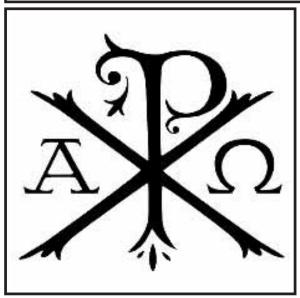
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Life Teen Mass—6:30pm Spanish Mass—4:45pm

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Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

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Please contact us one month or more in advance.

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Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

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If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

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NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish Office or in the gathering space at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

SITTING WITH SCRIPTURE

"Your money or your life!" That could sum up the message of today's Gospel and all our readings. There is a famous Jack Benny anecdote of many years ago. For the younger people among us, Jack Benny was a comedian whose stage image was that of a miser. In one radio skit, he was approached by a robber who said, "Your money or your life!" After a long pause, the thief repeats "Your money or your life!, Jack Benny replied, "I'm thinking, I'm thinking." It produced the longest audience laugh time in radio history. But beneath the humor, a serious spiritual disease was being portrayed, greed.

Today's Gospel reading begins with "someone in the crowd" asking Jesus to intervene in a family inheritance conflict. Jesus goes to the heart of the matter and ways "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

That is a powerful and surprising response, "One's life does not consist of possessions." In a world like ours, driven by consumption, that is a hard lesson to learn because we are constantly being prompted to buy things.

The man in the Gospel parable is not condemned because he has filled his barn with grain. He is condemned because he had allowed his heart to be dominated by riches. It was so dominated, in fact, that when he was considering how to dispose of his abundance, it never occurred to him that he might share it with anyone else. Listen to his words after the big harvest. "What shall I do? I don't have enough space. I will store my grain, and say to myself, 'You have blessings for yourself for years to come.' I will rest, eat, drink and be merry."

What is the most important in our life? What would we want people to remember about our life? Were we a good father or mother, husband or wife and Christian? Did our life build up the Kingdom of Christ? Did it strengthen Christ's Church? On a deeper level, when we appear before the Lord, what are the spiritual assets we bring before Him? Will the Lord inquire about the amount of our material possessions or what we did with our prosperity, with our wealth, with our assets, whatever they were? Did our wealth help us set our sights on the things of God, the things that are above as St. Paul says, or did it trap our vision to the things of earth, to ourselves alone and nothing larger?

Exerpted from "Captured Fire" by Rev. S. Joseph Krempa

Office Closed

Please note that the Parish Office is closed for Simcoe Day on Monday August 5, 2013 and Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am on that day. The office will re-open on Tuesday August 6, 2013.

PASTORAL NOTES

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for July 28 was \$5,742.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00 An extra dollar or two will help us, through the summer months, to meet our weekly goal.

Pre-Authorized Giving

My Mom once said "money can't buy you the things that are most important, but boy do you still need it".

If you looked around at Mass this Sunday you noticed that in the summer months people take the opportunity to go on vacation and enjoy the weather. All good things. I myself will be taking advantage of this in August. But without intending it, what that does is create a boom and bust cycle in our finances. We do well from October to June and struggle July through September.

However, I might ask that you think about Pre-Authorized Giving. You can sign up for this in the Parish Office. This is a system where money is automatically taken from your account and transferred to the Parish. You obviously set your own amount and it appears on your statement. It is taken only for the regular offerings (no money is removed for second collections). Even when you go on vacation, your donation is made and it allows for an even cash flow for the year. Some people say "well when I am at Mass and it's time for the collection, I feel compelled to put something in". Many people do. Those on Pre-Authorized Giving still get envelopes and simply put a blank one in, writing on the envelope PAG.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this small report.

PILGRIMAGE

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish is organizing a pilgrimage in this Year of Faith for Saturday, September 14, 2013 with a bus leaving at 9:30am from the Church parking lot. Cost for the bus will depend on the number of pilgrims.

We will be visiting St. Paul's Basilica, St. Michael's Cathedral, Marylake Shrine and the Martyrs Shrine.

As per the letter from Thomas Cardinal Collins, by visiting these sites during the Year of Faith, we may gain a Plenary Indulgence.

If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please call and register with the Parish office at 905 775-2065.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Divino Spirito Santo for their very generous donation of \$1,500.00 for the Building Fund.

