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Sunday 8:00 am
9:30 am (Italian)
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: 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

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, In today's Gospel chapter 15 of St Luke Jesus recounts the three "parables of mercy". When He speaks of "the shepherd who goes after the lost sheep, of the woman who looks for the lost coin, of the father who goes to meet and embrace his prodigal son, these are no mere words: they constitute an explanation of His very being and activity" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, n. 12). In fact, the shepherd who finds the stray sheep is the Lord Himself who lays upon His shoulders, with the Cross, sinful humanity, in order to redeem it. The prodigal son, then, in the third parable, is a young man who having obtained his inheritance from his father "took his journey into a far country, and there, he squandered his property in loose living" (Lk 15: 13). Reduced to a penniless state he was obliged to work as a servant, even accepting to satisfy his hunger with food intended for animals. Then, the Gospel says, "He came to himself" (Lk 15: 17). "The speech he prepares for his homecoming reveals to us the full extent of the inner pilgrimage he is now making... leading "home"... to himself and to the father". (Benedict XVI *Jesus of Nazareth*, Chap. 7, p. 205). "I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants"" (Lk 15: 18-19). St Augustine wrote: "The Word Himself calls you to return, and with Him is a place of unperturbed rest, where love is not forsaken unless it first forsakes. "While he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him" (Lk 15: 20) and, full of joy, had a feast prepared.

Dear Friends, how is it possible not to open our hearts to the certainty that in spite of being sinners we are loved by God? He never tires of coming to meet us, He is always the first to set out on the path that separates us from Him. The Book of Exodus shows us how Moses, with confident and daring pleas, succeeded, so to speak, in moving God from the throne of judgement to the throne of mercy (cf. 32: 7-11). Penitence is the measure of faith and through it one returns to the Truth. The Apostle Paul writes: "I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief" (1 Tm 1: 13). Returning to the parable of the son who goes "home", we note that when the elder brother appears, indignant at the festive welcome given to his brother, it is again the father who reaches out to him and begs him: "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours" (Lk 15: 31). Only the faith can transform selfishness into joy and renew true relationships with our neighbour and with God. "It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (Lk 15: 32)... Let us entrust to the Virgin Mary, ... our journey of conversion to God.

(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 12 Sept. 2010)

FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT Please make note of the changes in the schedule. **Exposition will begin at 3:00 p.m.** with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. **A Eucharistic Holy Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.** with Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and end with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. In order for the Blessed Sacrament to be exposed at least two adorers should be present in the Church at all times.

PARISH EMAIL LIST on Sunday, September 1st, Pope Francis invited the whole Catholic world to observe a Vigil of Prayer for Peace in Syria. The time of his announcement made it impossible for us to notify you, the parishioners, of the time of our own vigil. For this reason, we are asking those of you who would like to be on a **parish email list** to send us an email at **smirh@bellnet.ca**. Include this in the subject line: Parish email list. This will enable us to inform or remind you of any Parish activities or events including Feasts. Thank you to all.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK
Monday, September 16th, St. Cornelius, Pope & Martyr, & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr. Martyrs of the third century who suffered both for the unity of the Church and the Faith.

Friday, Sept. 20th, St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs are Korean martyrs who suffered for the Faith in the nineteenth century. We pray for the Church in Korea and especially for the people of North Korea.

Saturday, Sept. 21st St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist. The account of Matthew's conversion from a life of sin as a publican contains the invitation that Jesus wishes to each of His followers: "Follow Me." His gospel, considered the first to have been written, was the favourite Gospel of the early Church.

TEN DATES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW: SEMINAR IN CHURCH HISTORY. Based on the book by Diane Moczar, this series of ten seminars will consider ten important dates in their historical context and significance for the Church and the world. Two seminar times available on Wednesdays: **1:00 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** Sept. 25 to Nov. 27 in the Parish Hall. \$20 per person. To register, please call the Parish Office....
Celebrating the Year of Faith 2012-2013

LEARN FROM ME FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE OF HEART This prayer book on DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS is available from the parish office. Just published as part of our efforts to celebrate the Year of Faith, this little book explains the origins and the spirituality of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It also includes a selection of traditional prayers. It is especially useful as an introduction to a devotion that leads us into the very Heart of God. Cost is \$5.00. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life movement.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:
 Intentions of the Rizzi Family

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS are on Wed. Sept 18th at 7 p.m. and Thurs. Sept 19th 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 during Easter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION (Volunteers are still needed) If your child in Gr. 2 goes to a public school, please note that your child must attend Sunday school classes in order for your child to receive First Holy Communion. If you can help, please contact followselizabeth@gmail.com / 905-237-6272.

