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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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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

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2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

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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! The Evangelist St Luke pays special attention to the theme of Jesus' mercy. In fact, in his narration we find some episodes that highlight the merciful love of God and of Christ, who said that He had come to call, not the just, but sinners (cf. Lk 5:32). Among Luke's typical accounts there is that of the conversion of Zacchaeus, which is read in this Sunday's Liturgy. Zacchaeus is a publican, indeed, he is the head of the publicans of Jericho, an important city on the River Jordan. The publicans were the tax collectors who collected the tribute that the Jews had to pay to the Roman Emperor, and already for this reason they were considered public sinners. What is more, they often took advantage of their position to extort money from the people. Because of this Zacchaeus was very rich but despised by his fellow citizens. So when Jesus was passing through Jericho and stopped at the house of Zacchaeus, he caused a general scandal. The Lord, however, knew exactly what He was doing. He wanted, so to speak, to gamble, and He won the bet: Zacchaeus, deeply moved by Jesus' visit, decided to change his life, and promised to restore four times what he had stolen. "Today salvation has come to this house", Jesus says, and concludes: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost".

God excludes no one, neither the poor nor the rich. God does not let Himself be conditioned by our human prejudices, but sees in everyone a soul to save and is especially attracted to those who are judged as lost and who think themselves so. Jesus Christ, the Incarnation of God, has demonstrated this immense mercy, which takes nothing away from the gravity of sin, but aims always at saving the sinner, at offering him the possibility of redemption, of starting again from the beginning, of converting. In another passage of the Gospel Jesus states that it is very difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven (cf. Mt 19:23). In the case of Zacchaeus, we see that precisely what seems impossible actually happens: "He", St Jerome comments, "gave away his wealth and immediately replaced it with the wealth of the Kingdom of Heaven" (*Homily on Psalm 83:3*). And St Maximus of Turin adds: "Riches, for the foolish, feed dishonesty, but for the wise they are a help to virtue; for the latter they offer a chance of salvation, for the former they procure a stumbling block and perdition" (*Sermons*, 95).

Dear Friends, Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus and he converted because Jesus first welcomed him! He did not condemn him but He met his desire for salvation. Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, perfect model of communion with Jesus, to be renewed by His love, so that we too may experience the joy of being visited by the Son of God, of being renewed by His love and of transmitting His mercy to others.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 31 Oct. 2010, St. Peter's Square

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov. 4th, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
St. Charles Borromeo was Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, Italy where he zealously laboured for the reform of the church and of the clergy. He died in 1584.

THE FINAL PURIFICATION: PURGATORY

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

The Church gives the name **Purgatory** to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.⁶⁰⁴ The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030-1032

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

Holy Souls in Purgatory

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES 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 located near the Book of Remembrance.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for Gr. 8 Children are being taken up at this time. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish next year, please call the parish office to register.

L'ARCHE DAYBREAK will host a Holocaust Education Week event on Nov, 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Dayspring Chapel (11339 Yonge St). Speaker: Max Eisen. No charge. All are welcome.

PHILIPPINES EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

The Archdiocese is now accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief as the death toll continues to rise following an earthquake that struck the central Philippines on October 15. Those wishing to help may do so through the parish making cheques payable to: SMI - Philippines Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP will pray the "Complete Psalter" on Wed. Nov. 6th at 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CARDS will be sold at the main entrance of the Church after all the Masses on the weekends of Nov. 10, 17, & 24.

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 more info, please contact the Parish Office or Pauline at 416-988-9503.

CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 7 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.

THE TRIUMPH is a powerful new documentary film that investigates one of the world's greatest mysteries in our time... a real life prophecy unfolding today which some consider to be the most important event in our lifetime. Showing on Saturday, Nov. 16th at 9:30 a.m. at Markham Cineplex Odeon and on Saturday, Nov. 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at Colossus Vaughan. For info or to order tickets: www.thetriumph.net.

