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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

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2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, We have listened together to a famous and beautiful passage from the Book of Exodus, in which the sacred author tells of God's presentation of the Decalogue to Israel. One detail makes an immediate impression: the announcement of the Ten Commandments is introduced by a significant reference to the liberation of the People of Israel. The text says: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Ex Thus, the Decalogue is intended as a 20: 2). confirmation of the freedom gained. Indeed, at a closer look, the Commandments are the means that the Lord gives us to protect our freedom, both from the internal conditioning of passions and from the external abuse of those with evil intentions. The "nos" of the Commandments are as many "yeses" to the growth of true freedom.

There is a second dimension of the Decalogue that should also be emphasized: by the Law which He gave through Moses, the Lord revealed that He wanted to make a covenant with Israel. The Law, therefore, is a gift more than an imposition. Rather than commanding what the human being ought to do, its intention is to reveal to all the choice of God: He takes the side of the Chosen People; He set them free from slavery and surrounds them with His merciful goodness. The Decalogue is a proof of His special love. Today's liturgy offers us a second message: The Mosaic Law was totally fulfilled in Jesus, who revealed God's wisdom and love through the mystery of the Cross, "a stumbling block to Jews and an absurdity to Gentiles; but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God" (I Cor 1: 23-24).

The Gospel just proclaimed refers precisely to this: Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers out of the temple. Through the verse of a Psalm: "Zeal for your house has consumed me" (cf. Ps 69[68]: 10), the Evangelist provides a key for the interpretation of this significant episode. And Jesus was "consumed" by this "zeal" for the "house of God", which was being used for purposes other than those for which it was intended. To the amazement of everyone present, He responded to the request of the religious leaders who demand evidence of His authority by saying: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (In 2:19). These are mysterious words that were incomprehensible at the time; John, however, paraphrased them for his Christian readers, saying: "Actually, He was talking about the temple of His body" (In 2: 21). His enemies were to destroy that "temple", but after three days He would rebuild it through the Resurrection. The distressful "stumbling block" of Christ's death was to be crowned by the triumph of His glorious Resurrection.

In this Lenten season, while we are preparing to relive this central event of our salvation in the Easter *triduum*, we are already looking at the Crucified One, seeing in Him the brightness of the Risen One.

Homily of Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican, 19 Mar 2006

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)



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer you my thanksgiving and homage. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.

CONGRATULATIONS THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS!!

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto will have a chance to pray and celebrate with Canada's newest cardinal at St. Clare's Parish, Woodbridge on Tuesday, March 13th Mass at 7:30 p.m. followed by a reception. All are welcome!

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FRIDAYS OF LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30 p.m. - English; 7:45 p.m. - Italian

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY A collection to support the work of our SVDP society will be held this weekend. The need is great within our parish boundary and we are grateful for your continued generous support. We ask you to take the envelopes placed in the pews and return them to the collection.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, Monday, March 19th

8:00 a.m. Mass in English, 12 noon in Italian 7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass & Blessing of St. Joseph's Table

40 DAYS FOR LIFE TORONTO is back!!! Women's Care Clinic, 960 Lawrence Ave. W, near Lawrence & Dufferin (across the street from the facility) from 8am – 8pm. We hope and pray that you are able to participate in this urgent & important life-saving campaign.

COINS FOR LIFE We encourage everyone to fill a 'Coins for Life' box with their loose change for Lent. These boxes are at the entrances of the church. Please take one home. Please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. For info, please visit www.coinsforlife.org

CHURCH & SVDP INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2011 are ready to be picked up at the parish main entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

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ON FASTING by St. John Chrysostom

The value of fasting consists not only in avoiding certain foods, but in giving up of sinful practices. The person who limits his fast only to abstaining from meat is the one who especially lowers the value of it.

Do you fast? Prove it by doing good works. If you see someone in need, take pity on them. If you see a friend being honored, don't get jealous of him. For a true fast, you cannot fast only with your mouth. You must fast with your eyes, your ears, your feet, your hands, and all parts of your body.

You fast with your hands by keeping them pure from doing greedy things. You fast with your feet by not going to see forbidden shows or plays. You fast with your eyes by not letting them look upon impure pictures. Because if this is forbidden or unlawful, it mars your fast and threatens the safety of your soul. But if you look at things which are lawful and safe you increase your fast, for what you see with your eyes influences your conduct. It would be very stupid to eliminate or give up meat and other foods because of the fast but feed with your eyes upon other things which are forbidden.

