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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am

12:30 pm

4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am

First Friday: 7:00 pm (Latin)

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 3:00 pm to 6:50 pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: 8:30 am Saturday Mass

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The Gospel of this Sunday, the Fifth of Easter, proposes a twofold commandment of faith: to believe in God and to believe in Jesus. In fact, the Lord said to His disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in Me" (Jn 14:1). They are not two separate acts but one single act of faith, full adherence to salvation wrought by God the Father through His Only-begotten Son.

The New Testament puts an end to the Father's invisibility. God has shown His face, as Jesus' answer to the Apostle Philip confirms: "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). With His Incarnation, death and Resurrection, the Son of God has freed us from the slavery of sin to give us the freedom of the children of God and He has shown us the face of God, which is love: God can be seen, He is visible in Christ. St Teresa of Avila wrote: "the last thing we should do is to withdraw from our greatest good and blessing, which is the most sacred humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (cf. *The Interior Castle*, 6, ch. 7). Therefore, only by believing in Christ, by remaining united to Him, may the disciples, among whom we too are, continue their permanent action in history: "Truly, truly, I say to you," says the Lord, "he who believes in Me will also do the works that I do" (Jn 14:12).

Faith in Jesus entails following Him daily, in the simple actions that make up our day. "It is part of the mystery of God that He acts so gently, that He only gradually builds up His history within the great history of mankind; that He becomes man and so can be overlooked by His contemporaries and by the decisive forces within history; that He suffers and dies and that, having risen again, He chooses to come to mankind only through the faith of the disciples to whom He reveals Himself; that He continues to knock gently at the doors of our hearts and slowly opens our eyes if we open our doors to Him" (*Jesus of Nazareth II*, 2011, p. 276).

St Augustine says that "it was necessary for Jesus to say: 'I Am the way, the truth, and the life' (Jn 14:6) because once the way was known, the end remained to be known" (cf. *In Evangelium Iohannis Tractatus*, 69, 2: CCL 36, 500), and the end is the Father. For Christians, for each one of us, hence, the way to the Father is to allow ourselves to be guided by Jesus, by His word of truth, and to receive the gift of His life. Let us make St Bonaventure's invitation our own: "Open, therefore, your eyes, lend your spiritual ear, open your lips and dispose your heart, so that you will be able to see, hear, praise, love, venerate, glorify, honour your God in all creatures" (*Itinerarium mentis in Deum*, i, 15).

Dear friends, the commitment to proclaim Jesus Christ, "the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6), is the main task of the Church. Let us invoke the Virgin Mary that she may always assist the Pastors and those in the different ministries to proclaim the

Good News of salvation, that the Word of God may be spread and the number of disciples multiplied (cf. Acts 6:7) **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 22 May 2011**

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

Intentions of SMI priests

PLEASE NOTE that the Parish office is closed on Monday, May 19th.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE 2ND COLLECTION

will take place this weekend to help with the upkeep of the Church. May God reward you for your generosity.

COINS FOR LIFE Please bring in your boxes to the Sacristy. May God reward you for being mindful of those who have no voice. Please continue praying for the unborn. For info, visit www.coinsforlife.org

SMI-CWL Religious Store will be open after all Sunday Masses on May 24 and 25 weekend in the church foyer.

HANDMADE ROSARIES (Brigittine or Dominican) by Fr. Marco are available for purchase from the Parish Office. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT Do not be sad and alone any longer. We can help. Call 416-629-8264 or email projrachelinfo@gmail.com A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: **June 6-8. Project Rachel** - Private and Confidential. *I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.* (John 10:10)

MARIANN HOME Please join us in celebrating 35 years of Mariann Home on Sun, June 1st 2-4 p.m.

TEOPOLI SUMMER EXPERIENCE for children 6-17 Come for a fun, faith-filled, and adventurous time on July 3- 12 (TERM 1); July 17-26 (TERM 2); July 31 – Aug. 9 (TERM 3); or Aug. 14- 23 (TERM 4) Parents and family are also invited and encouraged to join the children at Teopoli on the last day of the term for a day of sharing. By sending your child to Teopoli, you are becoming involved in a very beautiful, important and unique experience. **Teopoli is not just another summer camp. Teopoli is not just a place. Teopoli is a way of life.** Give your child the opportunity to have the experience of a lifetime at the Teopoli Summer Experience! For more information about the program please call Società Unita (The United Society) at 416-243-7319 or visit our website www.teopoli.com. **Click on the Summer Experience tab! Please pass on this information to anyone you may think would be interested!**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF SPAIN Spiritual Director: Fr. Ignacio Pinedo. 10 day pilgrimage July 7-16. For more info, please call 416-291-2676 x 240.

