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Dear Brothers and Sisters, In today's Gospel passage, St Luke reproposes the Biblical view of history for our reflection and refers to Jesus' words that invite the disciples not to fear, but to face difficulties, misunderstandings and even persecutions with trust, persevering through faith in Him. The Lord says: "When you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once" (Lk 21: 9). Keeping this admonition in mind, from the beginning the Church lives in prayerful waiting for her Lord, scrutinizing the signs of the times and putting the faithful on guard against recurring messiahs, who from time to time announce the world's end as imminent. In reality, history must run its course, which brings with it also human dramas and natural calamities. In it a design of salvation is developed that Christ has already brought to fulfilment in His Incarnation, death & Resurrection. The Church continues to proclaim this mystery and to announce and accomplish it with her preaching, celebration of the sacraments and witness of charity.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us welcome Christ's invitation to face daily events by trusting in His providential love. Let us not fear the future, even when it can appear with bleak colours, because the God of Jesus Christ, who entered history to open it to its transcendent fulfilment, is the Alpha & the Omega, the first and the last (cf. Rv 1: 8). He guarantees that in every little but genuine act of love there is the entire sense of the universe, and that the one who does not hesitate to lose his own life for Him finds it again in fullness (cf. Mt 16: 25). With remarkable effectiveness, consecrated persons, who have placed their lives completely at the service of the Kingdom of God, invite us to keep this perspective alive. Among these I would like to particularly recall those called to contemplation in cloistered monasteries. The Church dedicates a special day to them this ..., 21 November, Memorial of the Presentation in the Temple of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We owe much to these people who live on what Providence provides them through the generosity of the faithful. "As a spiritual oasis, a monastery reminds today's world of the most important, and indeed, in the end, the only decisive thing: that there is an ultimate reason why life is worth living: God and His unfathomable love" (Pope Benedict XVI, Heiligenkreuz, Austria, 9 Sept. 2007). Faith, which is active in charity, is the true antidote against a nihilistic mentality that is spreading its influence in the world even more in our time.

May Mary, Mother of the Incarnate Word, accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage. We ask her to sustain the witness of all Christians, so that it is always based on a solid and persevering faith.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Angelus, St. Peter's Square, 18 November 2007

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF FAITH on Sunday, Nov. 24th, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe, marks the end of the Year of Faith. We will mark this with a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

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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 parishioners and the 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 in the basket beside the Book of Remembrance.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 21st, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the dedication of the Church of St. Mary in Jerusalem. We also recall the tradition according to which Our Lady, as a small child, was presented to the Lord by her parents in the Temple.

Friday, Nov., 22^{nd} , St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr. One of the most venerated martyrs of the Early Roman Church, St. Cecilia died for the Faith. She is the patroness of Church music.

SHEPHERDS TRUST Our priests faithfully serve us throughout our lives 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 received. Your generosity this weekend is deeply appreciated.

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN HUMANITARIAN

RELIEF The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of Typhoon Haiyan on Nov. 8th in the Philippines. Typhoon Haiyan destroyed buildings, crops and infrastructure across several islands, leaving thousands dead. Estimates suggest more than 9.5 million people are in need of aid across nine provinces and more than 600,000 have been forced from their homes. The Canadian government has announced it will match donations to the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund made by Canadians between Nov. 9 and Dec. 9. Contributions made through the Archdiocese of Toronto for this relief effort will be eligible for the matching program. We offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help those in crisis in the Philippines.

CALLING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS (12-17 & 18-

<u>35)!</u> The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invite parish community youth and young adults to come together to serve and, meet others in Ontario and worldwide through engaging activities. Please provide your contact information at (905) 717-9827.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Christmas Cards will be sold at the entrance of the Church after all the Masses.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for Gr. 8 Children are being taken up at this time. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish next year, please call the parish office to register.

LEGION OF MARY meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. We are looking for new members. Please call the office if you are interested.

CWL ANNUAL POINSETTIA TEA & CRAFT SALE. All parishioners and friends are invited to join us on Saturday, Nov. 23rd between 10am – 3pm in the Parish Hall for our Annual Poinsettia Tea & Craft Sale. Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold following each weekend Mass. Come and enjoy endless tea, party sandwiches and baked goodies, do some Christmas shopping early with our many Vendors, and purchase some lovely poinsettias to take home. Parishioners are kindly asked to bring any donations of door prizes, raffle prizes and baked goods to the Church hall on Friday, November 22nd between 5-9pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are looking for a few more good men to join their ranks. If you are looking for a way of living your faith in fellowship as a Catholic man, the Knights welcome you to join them in service to the community. Contact Steve (416) 605-2685 or Roland (905) 780-8354 for information or see www.kofc.org.

