiamo conto che la realtà del peccato è scomoda, allora si ritorna: è una piccola conversione. (...) La parabola è aperta, cioè finisce con le parole del padre; non dice quello che è successo dopo ma a che scopo? Perché questa parabola è detta per gli scribi e i farisei, cioè per quelli che mormorano di Gesù: Gesù insegna loro come è il cuore di Dio e perché lui, Gesù, che rappresenta il cuore di Dio (perché Gesù è sulla terra l'immagine dell'amore per gli uomini), tratti così i peccatori e i pubblicani. La parabola è un invito a scribi e farisei perché facciano anche loro festa; se pubblicani e peccatori vanno ad ascoltare Gesù, invece di mormorare devono essere contenti, cioè anche loro partecipare alla gioia di Dio (L. Monari, Vi annunzio una grande gioia pp. 91-92, 95-96).

AVVISO

Durante la Quaresima, si celebra la Via Crucis in italiano ogni venerdi' sera alle 7.45.

MASS INTENTIONS		March 10-16
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Antonio & Orazia Pacitto
		+Angelo & Maddalena Pacitto
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		+Carolina Santinelli
		+Paola Damiani
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		+Giuseppe & Angelina
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		+Rita Vidotto
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Anthony di Rocco
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Mary Paxton & Deceased of
		the Ryan Family
	7:00 p.m.	+Frank Arciero
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Chang-Soon Kang
	7:00 p.m.	In honore - S. Guiseppe
		+Giuseppe Giusti
		+Vincenzo Iaizzo
		Intention of Rae Caldarola
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Ida & Michele Francella
	7:00 p.m.	+Joan Teresa MacKay
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Raymundo & Benita Lapus
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		+Fr. Gordon Elliott
		Special Intention
		Paxton Family Members
		+Camillo Di Cesare
		Intentions of Rae Caldarola
		+Carmen Manera
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Fr. Gordon Elliott
		Special Intention
		+Pietro sarracini
		+Deceased of Maria &
		Berardinelli Family
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