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Dear Brothers and Sisters, we have reached the Fifth Sunday of Lent in which the Liturgy this year presents to us the Gospel episode of Jesus who saves an adulterous woman condemned to death (Jn 8: 1-11). While He is teaching at the Temple the Scribes and Pharisees bring Jesus a woman caught in the act of adultery for which Mosaic law prescribed stoning. Those men ask Jesus to judge the sinful woman in order "to test Him" and impel Him to take a false step. The scene is full with drama: the life of that person and also his own life depend on Jesus. Indeed, the hypocritical accusers pretend to entrust the judgement to Him whereas it is actually He Himself whom they wish to accuse and judge. Jesus, on the other hand, is "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1: 14): He can read every human heart, He wants to condemn the sin but save the sinner, and unmask hypocrisy. St John the Evangelist highlights one detail: while His accusers are insistently interrogating Him, Jesus bends down and starts writing with His finger on the ground. St Augustine notes that this gesture portrays Christ as the divine legislator: in fact, God wrote the law with His finger on tablets of stone (cf. *Commentary on John's Gospel*, 33,5). Thus Jesus is the Legislator, He is Justice in person. And what is His sentence? "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her". These words are full of the disarming power of truth that pulls down the wall of hypocrisy and opens consciences to a greater justice, that of love, in which consists the fulfilment of every precept (cf. Rom 13: 8-10). This is the justice that also saved Saul of Tarsus, transforming him into St Paul (cf. Phil 3: 8-14).

When His accusers "went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest", Jesus, absolving the woman of her sin, ushers her into a new life oriented to good. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again". It is the same grace that was to make the Apostle say: "One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3: 13-14). God wants only goodness and life for us; He provides for the health of our soul through His ministers, delivering us from evil with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that no one may be lost but all may have the opportunity to convert. ...

Dear friends, let us learn from the Lord Jesus not to judge and not to condemn our neighbour. Let us learn to be intransigent with sin starting with our own and indulgent with people. May the holy Mother of God, free from all sin, who is the mediatrix of grace for every repentant sinner, help us in this.

(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 21 March 2010)

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE: **Friday, March 22** 6-8 p.m.; **Saturday, March 23** 4-5 p.m.; **Sunday, March 24** 3-5 p.m.; **Monday, March 25** 6-8 p.m.; **Tuesday, March 26** 9-11 a.m.; **Wednesday, March 27** 6-8 p.m.; **Thursday, March 28** 1-5 p.m.

HABEMUS PAPAM!

It is with deep gratitude that the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Toronto in union with our Archbishop, Cardinal Thomas Collins, extends its sincere congratulations and prayers to the new pope chosen to lead our universal Church, **His Holiness, Pope Francis**. We pray for the spiritual strength, wisdom and humble example of our new Holy Father, the successor of St. Peter.

TRIDUUM, EASTER & DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Holy Thursday, March 28th:

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Good Friday, March 29th:

12:00 p.m. Commemoration of our Lord's Passion

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (English)

3:00 p.m. Commemoration of our Lord's Passion

4:30 p.m. Celebrazione della Passione del Signore

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Italian)

Easter Vigil, March 30th:

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass (Please note that the Easter Vigil is a long service of approximately 2 hours)

Easter Sunday, April 8th:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

9:30 a.m. Holy Mass (Italian)

11:00 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. Holy Mass

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

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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)

TRIDUUM OF PRAYER IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH, 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.

ST. FRANCIS CTR FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES invites you to a retreat by Fr. Pierre Farrugia on Sat., March 23. 519-941-1747/ stfranciscentre@rogers.com.

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SHARELIFE A generous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto will match all new and increased gifts to the 2013 ShareLife campaign, up to a total of \$800,000. This Sunday is ShareLife Sunday.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL meeting this Wed., March 20th at 6:45 p.m. in the meeting room beside the hall. Anyone interested in finding out more about the work of the Society or who would like to become a member is welcome to attend.

RCIA SCRUTINIES On this weekend, 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.

