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THE ANOINTING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

When we were baptised into Christ and clothed ourselves in Him, we were transformed into the likeness of the Son of God. Having destined us to be His adopted sons, God gave us a likeness to Christ in His glory, and living as we do in communion with Christ, God's anointed, we ourselves are rightly called "the anointed ones." When He said: *Do not touch my anointed ones*, God was speaking of us.

We became "the anointed ones" when we received the sign of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, everything took place in us by means of images, because we ourselves are images of Christ. Christ bathed in the river Jordan, imparting to its waters the fragrance of his divinity, and when He came up from them the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, like resting upon like. So we also, after coming up from the sacred waters of baptism, were anointed with chrism, which signifies the Holy Spirit, by whom Christ was anointed and of whom blessed Isaiah prophesied in the name of the Lord: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor.*

Christ's anointing was not by human hands, nor was it with ordinary oil. On the contrary, having destined Him to be the Saviour of the whole world, the Father Himself anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. The words of Peter bear witness to this: *Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit.* And David the prophet proclaimed: *Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever; Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of justice. You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above all Your fellows.*

The oil of gladness with which Christ was anointed was a spiritual oil; it was in fact the Holy Spirit Himself, who is called *the oil of gladness* because He is the source of spiritual joy. But we too have been anointed with oil, and by this anointing we have entered into fellowship with Christ and have received a share in His life. Beware of thinking that this holy oil is simply ordinary oil and nothing else. After the invocation of the Spirit it is no longer ordinary oil but the gift of Christ, and by the presence of His divinity it becomes the instrument through which we receive the Holy Spirit. While symbolically, on our foreheads and senses, our bodies are anointed with this oil that we see, our souls are sanctified by the holy and life-giving Spirit. ***(Taken from the Jerusalem Catecheses)***

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

Tuesday, May 31st, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.

Wednesday, June 1st, St. Justin, Martyr. St. Justin was born of pagan parents at the beginning of the second century. Following his conversion to the Faith, he wrote many works in defense of religion. He was martyred around the year 165.

Friday, June 3rd, St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs. During the years 1885-87, a persecution of Christians was waged in Uganda by King Mwanga. Among the martyrs were St. Charles Lwanga and his twenty one companions who adhered steadfastly to the Catholic Faith.

First Friday of the month. We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 12 p.m. until just before the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

First Saturday of the Month, June 4th. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it be Your Holy Will to grant it: *(mention your request)*. Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state in life. Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. (start: June 3rd)

BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATE We are moving ahead with addressing systematically the priority areas in the maintenance and upkeep of 21 Dunlop St as identified in Condition Report prepared last year by A. Baldassara Architects Inc. Sernas Associates, Consulting Engineers have been retained for contract administration services including preparation of tenders for the replacement of the roof. Tender results and recommendation of award will be brought forward to the Finance Committee for consideration with works tentatively scheduled for early June 2011.

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.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, MOTHER OF MERCY

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God. Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen. (*St. Augustine of Hippo*)

1ST HOLY COMMUNION DATES:

- May 29th @ 12:30 p.m. – Fr. Henri Nouwen School
- May 29th @ 4:30 p.m. – Fr. Henri Nouwen School
- 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

YOUTH GROUP will be selling 50-50 tickets this weekend at the main entrance of the Church after all the Masses. The draw will be held the following weekend. All funds raised will be split 50-50 between the fundraising efforts of the SMI Youth Group and the person holding the winning ticket. Prices for 50-50 Tickets are as follows: 1 Ticket for \$5.00, 3 Tickets for \$10.00 and 7 Tickets for \$20.00. Please support the parish youth in their efforts to attend the August 2011 World Youth Day in Spain. The winner will be contacted by the Youth Group directly and the name will be published in the bulletin.

CWL Ladies Communion Luncheon on Sunday, June 5th at 12:30 p.m. at Cafe en Passant, 10133 Yonge St. Tickets: \$30.00 each. Guest speaker, Sister Frances from St. Bernard's. Tickets will be sold after all masses. For info, please call Maura at 905-737-9182.

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.

COME & SEE WEEKEND at St. Augustine's Seminary on June 3-5 for single Catholic men who are considering the priesthood. For more info, please call 416-968-0998 or vocations@vocations.ca.

CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES 5TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW on Wed., June 8th at Da Vinci Banquet Hall starting at 11 a.m. with the browsing of the vendors' stalls and a sit down luncheon at 12:30 p.m. All proceeds from this event will go towards the students who will be participating in the Ethiopia summer experience in the summer. Tickets are \$50 per person. For info please call Emily at 905-856-7990 or the Consolata Missionaries office at 416-749-8907.

29 maggio 2011 - 6^a di Pasqua

“È l'amore che distingue i santi dal mondo, e unanimi li fa abitare in quella casa dove fissano la loro dimora il Padre e il Figlio, che effondono il loro amore su coloro ai quali alla fine si manifesteranno (S. Agostino, *Trattato su Giovanni*, 76, 2).”

“Se mi amate osservate i miei comandamenti e io pregherò il Padre e vi darà un altro Consolatore”: queste parole si sono realizzate nei discepoli, che lo avevano amato veramente e avevano obbedito ai suoi precetti, quando all'improvviso, mentre pregavano, lo Spirito Santo apparve loro nel cenacolo, sotto forma di fuoco, li istruì con la diversità delle lingue e li confortò con la consolazione del suo amore. Egli rimane in eterno coi santi che in questa vita illumina interiormente e in quella futura introduce a contemplare la sua maestà. Avevano anche prima il consolatore, cioè il Signore Gesù che viveva con loro; ma anche noi fratelli, se amiamo perfettamente Cristo, lo abbiamo come il consolatore che sta sempre con noi. Anche per noi pregherà il Padre che ci darà un *altro* consolatore, cioè lo Spirito Santo che ci allietti fra le avversità di questo esilio con l'attesa della patria celeste. Ma chiunque cerca la consolazione nelle cose di questo mondo, non lo può ricevere e non può essere riplasmato interiormente dal dono della consolazione divina. Infatti lo Spirito di verità fugge il cuore che vede soggetto alla vanità. “Non vi lascerò orfani; ritornerò a voi”. Sembra che, morendo in croce, il Signore lasciasse orfani i discepoli. Ma non li lasciò orfani perché dopo la passione, si mostrò loro in molti modi per quaranta giorni e, dopo la sua assunzione, ha fatto loro dono dal cielo dello Spirito Santo. “...voi mi vedrete, perché io vivo e voi vivrete”. Voi mi potrete vedere perché io vivo essendo risorto dai morti e voi meritate di essere confortati dalla mia resurrezione, perché anche voi verrete alla vita eterna e alle gioie della resurrezione. “Chi mi ama sarà amato dal Padre mio e anch'io lo amerò e mi manifesterò a lui”. Dobbiamo considerare che amare veramente Cristo significa osservare i suoi comandamenti, come ci ammonisce Giovanni: “Figlioli non amiamo a parole e con la lingua, ma con l'opera e la verità”. La ricompensa del nostro vero amore è che saremo amati dal Padre e dal Figlio e ci sarà rivelata la gloria del Figlio di Dio perché lo contempliamo in eterno. A tutti gli uomini sarà rivelata la gloria del Figlio di Dio, ma solo gli occhi dei giusti vedranno il re nel suo splendore: “Beati i puri di cuore perché vedranno Dio” (Ven. Beda, *Omelia sul Vangelo*, II,17).

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.

MASS INTENTIONS**May 29 – June 4**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** +Deceased of the Morra Family
+Deceased of the Toracchio Family
+Antonia & Clemente Torti
+Judy Mary Gonsalves-Rossi
le anime del purgatorio
- MON. 8:00 a.m.** +Spec. Int (Mary Grace Cheung)
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** +Salvatore Mannella
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** +Spec. Int. of Monique Daniel and Kyle
7:00 p.m. In honour of St. Joseph
+Camillo Di Cesare
+Corsentino Charles Calogero
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
+Herbert, Catherine, & Patrick Paxton
+Maria Silvestri
+Carmelo di Rosa
Special Intention
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
- SAT. 9:00 a.m.** In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Members of the Paxton Family
Members of the Madden & Winton Families
+Rolly Papa
+Holy Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Esmey, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, James Davidson, Caterina & Dominic De Grano, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Esmey, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Buenaventura Pascua, Domenico Pileggi, Todd Santaguida, Werner Schachatsiek, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Betsy Wong, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

RETREAT FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS Day of Retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Ctr, Mississauga on Saturday, June 11, at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Theme: The mystery of Jesus in our Loss. A hot lunch included, day concludes with Mass. To register or for more info, call 905-278-5229.

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