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Sunday 8:00 am
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11:00 am
12:30 pm
4:30 pm

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Monday to Friday: 8:00 am
Friday: 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm
Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

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: 8:30 am Saturday Mass

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Dear brothers and sisters, ... All the texts of this Sunday's Liturgy speak to us of faith, which is the foundation of the whole of Christian life. Jesus taught His disciples to grow in faith, to believe & to entrust themselves increasingly to Him, in order to build their own lives on the rock. For this reason they asked Him "increase our faith!" (Lk 17: 5). What they asked the Lord for is beautiful, it is the fundamental request: disciples do not ask for material gifts, they do not ask for privileges but for the grace of faith, which guides and illumines the whole of life; they ask for the grace to recognize God and to be in a close relationship with Him, receiving from Him all His gifts, even those of courage, love and hope.

Jesus, without directly answering their prayer, has recourse to a paradoxical image to express the incredible vitality of faith. Just as a lever raises something far heavier than its own weight, so faith, even a crumb of faith, can do unthinkable, extraordinary things, such as uproot a great tree and plant it in the sea (*ibid.*). Faith trusting in Christ, welcoming Him, letting Him transform us, following Him to the very end makes humanly impossible things possible in every situation. The Prophet Habbakuk also bears witness to this in the First Reading. he implores the Lord, starting with a dreadful situation of violence, iniquity and oppression. And even in this difficult, insecure situation, the Prophet introduces a vision that offers an inside view of the plan that God is outlining and bringing to fulfilment in history: "He whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith" (Hab 2:4). The godless person, the one who does not behave in accordance with God, who trusts in his own power but is relying on a frail and inconsistent reality that will therefore give way, is destined to fall; the righteous person, on the other hand, trusts in a hidden but sound reality, he trusts in God and for this reason will have life....

The second part of today's Gospel presents another teaching, a teaching of humility that is nevertheless closely linked to faith. Jesus invites us to be humble and suggests the example of a servant who has worked in the fields. When he returns home, the master asks him to go on working. According to the mentality of Jesus' time the master had every right to do this. The servant owed his master total availability; and the master did not feel under any obligation to him for having carried out the orders he had received. Jesus makes us aware that, before God, we are in a similar situation: we are God's servants, we are not His creditors but are always indebted to Him, because we owe Him everything since everything is a gift from Him. Accepting and doing His will is the approach to have every day, at every moment of our life. Before God we must never present ourselves as if we believe we have done a service and deserve a great reward. This is an illusion that can be borne in everyone, even in people who work very hard in the Lord's service, in the Church. Rather, we must be aware that in reality we never do enough for God. We must say, as Jesus' suggests: "we are unworthy servants; we have only

done what was our duty" (Lk 17: 10). This is an attitude of humility that really puts us in our place and permits the Lord to be very generous to us. In fact, in another Gospel passage, He promises people that "He will gird Himself and have them sit at table, and He will come and serve them" (cf. Lk 12: 37). Dear friends, if we do God's will today with humility, without claiming anything from Him, it will be Jesus Himself who serves us, who helps us, who encourages us, who gives us strength and serenity.

In today's 2nd Reading the Apostle Paul too speaks of faith. Timothy is asked to have faith and, through it, to exercise charity. The disciple is also urged to rekindle in faith the gift of God that is in him through the laying on of Paul's hands, in other words the gift of Ordination, received so that he might carry out the apostolic ministry as a collaborator of Paul (cf. 2 Tm 1: 6). He must not let this gift be extinguished but must make it ever more alive through faith. And the Apostle adds: "for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control" (v. 7).

... To you lay faithful, I repeat: do not fear to live and to witness to the faith in the various contexts of society, in the many situations of human existence, especially in those that are difficult! May faith give you the power of God in order to be ever confident and courageous, to go ahead with new determination, to take the necessary initiatives to give an ever more beautiful face to your land. And when you come up against the opposition of the world, may you hear the Apostle's words: "Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord" (v. 8). One should be ashamed of evil, of what offends God, of what offends man; one should be ashamed of the evil done to the Civil and Religious Community by actions that would prefer to remain in the shade! The temptation of discouragement and resignation comes to those who are weak in faith and those who confuse evil with good and to those who think that in the face of evil that is often profound there is nothing that can be done. On the contrary, those who are firmly founded on faith, who trust totally in God and who live in the Church are capable of conveying the devastating power of the Gospel. Live courageously the values of the Gospel to make the light of goodness shine out! With God's power everything is possible!

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 29 Sept 2008 Castel Gandolfo.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, October 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was established by St. Pius V on the anniversary of the naval victory won by the Christian fleet on October 7, 1571. The Lepanto victory over the Muslim forces was attributed to the intercession of our Lady whose aid was invoked through praying the Rosary. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Litany of our Lady.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT REGISTRATION NIGHTS are on Thurs., Oct. 10th at 7 p.m. and Tues., Oct. 15th at 7 p.m. **Attendance at one of the nights is mandatory for the parents who wish to register their child to receive First Holy Communion.**

OCTOBER 6, 2013

SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

All Persecuted Christians

FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT begins at **5:00 p.m.** this Friday, Oct. 11th owing to a wedding at 3:00 p.m.

