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11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

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Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 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, 3rd, & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

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PARABLE OF THE TEN TALENTS

The Word of God this Sunday ... invites us to be vigilant and hardworking, in the expectation of the Lord's return at the end of time. The Gospel passage recounts the famous Parable of the Talents, related by St Matthew (25: 14-30). The "talent" was an ancient Roman coin, of great value, and precisely because of this parable's popularity it became synonymous with personal gifts, which everyone is called to develop. In fact, the text speaks of "a man going on a journey [who] called his servants and entrusted to them his property" (Mt 25: 14). The man in the parable represents Christ Himself, the servants are the disciples and the talents are the gifts that Jesus entrusts to them. These gifts, in addition to their natural qualities, thus represent the riches that the Lord Jesus has bequeathed to us as a legacy, so that we may make them productive: His Word, deposited in the Holy Gospel; Baptism, which renews us in the Holy Spirit; prayer the "Our Father" that we raise to God as His children, united in the Son; His forgiveness, which He commanded be offered to all; the Sacrament of His Body sacrificed and His Blood poured out; in a word: the Kingdom of God, which is God Himself, present and alive in our midst.

This is the treasure that Jesus entrusted to His friends at the end of His brief life on earth. Today's parable stresses the inner disposition necessary to accept and develop this gift. Fear is the wrong attitude: the servant who is afraid of his master and fears his return hides the coin in the earth and it does not produce any fruit. This happens, for example, to those who after receiving Baptism, Communion and Confirmation subsequently bury these gifts beneath a blanket of prejudice, beneath a false image of God that paralyzes faith and good works, thus betraying the Lord's expectations. However, the parable places a greater emphasis on the good fruits brought by the disciples who, happy with the gift they received, did not keep it hidden with fear and jealousy but made it profitable by sharing it and partaking in it. Yes, what Christ has given us is multiplied in its giving! It is a treasure made to be spent, invested and shared with all, as we are taught by the Apostle Paul, that great administrator of Jesus' talents. The Gospel teaching that the liturgy offers us today has also had a strong effect at the historical & social level, encouraging an active and entrepreneurial spirit in the Christian people.

The central message, however, concerns the spirit of responsibility with which to receive God's Kingdom: a responsibility to God and to humanity. This attitude of the heart is embodied perfectly in the Virgin Mary who, on receiving the most precious gift of all, Jesus Himself, offered Him to the world with immense love. Let us ask her to help us to be "good and faithful servants" so that we may one day enter "into the joy of our Lord".

Pope Benedict XVI, 16 November 2008

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sale on Nov. 12/13 and Nov. 19/20.

MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD Owing to the many requests made for the Masses for the dead, please note that during the whole month of November, Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parishioners of St. Mary Immaculate. You may also wish to include their names in our Book of Remembrance or in the All Souls Day envelopes located near the Book of Remembrance. Please place the envelopes with your donations on the basket beside the Book of Remembrance.

SANCTUARY LAMPS The Sanctuary Lamps (on either side of the Tabernacle) burn for the length of one week. If there are any parishioners who wish to burn a lamp in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps burn for: Special Intention Special Intention

Thursday, Nov. 17th, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious St. Elizabeth was born in 1207, daughter of the King of Hungary. She was married to Louis, the Landgrave of Thuringia and gave birth to three children. Known for her piety and devotion, St. Elizabeth embraced the life of poverty after her husband's death and dedicated herself to the sick and the poor.

SHEPHERDS TRUST Our priests faithfully serve our families, in our churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on our streets and for that we are very grateful. The Shepherds' Trust does more than just bridge the gap in our priest's retirement years; it says thank you in a very tangible way for the blessings we have received. Your generosity this weekend is deeply appreciated.

RCIA Today, at the 12:30 mass, members of this year's RCIA, the candidates for the Order of Catechumens and the candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist, will be entering the second period of their journey. They will do this through the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcome. In these rites, the candidates "express, and the Church accepts, their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ." Please pray for the candidates of our parish.

16th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER AND DANCEon Friday, December 2nd at the La Videt Banquet Hall,
Concord. 6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Tickets
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CHRIST THE KING RALLY on Sat., Nov. 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Canadian Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr. (Don Mills & Eglinton). For ticket or more info please contact 416-466-0776 or www.ccrctor.com.

ST. MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL 50th ANNIVERSARY Come and join us celebrate our 50th anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Our celebration begins with Holy Mass at St. Mary Immaculate Church at 10:30 a.m. After Holy Mass, open house at the school will begin around 12:00 noon. We will be having an assembly in the gym around 12:15 p.m. where we will be celebrating a school blessing, speeches from alumni, members of the Board, and local politicians, and entertainment from some of our students. We welcome everyone especially all Alumni to join us for this monumental event.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For info, please call Roland at 905-780-8354.

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

(Prayer by Bl. John Henry Newman)

O God of the Spirits of all flesh, O Jesus, Lover of souls, we recommend unto You the souls of all those Your servants, who have departed with the sign of faith and sleep the sleep of peace. We beseech You, O Lord and Saviour, that, as in Your mercy to them You became man, so now You would hasten the time, and admit them to Your presence above. Remember, O Lord, that they are Your creatures, not made by strange gods, but by You, the only Living and True God; for there is no other God but You, and none that can equal Your works. Let their souls rejoice in Your light, and impute not to them their former iniquities, which they committed through the violence of passion, or the corrupt habits of their fallen nature. For, although they have sinned, yet they always firmly believed in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and before they died, they reconciled themselves to You by true contrition and the Sacraments of Your Church.