You don't eat meat, you say? But you allow yourself to listen to lewd things. You must fast with your ears, too. Another way of fasting with your ears is not to listen to those who speak evil or untrue things about others. "Thou shalt not receive an idle report." This is especially true of rumors, gossip, untruths which are spoken to harm another. Besides fasting with your mouth by not eating certain foods, your mouth should also fast from foul language or telling lies about others. For what good is it if you don't eat meat or poultry, and yet you bite and devour your fellow man?

3^a di Quaresima - 11 marzo 2012

Impariamo a digiunare

Fa' digiunare il nostro cuore:che sappia rinunciare a tutto quello che l'allontana

dal tuo amore, Signore, e che si unisca a te più esclusivamente e più sinceramente.

Fa' digiunare il nostro orgoglio, tutte le nostre pretese, le nostre rivendicazioni,

rendendoci più umili e infondendo in noicome unica ambizione, quella di servirti.

Fa' digiunare le nostre passioni, la nostra fame di piacere,

la nostra sete di ricchezza, il possesso avido e l'azione violenta:

che nostro solo desiderio sia di piacerti in tutto.

Fa' digiunare il nostro io, troppo centrato su se stesso, egoista indurito,

che vuol trarre solo il suo vantaggio: che sappia dimenticarsi, nascondersi, donarsi.

Fa' digiunare la nostra lingua, spesso troppo agitata, troppo rapida nelle sue repliche,

severa nei giudizi, offensiva o sprezzante: fa' che esprima solo stima e bontà.

Che il digiuno dell'anima, con tutti i nostri sforzi per migliorarci,

possa salire verso di te come offerta gradita, meritarci una gioia più pura, più profonda.

(Jean Galot, Ritorno alla sorgente, Benedettine, Sorrento 1981)

"Cristo è consumato di zelo per quella casa di Dio che è in ciascuno di noi, e non vuole che diventi casa di commercio, né che la casa di preghiera diventi una spelonca di ladri, in quanto è Figlio di un Dio geloso (cfr Es 20,5), [nel senso] che Dio non vuole che nulla di estraneo alla sua volontà venga a mescolarsi all'anima degli uomini in generale, e, in particolare, di coloro che intendono accogliere le realtà della divinissima fede (*Origene, Commento al Vangelo di Giovanni*)."

AVVISI

- 1. 19 marzo: festa di S. Giuseppe. La celebreremo con la santa Messa a mezzogiorno, seguita da processione e rinfresco in sala. Vi si incoraggia a portare panini da benedire ed una rosa da presentare al Santo.
- 2. Durante la Quaresima, ogni venerdì sera, alle 7.45pm, si celebra la Via Crucis in italiano.
- 2. Le ricevute fiscali per le vostre offerte sono disponibili presso l'entrata della chiesa. Vi si ringrazia per la vostra generosità.

MASS INTENTIONS		Mar. 11 - 17
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Gaudenzio & Lucia Chiovitti
		+Flavio di Gregorio
		+Paolo & Adela Ranieri
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Seong Ho Jang
	7:00 p.m.	+Rosa Pileggi
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+ Giuseppe Giusti
	7:00 p.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Nell Comella
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph
		le anime del purgatorio
		Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Milan Grm
	7:00 p.m.	+Roland Turmel
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Spec. Int. of Sr. Mary Edmund
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		+Pietro Sarracini
		+Mary J. Paxton
		+Deceased Members of the
		Ryan Family
		Members of the Naughton
		Family
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate
		Heart of Mary
		+Libera Mastro
		Spec. Int. of Christopher

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David

Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Esmy, Manuela Clement, Alan & Carol Cook, Joe Crevier, James Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, 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, 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, Esmy, Giuseppe Racco, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt,

"REJOICING IN THE WORKS OF THE LORD: BEAUTY IN THE FRANCISCAN TRADITION" Lenten Retreat by Fr. Pierre Farruggia on Sat., March 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more info or to register, please call 519-941-1747 or email stfranciscentre@rogers.com

Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

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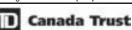
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