THANK YOU!!! We would like to thank Mrs. Boots Montano, President of our CWL and the Ladies of the CWL who organized our Year of Faith Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec. The Pilgrims prayed for the intentions of all the parishioners at all the holy places that were visited.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY on Oct. 6th, 2-3 p.m. at the corner of Yonge & Major Mackenzie. LifeChain is a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the Truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life. It takes **only an hour** and all you have to do is stand quietly with others holding a sign with a simple message. Join us as we witness for the millions of unborn lost in Canada through abortion and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation.

CWL ANNUAL POINSETTIA TEA & CRAFT SALE Our CWL invites Vendors to join our Annual Poinsettia Tea & Craft Sale to be held on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. We encourage our parishioners and friends to reserve their tables early. Cost is \$35 per table with a deadline of November 1st for reservation and payment. Bring your home-made crafts, knitted and crocheted items, quilts, floral arrangements, Christmas decorations, ceramics, jewellery, baked goods, cookies, nuts, jams, kitchen items, religious articles, books, etc. For further information, please contact the Parish Office or Pauline at 416-988-9503.

SAVE THE DATE! ALL parishioners and friends are invited to attend our annual CWL Poinsettia Tea and Craft Sale to be held on Saturday, November 23rd, 10 am - 3 pm. Tickets are \$5 each. Please plan to come spend time together and enjoy being served tea and treats, purchase beautiful poinsettias and shop for unique Christmas gifts on sale by our local vendors.

CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. All CWL members are encouraged to attend and all of our women parishioners are welcome. Learn more about our SMI-CWL and get involved in our spiritual, educational and social activities.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD for children 3-7 yrs old. A **Montessori approach** to learning about our faith. Sessions begin in October. If interested, please call Anita at 905-508-9275.

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.

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.

6 ottobre 2013 – 27a del tempo ordinario

Preghiera Evangelium Vitae

O Maria, aurora del mondo nuovo, Madre dei viventi, affidiamo a Te la causa della vita: guarda, o Madre, al numero sconfinato di bimbi cui viene impedito di nascere, di poveri cui è reso difficile vivere, di uomini e donne vittime di disumana violenza, di anziani e malati uccisi dall'indifferenza o da una presunta pietà.

Fà che quanti credono nel tuo Figlio sappiano annunciare con franchezza e amore agli uomini del nostro tempo il Vangelo della vita. Ottieni loro la grazia di accoglierlo come dono sempre nuovo, la gioia di celebrarlo con gratitudine in tutta la loro esistenza e il coraggio di testimoniare con tenacia operosa, per costruire, insieme con tutti gli uomini di buona volontà, la civiltà della verità e dell'amore a lode e gloria di Dio creatore e amante della vita. (Giovanni Paolo II)

Ala fede è la sorgente della preghiera.@ (S. Agostino)

Ala preghiera è così potente sul cuore di Dio! Occorre pregare con perseveranza, senza scoraggiarsi, anche se dovessimo morire senza essere esauditi.@ (B. Elisabetta della Trinità)

AVVISI

1. La S. Vincenzo de Paoli prepara la colletta di giacche, soprabiti, e cappotti usati ma in buono stato e di qualsiasi taglia per uomini, donne, e bambini da distribuire ai poveri. Vi si incoraggia ad esplorare i vostri armadi per liberarvi di tali oggetti che non vi servono più e che tanto calore potranno dare ai bisognosi. Se ne farà colletta in sala nel pomeriggio del 25 ottobre ed il giorno seguente.

2. Durante il mese di ottobre, reciteremo il S. Rosario ogni mattina alle 9 dal lunedì al venerdì nella cappella della Madonna.

3. Venerdì, esposizione del SS.mo Sacramento alle 5pm.; ora santa eucaristica alle 6pm e celebrazione della Santa Messa alle 7pm.

4. Oggi pomeriggio vi si invita a partecipare alla Catena per la vita dalle 2 alle 3pm all'angolo di Yonge e Major Mackenzie per testimoniare il nostro amore per ogni vita.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF YORK REGION (CCSYR) NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDED

CCSYR is seeking new members for its Volunteer Board of Directors. CCSYR is a not-for-profit social service agency that provides settlement & integration services to immigrants; counselling services to families, couples and individuals; and offers family life education group sessions. To explore this opportunity, please email a statement of interest & a current CV to rhickey@ccsyronline.org.

MASS INTENTIONS**Oct. 6 - 12**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Renda +Palmop & Dora Di Blasio +Pietro e Domenico Scalzone +Nunzio e Filomena Trotta +Paul Joseph Ricciardi
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Rosina Palazzo
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Asa Chan & Chun-Pong Tam
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention Baby Sarain
THURS	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Christina & Dominic Lau
FRI.	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Special Intention +Members of the Naughton Family +Giovanni Nonni +Francis Alexander Kortje
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Special Intention +Members of the Paxton Family +Yuk-Ping Chow +Bernadette McEwan Intentions of Winifrid & Patrick Burke +Hung Yuet Fai

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, 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, 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, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Anthony Piechota, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Joan Scott, Margot Senbrich, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Wayne, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Fran Young, Ted Zigmunt,

CATHOLIC CHAPTER HOUSE PRESENTS In Search of Truth – **A Call to Conversion with Marcus Grodi** at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto on Sat., Oct. 19th from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Info/register: www.catholicchapterhouse.com or 1-888-522-2070.

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