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for His many Blessings



On Thanksgiving

HEAVENLY BANQUET

The liturgy presents us with the Gospel image of the guests who take part at the banquet clad in the wedding garment. We also find the image of the banquet in the First Reading and in other passages in the Bible: it is a joyful image because the banquet accompanies a wedding feast, the Covenant of love between God and His People. The Old Testament prophets constantly led Israel to expect this Covenant. And in an epoch marked by trials of every kind, it was when the difficulties risked discouraging the chosen People that the Prophet Isaiah raised his reassuring voice: "the Lord of hosts", he says, "will make for all peoples a feast of rich and choice wine, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines (25: 6). God will put an end to the sorrow and shame of His People, who will be able at last to live in the happiness of communion with Him. God never abandons His People: for this reason the Prophet invites us to rejoice: "Behold our God, to Whom we looked to save us... let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us" (v. 9).

If the First Reading exalts God's fidelity to His promise, the Gospel, with the parable of the marriage feast, makes us reflect on the human response. Several of those first invited refused the invitation because they were attracted by different interests; others even disdained the king's invitation, provoking a punishment that afflicted not only them but also the entire city. However, the king was not discouraged and sent his servants out to seek other guests to fill his banquet hall. Thus the aspect of the refusal of those initially invited caused the invitation to be extended to all, with a special predilection for the poor and the disadvantaged. This is what occurred in the Paschal Mystery: the force of evil is defeated by the omnipotence of God's love. The Risen Lord can now invite everyone to the banquet of Paschal joy and He Himself can provide the guests with a wedding garment, symbol of the free gift of sanctifying grace.

However, the human being must reciprocate God's generosity by freely adhering to Him. It is precisely this generous path that was taken by ... Saints. In Baptism they received the wedding garment of divine grace, they kept it clean and purified it and made it radiant during their life through the Sacraments. They are now taking part in the wedding feast in Heaven. The banquet of the Eucharist is an anticipation of the final feast in Heaven, to which the Lord invites us every day and in which we must take part, clothed in the wedding garment of His grace. Should it happen that we soil or even tear this garment with sin, God's goodness does not reject or abandon us to our destiny but rather offers us, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the possibility of restoring the wedding garment to the pristine state required for the feast.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus invites each one of us to follow Him, like the Saints, on the way of the Cross, so that we might then inherit the eternal life that He, dying, gave to us. May their examples be an encouragement to us; may their teachings guide and comfort us; may their intercession sustain us in our

daily efforts so that we too may one day come to share with them and with all the saints the joy of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem. Above all may Mary Queen of All Saints, who in this month of October we venerate with special devotion, obtain this grace for us. Amen.

Homily of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, 12 Oct 2008

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 15, St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor. St. Teresa is the great reformer of the Carmelite Order. Her works of spirituality have merited for her the title of Doctor of the Church. She died in 1582.

TRIDENTINE MASS (Missa Lecta) Dialogue Mass with Music (1962 Rubrics and Universae Ecclesiae) will be celebrated here at St. Mary Immaculate Church at 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 30th, which in the Extraordinary Form celebrates the Feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY will take place next weekend. There will be no second collection. Please put your donation in the enveloped marked as world Mission and put it in with your regular collection. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE that on Thanksgiving Monday, Holy Mass will be offered at 9 a.m. and the Parish Office is closed for the day.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. For info, please call Roland at 905-780-8354.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL First Class is on Oct. 16th at 9 a.m. Children attending public or private schools who will be receiving First Holy Communion in the spring must attend these sessions.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS REGISTRATION is being taken up for students who are in Catholic Schools outside our boundary, private and public schools.

RIDE NEEDED A retired parishioner living in Hesperus Village (9100 Bathurst St., Thornhill) needs a ride to Sunday Mass. If you can help, please call the Parish Office.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD is a Montessori approach to learning and experiencing our faith for children ages 3-8. Sessions begin in mid-October. If you think your child will benefit from a "hands-on" approach to learning our faith, this program may be of interest to you. For info or to register, call Anita at 905-508-9275.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY!!!
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.

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world!"
- Pope Pius IX

SISTERS OF LIFE Co-worker Formation Day on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 1099 Danforth Avenue. This day provides spiritual and practical training for men and women interested in assisting the Sisters of Life in serving vulnerable pregnant women. There is no cost for the day and it includes a complimentary lunch. To RSVP, contact toronto@sistersoflife.org or 416-463-2722. Please help the Sisters reach out to women you meet who are pregnant and need life-affirming support by giving them our toll-free number: 877-543-3380.

DEFUND ABORTION Did you know that a minimum of 30 million of our tax payer dollars are funding abortions in Ontario every year? Join us at Queens Park to tell our newly elected provincial government to stop using our hard-earned money to fund the killing of innocent pre-born children on Saturday, October 22nd at Queens Park, Toronto from 1-4pm. For info, visit www.campaignlifecoalition.com/defund or call Campaign Life Coalition Youth Coordinator Alissa Golob at 416-204-9749 x 238. Organized by Campaign Life Coalition Youth.

