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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: 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

Baptism:

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 12:00 pm to 6:50 pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Saturday morning at 9:00 am

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

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Friday at 7:30 pm

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 8:00 pm

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ADVENT

When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #524*)

Advent has a twofold character. As a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.

From December 17th on, there is a notable shift in emphasis as the events immediately preceding the Lord's birth are present in the gospel readings while the first readings proclaim the most important Messianic prophecies.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific theme. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

ADVENT WREATH Customarily the Advent wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The rose candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 30th, St. Andrew, Apostle. St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist before he became a follower of Jesus, to Whom he also brought his brother Peter. After Pentecost, he preached the Gospel in many lands and was put to death by crucifixion in Achaia.

Friday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, Priest St. Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He was ordained a priest in Venice and sailed for the East Indies in 1541. In 1542, he landed in Goa and from there set out to preach the Gospel in different lands. He died in, China in 1552. He is patron of the missions.

Friday, First Friday of the Month. We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARDS available this weekend after all the Masses.

'VOCATION SEEDS' "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, please visit www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca.

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. Please place the envelopes with your donations on the basket beside the Book of Remembrance.

ADULT FAITH STUDY PROGRAMME (open to all) on Thursdays from 1 – 2:30 p.m. & from 7–8:30 p.m. Please note that the same topic will be discussed that day.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY members

are now planning Christmas for our families in need. If you would like to prepare a gift basket for a family or for an individual, please phone 905-717-9827 for information. We can also be contacted at svdp.smi@gmail.com. We thank you for remembering the many among us who are facing great hardship during this festive season.

15th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Christmas Fundraising Dinner & Dance.

on Fri., Dec. 3rd at the Presidente Banquet Hall, 1133 Creditstone Road, Concord. \$75/person. Tickets available from Ross B. 416-746-5944, Roland 905-780-8354, Ross C. 905-883-5458, Alan 905-884-9282 or the Parish Office.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

The Youth Group will be showing **The Reluctant Saint** on Sat., Dec. 4th at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The movie is about the life of St. Joseph Cupertino, who is recognized as the patron saint of aviators, air travelers, and weak students. He died in 1663, and canonized in 1767. This family-friendly movie is an inspiring story of surpassing expectations, finding faith and perseverance. Tickets will be sold next weekend at the back after Holy Mass and will be sold at the door on Dec. 4th. Hope to see you there!

CWL

We would like to thank everyone involved for the help & contributions in making this year's Tea a great success. Membership is now due for 2011. Please drop your \$25.00 fee in the offertory basket or the Parish office with your name, address, phone number & email. Please keep Dec. 15th open for our Christmas social. All women of the Parish welcomed.

NEW BEGINNINGS for the Separated, Divorced, and Widowed.

Come and join us for an informative evening on Tuesday, December 7th from 8-9:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure's Church, Toronto. We also have a weekend retreat from Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at 4p.m. at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Ctr, Mississauga. For information or for registration, please call James at 416-921-1163 x 2246.

MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR & FRIENDS OF THE POOR

presents "Praise Him!" performed by Fr. Ho Lung and Friends at St. Elizabeth Catholic High School, Thornhill on Saturday, Nov. 27th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 28th at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call Mary at 416-662-9358, M.O.P. 289-217-1438 or F.O.P. 905-940-2606. Proceeds will aid Haiti Earthquake Relief Program & new M.O.P Women & Children Crisis Ctr.

COURAGE Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers? Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. We have been endorsed by the **Pontifical Council for the Family** and our beloved John Paul II said of this ministry, "**COURAGE is doing the work of God!**" We also have an outreach called **Encourage** which ministers to relatives and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. For information, please visit www.couragerc.org or call 416-928-5094.

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY at 3 p.m. on the last Saturday of the month at the Holy Family Mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery.

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT A retreat for those grieving a recent or earlier death. All are welcome. Retreat at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge runs from **December 10-12**. If you are not able to attend the entire weekend, it is possible for you to come for Saturday only. Please book by December 5th. For info or to register, please call (416) 629-8264 or email: info@stmarysrefuge.org

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON

on Saturday, Nov. 27th from 1-5 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall (65 Curzon St. [Leslie & Dundas]). We ask you to bring a dessert. Delicious meal, treats for the children (please let us know the names and ages of the children attending at clc@campaignlifecoalition.com or 416-204-9749), and a visit from St. Nicholas! This year, we are collecting items for Aid to Women. They are in need of diapers and baby clothes (esp. newborn sizes), baby wipes, washcloths, and receiving blankets.