CHRIS BRAY at ST. JAMES CHURCH, COLGAN Catholic worship artist, Canadian songwriter and speaker Chris Bray will be at St. James Church on Saturday, Nov. 9th at 1:30 pm. Chris has performed in front of 25,000 people at the National March For Life in Ottawa and at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto - Now he will be here at St. James, Colgan. Tickets are just \$20 for adults and \$10 for those aged 18 and under. The event is presented by The St. James Knights of Columbus Council, who will be selling tickets. Please call St. James at 905-936-4266 and reserve your ticket today.

MARIANN HOME ANNUAL BAZAAR (9915 Yonge St.) on Sat., Nov. 9th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come one, Come all to our annual sale. Featuring Craft items, baked goods, tea room, raffle tickets and silent auction items. All proceeds go to support activities for our seniors.

3 novembre 2013 - 31a del tempo ordinario

A chi conosce i propri peccati è più grande di chi con la preghiera risuscita i morti. Chi piange un'ora su se stesso è più grande di chi istruisce il mondo intero. Chi conosce la propria debolezza è più grande di chi vede gli angeli. Chi segue Cristo nella solitudine e nella contrizione è più grande di chi gode del favore delle folle nelle chiese (Isacco Siro, Discorso 34).@

Almitemo l'umiltà di Zaccheo, che non ha temuto di esporsi al ridicolo arrampicandosi, lui Acapo dei pubblicani e ricco, su un sicomoro; approfittiamo di tutte le umiliazioni per Asalire e così vedere Gesù e sentirci dire da lui: ADevo fermarmi a casa tua (A. Vanhoye, Il pane quotidiano..., p. 817).@

È l'iniziativa di amore di Dio che opera la conversione e la salvezza nell'uomo. L'uomo dev'essere disponibile a cogliere i segni dell'amore di Dio e a intraprendere il cammino della ricerca di lui e della comunione con lui. Gesù passa per le strade degli uomini, dove si svolge la loro vita e non si vergogna di accostarsi all'uomo peccatore che ha nel cuore il desiderio di incontrarlo.

Preghiera per i defunti (Tradizione Bizantina)

Dio degli spiriti e di ogni carne, che calpestasti la morte e annientasti il diavolo e la vita al tuo mondo donasti; tu stesso o Signore, dona all'anima dei tuoi servi defunti il riposo in un luogo luminoso, in un luogo verdeggiante, in un luogo di freschezza, donde sono lontani sofferenza, dolore e gemito. Quale Dio buono e benigno perdona ogni colpa da essi commessa con parola, con opera o con la mente; poiché non v'è uomo che viva e non pechi; giacché tu solo sei senza peccato, e la tua giustizia è giustizia nei secoli e la tua parola è verità. Poiché tu sei la risurrezione, la vita e il riposo dei tuoi servi defunti, o Cristo nostro Dio, noi ti rendiamo gloria, assieme al Padre tuo unigenito, con il santissimo buono e vivificante tuo Spirito, ora e sempre e nei secoli dei secoli. Riposino in pace. Amen.

AVVISI

1. Come è nostro uso, durante il mese di novembre potere iscrivere i nomi dei vostri defunti nel libro della vita. Diverse S. Messe saranno celebrate durante questo mese in intercessione delle loro anime.

NEW BEGINNINGS "Coping with Life after Loss" Come join us for an informative evening on Tuesday, Nov. 5th from 7-9 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Ctr., 1155 Yonge St., Toronto. For info, please call 416-921-1163.

MASS INTENTIONS**Nov. 1-30**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Parishioners,
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Relatives, and Friends of the
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Mary
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Immaculate Church
THURS	8:00 a.m.	
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	
	7:00 p.m.	
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	

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, Margot Senbrich, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Wayne, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Fran Young, Ted Zygmunt,

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Advent Retreat: The Star of Bethlehem on Dec. 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 51-941-1747 or email stfranciscentre@rogers.com for info or to book. Please bring indoor shoes.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And, Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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