THE EXAMPLE OF LU MONFERRATO The little village of Lu, northern Italy, with only a few thousand inhabitants, is in a rural area 90 kilometers east of Turin. It would still be unknown to this day if, in the year 1881, the family mothers of Lu had not made a decision that had "serious consequences". The deepest desire of many of these mothers was for one of their sons to become a priest or for a daughter to place her life completely in God's service. Under the direction of their parish priest, Msgr. Alessandro Canora, they gathered every Tuesday for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord for vocations. They received Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month with the same intention. After Mass, all the mothers prayed a particular prayer together imploring for vocations to the priesthood. Through the trusting prayer of these mothers and the openness of the other parents, an atmosphere of deep joy and Christian piety developed in the families, making it much easier for the children to recognize their vocations. Did the Lord not say, "*Many are called, but few are chosen*" (Mt 22:14)? In other words, many are called, but only a few respond to that call. No one expected that God would hear the prayers of these mothers in such an astounding way. From the tiny village of Lu came **323** vocations! 152 priests (diocesan and religious), and 171 nuns belonging to 41 different congregations. Every ten years, the priests and sisters born in Lu come together from all around the world. Fr. Mario Meda, the long-serving parish priest of Lu, explained that this reunion is a true celebration, a feast of thanksgiving to God who has done such great things for Lu. The prayer that the mothers of Lu prayed was short, simple, and deep: "***O God, grant that one of my sons may become a priest! I myself want to live as a good Christian and want to guide my children always to do what is right, so that I may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give you a holy priest! Amen.***"

MARY MOTHER OF GOD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP on May 21st at the Royal Woodbine Golf Club, Toronto. For more info or to purchase tickets, please call 416-531-7897 or go to www.marymotherofgodschool.org.

ROSARY SUNDAY at MARYLAKE SHRINE on May 25th. Confessions before Mass. Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. Procession: 1:30 p.m. For info, call 905-833-5368.

LUMEN VERITATIS ACADEMY invite you to the first annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday July 15, at Glen Eagle Golf Club, Caledon, ON. All proceeds generated from this event will be used to support our current school programs except for a small portion, which will be donated to SSVM Religious Sisters working with troubled youth in the GTA. For more info please visit www.lumenveritatis.ca/golf.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or that of your relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille, a Catholic based programme**, is a program highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the live-in weekend and Post sessions, call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at www.torontoretrouvaille.com

CENTENARY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, 263 RONCESVALLES AVE., TORONTO We will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary from September 2014 to September 2015. The first Mass was said in the parish on September 27, at a storefront on Roncesvalles. The cornerstone of the church was laid on August 15. If you would like to be a part of our celebrations, please contact us at svpchurch@gmail.com. Look for us on Facebook at "St. Vincent de Paul 100". We would love to hear your stories and to see your photos, especially from the early days of the church.

MARIAN DAY OF PRAYER "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." Sat., May 31st 9a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto, ON. Tickets, \$15/advance. \$20/door. Youth \$7. Clergy: Free. Info: 416-251-4245.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL now registering for September 2014/2015! Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12) which is deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition and located in the Roncesvalles / Parkdale area of Toronto. We have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. For more info please call 416-531-7897 or visit our website at marymotherofgodschool.org

CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES 8TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW on Wednesday, June 4th at Da Vinci Banquet Hall, Woodbridge, ON starting at 11 a.m. with browsing of vendors' stalls and a sit down luncheon to be served at 12:30 p.m. All proceeds from this event to go towards the Consolata Missions of Puerto Ospina. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more info, please contact Emily Grosso at 905-856-7990 or the Consolata Missionaries at 416-749-8907.

CARDINAL CARTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 25TH ANNIVERSARY Saturday, June 14, 2014. Info / registration at <http://cch.ycdsb.ca/reunion25/> If you would like to help organize Grad Classroom Memories, please call the school at 905-727-2455 or contact Helen Lacroix at Helen.lacroix@ycdsb.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS**May 18-24**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giovanni Nonni +Constantino e Fiorina Esposito +Mario Mazzotta +Pietro e Maria Angiolella +Sabatino di Giulio
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Gabriele Magnotta
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Mario Mazzotta
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Antonietta D'Mello
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Giuseppe Calzetta +Franco Carpino +Davis Ahlowalia
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Patrick Ribbons

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Luciana, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Angela Gerritse-Bramson, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Terry Jennings, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Rachele (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Luigina Porco, Esther Reyes, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jeffrey Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan.

FILIPINO DINNER DANCE Holy Family Parish, located at 91 Ribblesdale Dr Whitby ON, is inviting everyone to the 5th annual Filipino Dinner & Dance on Saturday, May 31st, 2014 at 7:00pm in the church hall. This is an evening of dancing and fine Filipino cuisine. Ticket price is \$30 each. Tickets are available for sale at the back of the church. For ticket reservations please call the office at 905 665 6470

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS are urgently needed. You will be asked to pick up clients from their homes and drive them to and from cancer-related treatments. You will be reimbursed for your kilometers. Orientation & staff support provided. Please call Ashley Ferguson at 905-709-4978 x 3815.

“You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.” (*St. Thérèse of Lisieux [of the Child Jesus], Virgin and Doctor of the Church*)

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