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO DOES? Adults interested in becoming Catholics, needing the Sacrament of Confirmation or seeking to deepen their faith are invited to call the Parish office for information about the RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults). The program will begin **Sept. 17**. Call the office to register.

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.

CWL NORTH YORK REGION EXECUTIVE MEETING will be hosted by SMI CWL on Tuesday, Sept. 17, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. All CWL members are requested to attend.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL Hurting as a result of an abortion? You are not alone, We can help. Healing is possible. Together we can make a new beginning. Email: info@stmarysrefuge.org or call 416-629-8264. **Private and Confidential.** Retreat date: Oct. 18-20.

BIRTHRIGHT A pro-life crisis pregnancy service, needs your help, Volunteers, men and women, are needed to assist those facing an unplanned pregnancy, to provide support and comfort as well as practical solutions. Training is provided. Please help us to "love them both... mother and child." For info, please call 416-469-1111 or email Toronto@birthright.org

WEEKEND MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE at Our Lady of Grace Church, Angus, on Friday, Sept. 27 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 28 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 29 - 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. If interested, please call (705) 424-1551.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about".

-John Henry Cardinal Newman

ENGLISH CHOIR PRACTICE resumes this week at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH CELEBRATES MASSES on Sundays at 10 a.m. and Noon at St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School (our temporary home), 300 Peter Rupert Ave., Vaughan. Contact info: 289-553-1610, www.standrebessette.ca, frpeter@standrebessette.ca. **Church boundary:** **North:** King Vaughan Town Line; **East:** Bathurst Street; **South:** Langstaff Road onto Regional Road 7; **West:** CNR Railway Track North from Langstaff Road to King Vaughan Town Line between Dufferin & Keele.

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. Student and group rates available.

BREAKFAST WITH TERRY BARBER on Sat., Sept. 28th at 9:30 am Terry Barber, co-founder of Lighthouse Catholic Media, founder of St. Joseph Communication and co-host with Jesse Romero on Mother Angelica's EWTN Radio Network will be speaking at St Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga on **Witnessing in Today's Culture**. Tickets \$15. For info call Sockee at 905-568-8777 or e-mail liz.rybka@lighthousecatholicmedia.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE from Sept. 25 to Nov. 3 you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of way across the street from the Women's Care Clinic, 960 Lawrence Ave., W, Toronto between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. If you would like more info or to volunteer for an hour or two or more, please go to www.40daysforlife.com/Toronto to sign up for the vigil schedule or call Matt at 416-204-9749.

MASS INTENTIONS**Sept. 15-21**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Iacobelli +Francesco Naccarato +Filomena Lippa +Angelo Mignardi +Bruno Carnovale
MON.	9:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Sergio Dufante
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+ Esther Yin Yin Lau
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus + Members of the Naughton Family +Ingrid Colavecchia +Angela Vizzacchero +Pietro Sarracini Benito & Paz Maneclang
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Deceased of Paxton Family +Mastrogiuseppe and Berardinelli Families In thanksgiving-Thomas Gomes

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, 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, Rachele (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, 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, Peter Whitehead, Nicholas Zalec, Ted Zymunt,

INTRODUCING MERRYMAKERS, a dynamic afternoon program for 3-5 year olds Mary, Mother of God School is now registering children for 2½ hours of enriched programs on Monday & Thursday afternoons, 1:00-3:30 p.m. For info, contact the office at 416-531-7897 or www.marymotherofgodschool.org

PRECIOUS BLOOD DEVOTION Come and join us for the Precious Blood Devotion and keep OUR LORD company during His Gethsemane Hours of Passion. We meet every Thursday from 10 pm to 1 am in the Adoration Chapel and pray this devotion together. Precious Blood Chaplet, 12 bead rosary and book available for this devotion. All are welcome. Contact Bridget 905-889-1254

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