28 novembre 2010 - 1^a di Avvento

"Così il Verbo ha nascosto a noi la fine di tutte le cose...; dato che quel giorno è incerto e viviamo nell'attesa di esso, cammineremo ogni giorno, come chiamati, tutti protesi verso quelle cose che per noi sono le più importanti, dimenticando le secondarie (cfr Fil 3,13), Chi infatti, avendo conosciuto il giorno ultimo della fine, non trascurerà il tempo intermedio? E al contrario, chi, non conoscendolo, non si preparerà ogni giorno? Per questo il Salvatore ha detto: *vegliate, perché non sapete in quale tempo verrà il Signore* (Atanasio, *Discorsi contro gli ariani* 3,49)."

"Meditando l'Avvento passato e l'Avvento futuro, impariamo a riconoscere l'Avvento presente, che si situa in ogni momento della nostra vita di pellegrini terreni. Raggiungiamo la consapevolezza del fatto che ogni momento del tempo è un momento di giudizio, che Cristo sta passando e che noi siamo giudicati dalla maggiore o minore coscienza di questo suo passaggio. Se ci uniamo a lui e ci mettiamo in cammino con lui, verso il suo regno, il giudizio diventa salvezza per noi. Ma se lo trascuriamo e lo lasciamo andare oltre, la nostra indifferenza diventa la nostra condanna. La meditazione del primo Avvento ci dà la speranza nella promessa che ci è stata fatta (T. Merton, *Stagioni liturgiche* p. 74)."

Il Signore non viene nel rumore, il Signore non trova posto nella frenesia e nello stordimento. E' venuto nella pace e per la pace. E' una parola questa così usata da diventare banale: è chiamato «pace» un equilibrio di paura; si parla di pace in una società intessuta di violenza e di oppressione dell'uomo sull'uomo. Si dissolve oggi anche la pace più semplice, quella della famiglia. Solo Cristo può riunire gli uomini dispersi dall'egoismo e fare di tutti un unico popolo pacifico in cammino verso il monte del suo Tempio. L'ora di Dio giunge a noi perché ogni istante della nostra vita contiene l'eternità di Dio. Non bisogna basarsi unicamente sulla saggezza umana, e neppure aspettarsi un intervento massiccio da parte di Dio. É al presente che viene donata la salvezza. Ogni scelta che si fa nel presente fra la luce e le tenebre è un segno della venuta del Figlio dell'uomo. L'assemblea eucaristica è la Chiesa in stato di attesa e di vigilanza, che impara a leggere, nell'«oggi» della propria storia, la venuta del Signore come momento di salvezza.

O Dio, Padre misericordioso, che per riunire i popoli nel tuo regno hai inviato il tuo Figlio unigenito, maestro di verità e fonte di riconciliazione, risveglia in noi uno spirito vigilante, perché camminiamo sulle tue vie di libertà e di amore fino a contemplarti nell'eterna gloria. Per il nostro Signore Gesù Cristo, tuo figlio, che è Dio, e vive e regna con te, nell'unità dello Spirito Santo, per tutti i secoli dei secoli.

AVVISO

1. Ci si prepara per andare a Fatima l'11 dicembre. Per informazioni, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210) o Ezia (905-884-3896).

MASS INTENTIONS**Nov. 28-Dec. 4**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Parishioners,
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Relatives, and Friends of the
	7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Mary
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Immaculate Church
	7:00 p.m.	
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Mario Sorrentino
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph
		+Gabriele Magnotta
		+Giovanni Di Gaetano
		+Salvatore Lupis
		+Elisabetta Sinopoli-Filodoro
		+Egidio Larry Cervini
		+Donato & Teresa Tarquini
		+Carmine Prinzo
		+Francesca & Carina
		D'Agostino
		+Enrichetta Scocco
		+Andre Marie St. Yves-
		Suances
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Milan Grm
	7:00 p.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+John Le Claire
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		+Angelo Fanelli
		+Deceased of the Lo & Ng
		Families
		+Jan Nadgorski
		+Said & Suraya Omran
		+Deceased of the Naughton
		Family
		+Deceased of the Madden &
		Winton Families
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Barbara Ercul
		Special Int. of Jessy George
		+Benito & Paz Maneclang
		+Marjanna Carassoulis
		+Larry Giusti
		+Joseph Andrade
		+Louisa & Eddie Gonsalves
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of our Holy Father

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Esmey, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, James Davidson, Caterina & Dominic De Grano, Aldo Dell'erba, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Iolanda Perugino, Domenico Pileggi, Louis Pomeroy, Todd Santaguida, Vincenzo Sorbara, Valerie Tober, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt.

SARA ELIZABETH CENTRE Blue Veil Ministry is a non-profit charity that runs and operates a centre for people with various developmental and/or physical challenges called the Sara Elizabeth Centre from Dec 4 – Jan 29th (closed Dec 25, Jan 1) from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at St. Theresa of Lisieux. Registration: www.blueveil.org.

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