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS FAMILY CENTRE seeks Volunteer Board Members. Are you interested in women's health & fertility? Helping couples fulfill their dream of parenthood? Do you have a background in finance, marketing, legal, communication, or education? For info visit www.fertilitycare.ca or contact Karen Hemingway, CFCS Executive Director (416) 465-2868 karen@fertilitycare.ca

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PRAYER TO MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. *Amen.*

9 ottobre 2011 - 28^a del tempo ordinario

“La veste nuziale sono i precetti del Signore e le opere che si compiono nello spirito della Legge e del Vangelo. Essi sono l’abito dell’uomo nuovo. Se qualcuno che porta il nome di cristiano, nel momento del giudizio sarà trovato senza l’abito di nozze, cioè l’abito dell’uomo celeste, e indosserà invece l’abito macchiato, ossia l’abito dell’uomo vecchio, costui sarà immediatamente ripreso e gli verrà detto: “Amico, come sei entrato?” Lo chiama amico perché è uno degli invitati alle nozze, e rimprovera la sua sfrontatezza perché col suo abito immonda ha contaminato la purezza delle nozze (Girolamo, *Commento al Vangelo di Matteo*).”

“Uniti dunque a Cristo nella chiesa e segnati dal sigillo dello Spirito Santo “che è caparra della nostra eredità” (Ef 1,14), siamo chiamati figli di Dio, e lo siamo realmente (cf. 1Gv 3,1); ma non siamo ancora apparsi con Cristo nella gloria (cf. Col 3,14), quando saremo simili a Dio perché lo vedremo così come egli è (cf. 1Gv 3,2). Pertanto, “finché abitiamo in questo corpo, siamo in esilio lontani dal Signore” (2Cor 5,6). Già in possesso delle primizie dello Spirito, gemiamo interiormente (cf. Rm 8,23) e desideriamo essere con Cristo (cf. Fil 1,23). È la carità che ci sprona a vivere più intensamente per lui che è morto e risorto per noi (cf. 2Cor 5,15). Per questo ci sforziamo di piacere in tutto al Signore (cf. 2Cor 5,9), e indossiamo l’armatura di Dio per poter resistere alle insidie del diavolo e tenergli fronte nel giorno della lotta (cf. Ef 6,11-13). Ma poiché non conosciamo né il giorno né l’ora, bisogna vegliare assiduamente, come ci ammonisce il Signore, affinché, terminato l’unico corso della nostra vita terrena (cf Eb 9,27), meritiamo di entrare con lui al banchetto nuziale ed essere annoverati fra i beati (cf. Mt 25,31-46), anziché essere mandati, perché servi malvagi e pigri (cf. Mt 25,26), nel fuoco eterno (cf. Mt 25,41), nelle tenebre esteriori dove “ci sarà pianto e disperazione” (Mt 22,23 e 25,30). Prima infatti di regnare con il Cristo glorioso, noi tutti compariremo “davanti al tribunale di Cristo, perché ciascuno riceva la ricompensa delle opere che avrà fatto nella sua vita, sia del bene che del male” (2Cor 5,10). Alla fine del mondo “chi avrà operato il bene risusciterà alla vita, chi invece avrà operato il male risusciterà per la condanna” (Gv 5,29; cf. Mt 25,46) (Conc. Vat. II, Cost. dogm. *Lumen Gentium*, 48).”

AVVISI

1. Durante il mese di ottobre, si reciterà il Santo Rosario ogni mattina alle 9 nella cappella della Madonna.
2. Villaggio della Speranza per bambini afflitti da AIDS in Tanzania. Il 6 novembre si terrà, come l’anno scorso, un piacevolissimo evento presso la Royalton Banquet Hall per generare fondi in aiuto di questi sventurati bambini. Per biglietti chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210).

MASS INTENTIONS**Oct. 9-15**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** +Palmo & dora Di Blasio
+Maria Veltri
+Phillipo & Maria Addante
Ventrella
+Giuseppe Spadone
+Francesco Bratta
+le anime del purgatorio
Intentions of our Holy Father
- MON. 8:00 a.m.** Special Intention
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** +Holy Souls in Purgatory
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** +Grm Family
7:00 p.m. In honour of St. Joseph
+Luciano & Natalina Piccolo
+Paolo Onorati
+Pierina Colozza
+Rosa Morra
+Pasquale & Rosa Tomassi &
Family
+Cesare Lodovina
+Gallone Family
Conversion of mankind
le anime del purgatorio
Intentions of our Holy Father
- THURS. 8:00 a.m.** +Giuseppe Giusti
- FRI. 8:00 a.m.** Special Intention, In
Thanksgiving
7:00 p.m. In reparation to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus
+Nazario Andrade
+Vincenzo Capocelli
Special Intention
Members of the Naughton
Family
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of our Holy Father
- SAT. 9:00 a.m.** In reparation to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
+Libera Mastro
+Renato Fonseca
Spec. Int of the Two Hearts
Rosary Group
Intentions of Alan Cook
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of our Holy Father

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Esmey, 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, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Anthony Morse, Susan, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Giuseppina Pellegrini, Domenico Pileggi, Esmey, Todd Santaguida, Werner Schachatsiek, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

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