ROSE OF SHARON SERVICES FOR YOUNG MOTHERS CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2013 With the holidays just around the corner, Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers is preparing to create Christmas Baskets for 150 families this year. We have been blessed in the past to receive support from the community and we are reaching out to once again ask for your help to provide gifts for families in need at this special time of year. The agency will be collecting new and unwrapped toys, clothes as well as food and toiletries for mothers and their babies up to December 13th at 361 Eagle St. in Newmarket. Please contact our office at 905-853-5514 ext. 230 or visit www.therose.ca for information.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY 2013 on Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Andrew Kim Catholic Church, North York. Speakers: Bishop William McGrattan and Dr. Mary Healy. For free tickets, please contact CCRC at 416-466-0776 call 647-618-0165 or email ccrctoronto@bellnet.ca.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 5:00 P.M. at ST. PAUL'S BASILICA, TORONTO. Final/End Mass of the Year of Faith will be celebrated by Cardinal Collins. All are invited to attend this event.

25th ANNUAL & FAREWELL CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at Unionville Alliance Church, Unionville. Special guests: Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, Toronto Mass Choir. For tickets, please call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230. Tickets from \$20.

Il Santissimo Sacramento dell'Altare

Durante l'ultima cena, proprio nel momento della consumazione dell'inganno, Gesù rovescia la storia del mondo: dona se stesso di propria iniziativa, si consegna prima che altri lo consegnino. L'amore riscatta il male e lo muta in possibilità di bene.

L'Eucaristia che celebriamo ogni domenica è figlia di questo miracolo: dal male Dio crea il bene e la salvezza di ogni uomo. E' dall'Eucaristia che nasce ed è formata la Chiesa. Di essa la Chiesa vive. Di questo " pane vivo " si nutre. L'Eucaristia è fonte e apice di tutta la vita cristiana e in essa è racchiuso tutto il bene spirituale della Chiesa.

Tutta la liturgia della Chiesa trova il suo centro e la sua più densa espressione nella celebrazione di questo sacramento. Nostra Pasqua e pane vivo, mediante la sua carne vivificata dallo Spirito Santo, dà la vita agli uomini. Mediante questo sacramento ci uniamo a Cristo, il quale ci rende partecipi del suo Corpo e del suo Sangue per formare un solo corpo.

Infatti sotto le apparenze del pane e del vino, sono realmente presenti il Corpo, il Sangue, l'Anima e la Divinità del nostro Signore Gesù Cristo, per il nutrimento delle anime. L'Eucaristia è il sacramento più importante, in quanto è Gesù stesso. Da Cristo infatti discendono tutti i sacramenti. E' il sacramento che ci dona la reale presenza di Lui, vivo in mezzo a noi. Ogni volta che partecipiamo all'Eucaristia e facciamo la comunione siamo misteriosamente ma realmente uniti a Gesù, che cammina con noi e ci fa partecipi della sua vita divina, quella che rende anche noi figli di Dio.

"Quì c'è il tesoro della Chiesa, il cuore del mondo, il pegno del traguardo a cui ogni uomo, anche inconsapevolmente anela; nell'umile segno del pane e del vino, Cristo cammina con noi, quale nostra forza e nostro viatico, e ci rende per tutti testimoni di speranza."

Beato Giovanni Paolo II

O dolcissimo Gesù, presente nel SS.Sacramento, volgi il tuo sguardo misericordioso a noi che umilmente ci inginocchiamo davanti al tuo altare. Tutto il mondo Ti appartiene, e noi, per poter vivere nella tua grazia, vogliamo consacrarci al tuo sacratissimo cuore.

Gesù, Tu sei il Re dell'Universo, e vorremmo che tutti gli uomini vivessero vicino a Te, facendoti corona, con l'amore, la pietà e la preghiera. Gesù donaci la pace.

<u>AVVISI</u>

- 1. Come e' nostro uso, durante il mese di novembre potere iscrivere i nomi dei vostri defunti nel libro della vita. Diverse S. Messe saranno celebrate durante questo mese in intercession delle loro anime.
- 2. Celebrazione del'Anno della Fede: Domenica, 24 novembre, solennità di Nostro Signore Gesù Cristo, Re dell'Universo, segna la fine dell'Anno della Fede. Lo ricorderemo con un'Ora Santa di adorazione eucaristica, alle 7pm. Vi si invita tutti a partecipare.

- 3. Vi si invita a contribuire allo Shepherd's Trust, il fondo di supporto per i sacerdoti in pensione, in riconoscimento di quanto essi hanno contribuito alla nostra vita cristiana.
- Sabato, 23 novembre, dalle 10 alle 3, la Catholic 4. Women's League presenta il suo caratteristico

'Poisettia Tea.' Biglietti all'entrata, \$ 5. MASS INTENTIONS 9:30 a.m. **Deceased Parishioners**, SUN. MON. 8:00 a.m. Relatives, and Friends of the TUE. 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mary WED. 8:00 a.m. **Immaculate Church** 8:00 a.m. **THURS** 8:00 a.m. FRI. 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke,

SAT.

8:30 a.m.

Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De

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Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Margot Senbrich, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Fran Young, Ted Zygmunt,

Family Celebration Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3:00 P.M. at RIZZO BANQUET HALL (1941 Albion Rd. West of Hwy #27). You and your families and friends are all cordially invited! Tickets are \$50 each for adults

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and \$30 each for children 12 years old & younger. Bar is extra. Please email info@teopoli.com or call 416-243-7319 to reserve your tickets! The more the merrier! Please RSVP for the dinner by Sunday, Nov. 17th.

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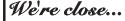
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