

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**TIME**

The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways and fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, just as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race. Just as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke.

Like Israel, in our sin we push God away and reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people". But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown.

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost, to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense. We celebrate with Him that we have turned from the evil way that we might live.

FUNERAL HELP

We are looking for adult servers to help serve at funerals. If you are interested in helping out please call the office 416-787-0369 or email parish@stcharlesborromeo.ca.

WELCOME BACK!

The month of September is with us ... a wonderful time for fresh beginnings after a pleasant and relaxing summer. Our parish now resumes a new year of activities which are undertaken to promote our community life, both spiritual and social. In order to grow in solidarity, we need a good number of volunteers who are willing to be involved in parish activities: **Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Ushers, Ministers of the sick, St. Vincent de Paul Society, altar servers and Choir Members (English & Italian).**

The needs of our world today are great. The challenges to Church ministry are even greater. "There are many gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. You then are the body of Christ. Everyone of you is a member of it" (1 Cor. 12:4). We are called to look within to see how we are a part of St. Charles Borromeo Parish and what gifts we might offer to the life of the community.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

We will continue with the routine if you are receiving communion on the tongue, we ask that you come in line to receive the Eucharist at the end when those who want to receive the Eucharist on the hand have received.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

By now all grade 7 students who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should have registered. If not, please pick up a registration form from the parish office. (Mon-Fri 9:00AM-2:00PM SATURDAY 9:00AM – 12:00noon).

The Confirmation Enrolment Mass will take place on Thursday, October 13 at 7:00PM. All Confirmation Candidates, parents and sponsors are expected to attend.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will start meeting soon. We welcome anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, or anyone (Catholic or not) who is interested in learning more about our faith.

Please contact Sarah, rcia.stcharles@gmail.com, 416-256-3534 for more information.

XXIIVDOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

Il tema di questa domenica è la misericordia. Una misericordia che non ha nulla di mortificante per l'uomo. Nelle tre parabole: della pecorella smarrita, della dramma perduta e soprattutto del figliol prodigo, la conclusione è una grande festa, la festa del ritrovamento. E un altro aspetto va sottolineato: per Iddio la pecora smarrita vale quanto la giusta, il figlio scialacquone quanto l'obbediente e calcolatore. Vuole tutti nella sua casa.

Veramente in questa lettura Mosè sembra più misericordioso di Dio. Si tratta di un racconto edificante per affermare che comunque in ultima istanza in Dio prevale la misericordia.

Inizia la lettera a Timoteo, una delle tre lettere pastorali. Sono fonte di discussione per la differenza di stile e di contenuto rispetto alle altre lettere paoline. Non allarmiamoci: era facile a quell'epoca scrivere per interposta persona, sia manualmente a mezzo di amanuensi, sia affidando per intero l'incarico di trasmettere un messaggio.

In un intero capitolo sono inserite tre parabole, che solo Luca ci ha conservato. Ultima, la parabola del figliol prodigo, considerata come la perla delle parabole evangeliche. Più che trionfo della misericordia, esalta il trionfo dell'amore di Dio Padre che non si rassegna alla perdita, fosse anche di un sol uomo.

BENTORNATI

Dopo il riposo dell'estate ritorniamo tutti ai nostri impegni e alle nostre responsabilità nei diversi campi della famiglia, del lavoro, dei rapporti sociali e anche della comunità parrocchiale per essere, dietro la guida di Dio, costruttori di fraternità nella giustizia e nella pace.

Mentre diamo a tutti il nostro caloroso "Bentornato", formuliamo gli auguri che il nuovo anno sociale, che si apre davanti a noi, ci veda sempre più attivi in una collaborazione veramente reale e sentita al fine di dare alla nostra Parrocchia un vero volto di famiglia impegnata nella carità a costruire il bene comune. Auguri a tutti di buon lavoro!

REQUIESCANT IN PACE'

Please pray for the souls Lucia Spatola, Francesco Del Mei whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

Masses of the Week**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

8:00AM Luigi Di Matteo
5:00PM Mass Association

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
9:30AM Angelo & Anna Bernardo
11:00AM Michele Arnone, Carmelo Bilardo
12:30PM Mass Association
4:00PM Madonna Della Grazie

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00AM Nicolino Iacobucci
12:05PM Mihaly Galambos
7:00 PM Filomena Filippo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti All Messe Perpetue
12:05PM Pasquale & Tony Bellissimo
7:00 PM Pia Ventresca

WEDNESDAY, J SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti All Messe Perpetue
12:05PM For All The Sick

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti All Messe Perpetue
12:05PM All Deceased of Giang Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti All Messe Perpetue
12:05PM Lucchese & Colli families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00AM Rev. Nicholas J. Thomas
5:00PM Elena & Settimio Naccarato

AIDA'S BAKERY

Aida's Bakery (830 Rowntree Dairy Road, Woodbridge) is looking to hire a General Helper, Bakers Assistant and Front Counter help. If you are interested in applying for any position please send your resume to aidasbakeryhr@hotmail.com