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17 marzo 2013 - 5^a di Quaresima

A coloro che sono in pericolo per disperazione il Signore offre il porto del perdono; per coloro che sono insidiati dalla falsa speranza e si illudono coi rinvii, rende incerto il giorno della morte. Tu non sai quale sarà l'ultimo giorno; sei un ingrato: perché non utilizzi il giorno che oggi Dio ti dà per convertirti? È in questo senso che il Signore dice alla donna: *Neppure io ti condanno*: non preoccuparti del passato, pensa al futuro. *Neppure io ti condanno*: ho distrutto ciò che hai fatto, osserva quanto ti ho comandato, così da ottenere quanto ti ho promesso (Agostino, *Commento a Giovanni* 38.8).

Tutto quello che siamo, lo siamo per un dono infinito e gratuito di Dio. Siamo quindi dei debitori incapaci di pagare, insolventi in radice, ai quali è stato condonato un debito infinito. Siamo così, così ci dobbiamo pensare, così dobbiamo interpretare la nostra vita. Allora è chiaro il senso del perdono dell'altro; non il fare qualche cosa di particolarmente eroico, ma il rendersi conto di quello che noi siamo, il rendersi conto che noi siamo dei graziati, dei perdonati, e da tali vivere. Il che vuol poi dire anche un'altra cosa: la capacità di perdonare non è una questione di forza di volontà o di memoria che dimentica facilmente, anche se tutte queste cose possono verificarsi; ma la capacità di perdono nasce dall'interpretare la propria vita come perdono ricevuto. Se uno riesce a capire esistenzialmente che la propria vita viene da un dono, anzi da un perdono di Dio, allora impara a perdonare, e se tu non riesci a perdonare, ci devi mettere certamente tutta la tua forza di volontà, ma devi soprattutto stare davanti al Signore con la povertà del tuo perdono, dicendo al Signore: non sono capace di perdonare, ma nello stesso tempo lasciando a lui la capacità di farti capire il perdono infinito che hai ricevuto, che ogni giorno ricevi. Bisogna che arriviamo a capire che viviamo del perdono di Dio, e quanto più questa convinzione di fede diventa viva, tanto più diventa efficace e tanto più ci rende capaci di perdonare al fratello (L. Monari, *Gesù edifica la sua comunità* p. 63).

AVVISI

1. Triduo di preghiera in onore di S. Giuseppe, patrono della Chiesa universal, dal 16 al 18 marzo. Per la festa del Santo (ed in occasione della solenne installazione del Sommo Pontefice Francesco I), il 19 marzo, alle 7pm, si celebra una messa solenne in latino di Schubert, con coro ed orchestra.
2. Durante la Quaresima, si celebra la Via Crucis in italiano ogni venerdì sera alle 7.45.
3. Si ascoltano confessioni in italiano ogni sabato dalle 3.45 alle 5.

MASS INTENTIONS**March 17-23**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Dario Iacobelli +Rosina & Angelo Corvinelli +Deceased of Morra Family +Benedetto Baccilieri +Giuseppe Iacobelli +Giuseppe e Alberto Giancola +Teresa De Luca +Francesco Naccarato +Tomasso Romanelli +Rosa Pileggi +Vincenzo Curtis +Rosina Lalli +Domenico & Clementina Fantozzi +Vincenzo Iaizzo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Intention of family members
	7:00 p.m.	+Giuseppe Amormino
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+David Lam
	7:00 p.m.	Pro populo
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Alejandro Baptista
	7:00 p.m.	In honore - S. Guiseppe +Donata Quagliarini +John Marsella Intentions of the Tanel & Panizza Families
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Gordon Elliott
	7:00 p.m.	+Corrado Russo
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Antonio Matrundola & Family
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Fr. Gordon Elliott Members of the Naughton Family Deceased of the McLean family
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Fr. Gordon Elliott +Stephen Roman Deceased of the Roman family +Earl Fernandes Intention of Marianne Nho +Raymundo & Benita Lapus

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE Saturday March 23rd at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. Speakers: Damian Goddard (TV & Radio Personality), Dorothy Pilarski (Catholic Register columnist, author Motherhood Matters), Leticia Velasquez (author, Parenting a Special Needs Child). For info visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905 -279 -7702. https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UQ9q9AvpY7g

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