O Gracious Lord, we beseech You, remember not against them the sins of their youth and their ignorances; but according to Your great mercy, be mindful of them in Your heavenly glory. May the heavens be opened to them, and the Angels rejoice with them. May the Archangel St Michael conduct them to You. May Your holy Angels come forth to meet them, and carry them to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. May St Peter, to whom You gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive them. May St Paul, the vessel of election, stand by them. May St John, the beloved disciple, who had the revelation of the secrets of heaven, intercede for them. May all the Holy Apostles, who received from You the power of binding and loosing, pray for them. May all the Saints and elect of God, who in this world suffered torments for Your Name, befriend them; that, being freed from the prison beneath, they may be admitted into the glories of that kingdom, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You lives and reigns one God, world without end.

Come to their assistance, all you Saints of God; gain for them deliverance from their place of punishment; meet them, all you Angels; receive these holy souls, and present them before the Lord. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

13 novembre 2011 - 33^a del tempo ordinario

"Badiamo a noi stessi, fratelli, siamo vigilanti. Chi ci restituirà il tempo presente, se lo perdiamo?... E questo ci accade perché il nostro cuore non è attento; se davvero volessimo lottare un poco, non dovremmo soffrire né faticare a lungo. Anche se all'inizio infatti occorre far violenza a se stessi, poi, poco per volta, perseverando nella lotta, si fanno progressi, e alla fine si fa tutto con pace, perché Dio vede che ci siamo fatti violenza e ci porge il suo aiuto. Anche noi dunque facciamo violenza a noi stessi, mettiamoci all'opera, cerchiamo per lo meno di volere il bene, perché anche se non abbiamo ancora raggiunto la perfezione, già il solo fatto di volere il bene è per noi l'inizio della salvezza. Perché dal volere giungeremo, insieme a Dio, anche al lottare, e dalla lotta riceveremo aiuto per l'acquisizione delle virtù; per questo uno dei padri dice: 'Versa il tuo sangue e ricevi lo Spirito', cioè lotta e giungerai al possesso della virtù. (...) È impossibile, in effetti, restare sempre nella stessa condizione, si cammina inevitabilmente verso il meglio o verso il peggio. Perciò chiunque vuol essere salvato non solo deve astenersi dal male, ma deve anche fare il bene, come dice il salmo: Allontànati dal male e fa' il bene (Sl 36.27) (Doroteo di Gaza, Insegnamenti spirituali 104, 133)."

"Beato il servo che rende tutti i suoi beni al Signore Dio; perché chi riterrà qualche cosa per sé, nasconde dentro di sé il denaro del suo Signore, e ciò che crede di avere gli sarà tolto (Francesco d'Assisi *Ammonizioni* 19)."

"Utilizzare il proprio dono è costruire la comunità. Non essere fedeli al proprio dono è nuocere a tutta la comunità e ad ognuno dei suoi membri. Perciò è importante che ogni membro conosca il proprio dono, lo eserciti e si senta responsabile della sua crescita; che sia riconosciuto nel suo dono dagli altri e renda conto dell'uso che ne fa. Gli altri hanno bisogno di questo dono e devono incoraggiare colui che lo ha ricevuto a farlo crescere, ad essergli fedele. Seguendo il proprio dono ognuno trova il suo posto nella comunità. Non solo diventa utile, ma unico e necessario agli altri. Soltanto in questo modo svaniscono le rivalità e le gelosie. (...) Il dono più prezioso nella comunità si radica nella debolezza. È quando si è deboli e poveri che si ha bisogno degli altri, che li si chiama a vivere e a esercitare i propri doni. Nel cuore della comunità c'è sempre il piccolo, il povero, il debole. Chi si sente inutile, il malato, il morente, chi è malato nelle sue emozioni e nel suo spirito, entra nel mistero del sacrificio. Con le sue umiliazioni e l'offerta delle sue sofferenze diventa fonte di vita per gli altri. Per le sue piaghe noi siamo stati guariti (Is 53.5) (J. Vanier, *La comunità* 70, 296)."

AVVISI

- 1. Le lampade del Santissimo bruciano per una settimana. Chiunque volesse offrire tali lampade in suffragio delle anime di cari defunti è invitato a mettersi in contatto con l'ufficio parrocchiale. Inoltre potete iscrivere i vostri defunti nel libro della memoria; vi sono buste a disposizione per l'apposita offerta.
- 2. Il 12/13 novembre vi sarà la colletta speciale per lo Shepherds' Trust, il fondo a beneficio dei sacerdoti in pensione.

MASS INTENTIONS		Nov. 1 - 30
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Parishioners,
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Relatives, and Friends of
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	the Parishioners of St. Mary
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Immaculate Church
	7:00 p.m.	
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	
	7:00 p.m.	
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Baby Abigail, Enrico Carusi, Esmy, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Alan & Carol Cook, Catherine Cronin, Mary D'Amato, James Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Anna Jedlicsek, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, Anthony Morse, Susan, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Giuseppina Pellegrini, Domenico Pileggi, Esmy, Todd Santaguida, Werner Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt, Helen &

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.

Catherine.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE We are looking for volunteers who love Mother Mary and are willing to go into our Catholic Schools to pray the rosary with the students. Training will be provided. Please call Carole at 905-770-8584 or Mariella at 905-773-8650.

ADULT FAITH STUDY have resumed on Thursdays at 1-2:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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