Cemetery Prayers

On Sunday, August 18th, everyone in our parish is invited to come together at the Cemetery at a time to be announced, to pray the Rosary for our deceased relatives and friends. The Knights of Columbus will be providing light refreshments afterwards.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, August 3rd

Johanna McEvenue by McEvenue Family

Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca

Pasquale & Antonietta Baccilieri by Family

Jose Capela Correia by Maria Camarneiro

Virgilio & Manuel Domingues by Family

Garcia Miguelo by Lucy Miguelo & Family

Stefania Wasyl Czarnecki by Fik Family

Anna Wladyslaw Hawrylak by Beata Arent

Sunday, August 4th

8:30am All Souls by Jorge & Grace Gomes

10:00am Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana

11:30am Pro Populo 4:45pm Spanish Mass

6:30pm Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Joaquim Neto

9:30am Monday, August 5th

Claudino & Maria Neto by Rose & David Oliveira

Maria & Francis Costa by Jose & Lucia Viveiros

Sidonio Marques by Idalina & Carlos Correia

Craig Hofland by Parish Staff

Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family

Antonio & Miguel Palermo by Concetta Palermo & Family

8:30am Tuesday, August 6th

Sp. Int. by Maria Da Silva

7:00pm Wednesday, August 7th

Leonardo Ferragina by Anna Ferragina & Family

8:30am Thursday, August 8th

Joe Raposo & Parents by Family

7:00pm Friday, August 9th

Joyce Gray by Fong Family

9:30am Saturday, August 10th

All Souls & Sp. Int. by Rosa & David Oliveira

5:00pm Saturday, August 10th

Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother Ester

John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

Robert Karola & Edgar Moeller by Daughter

Garcia Miguelo by Lucy Miguelo & Family

Emilio Rende by Cece Family

Antonio Martins by Wife Celeste & Children

Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family

All Souls by E. Henriques

Sunday, August 11th

8:30am All Souls by Jorge & Grace Gomes

10:00am Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro by Wife 11:30am Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina

Santana

4:45pm Spanish Mass 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

An Angel is Coming



If you have been over at our cemetery since the expansion, you have noticed at the end of the road is a turn-around. You will notice rods sticking out of the center. It has always been the desire when the cemetery was expanded not only to make this a place to lay our loved ones to rest, but to remind those who visit that our true home is in heaven and that in Christ there is no death. We on earth are members of Christ's body and the society of the Church as were

our loved ones, and, as they still are, nothing separates those bound in Christ. There is no veil that completely cuts us off from them. While our loved ones are never far away, in Christ there is still a mystical union connecting all of us. This is why when we pray for them and in prayer speak to them, we can still, at times, feel them close to us, or indeed they are Christ Himself revealed. As quoted when he said "God the Father <u>is</u> the God or Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (Mt 22:32), not he <u>was</u> the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He never speaks of the deceased in the past tense. They are with us. I have been discussing with the cemetery board how to represent this in a way that also honors our blessed dead buried at the cemetery. We have decided on a statue of an angel. You can see a picture of it at the back of the church on the bulletin board.

Keeping to custom, there will be space on the sides and back of the statue for those who wish a special remembrance of family members. The front of the statue will contain words of universal

remembrance. The donation for this is \$200.00. It will be shown on your tax receipt next January. Due to space limitations, and, so as to offer this option to as many people as possible, we are asking that only one name be given per donation, (a maximum of 18 characters including spaces). There is room for about 150 names on the base. If you would like to add the name of a loved

one, please contact the office at 905 775-2065.

Announcement from the Archdiocese of Toronto

Catholic Cemeteries wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00pm.

Cemetery Celebrant Assumption, Mississauga Rev. Msgr. Joseph Shiels Christ the King, Markham Rev. Dominic Barber Holy Cross, Thornhill Rev. Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy Mount Hope, Toronto Most Rev. John Boissonneau Resurrection, Whitby Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen St. Mary's, Barrie Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge **His Eminence Cardinal**

All are welcome.

Thomas Collins

In the event of rain: Mass will be held in the mausoleum at Assumption, Holy Cross, Resurrection and Queen of Heaven cemeteries. Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass on site in the Reception Centre. Mount Hope Cemetery to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto. St. Mary's Cemetery to St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie. Please note that His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins will officially bless the new phase of St. Anthony's mausoleum.

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