



Looking at the Text of the Roman Missal ~ Lord, have mercy

The 'Lord, have mercy'; (Kyrie eleison) is a short prayer that seems to finish the Penitential Act. Interestingly it began as something quite different. Nearly fifteen hundred years ago it was part of a Litany used as Mass began. Everyone would be invited to pray for an intention, 'Kyrie eleison' would be sung, all would repeat and they proceeded to the next intention. The litany could be quite long and in a way it was a form of Bidding Prayer occurring at the start of Mass.

Things changed and a shortened form survived without the petitions but with just 3 Kyrie eleisons, 3 Christe eleisons and 3 Kyrie eleisons. Later these three groups of three were seen as being addressed to the Trinity. The Kyrie would only be used as part of a litany in special circumstances and normally it was used in its simplest form surrounded by other prayers.

At the changes of the Second Vatican Council it was decided to reintroduce a Litany with the 'Lord have mercy' and use it as one of the forms of the Penitential Act. Look closely at the words of this penitential litany:

*You were sent to heal the contrite of heart. Lord, have mercy.
You came to call sinners. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Lord, have mercy.*

We can see that all three lines are addressed to Jesus. So in this form of the Penitential Act we are speaking directly to the Lord who came to save us. We also notice that the focus is on what Jesus has done for us. In other words, we are not just thinking of where we have gone wrong but also how God puts things right.

If we look more closely at these lines there is even more to be seen.

'You were sent to heal the contrite of heart' — we recall Jesus' mission, say we are sorry and ask for healing.
'You came to call sinners' — we admit we are sinners and that Jesus calls us on this basis to be members of his Church.
'You plead for us at the right hand of the Father' — we think of how Jesus, our great High Priest, intercedes for us.

The Church has drawn from its rich tradition of the Lord have mercy being a litany and developed it into an acclamation of Jesus' care while asking for forgiveness.

For more information on the Roman Missal and its changes, visit www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal anytime to continue your reflection.

World Mission Sunday

The universal mission involves everything and everyone. The Gospel is not an exclusive possession of those who have received it, but it is a gift to be shared and good news for others. The Church's attention and cooperation in missionary activity in the world cannot be limited to some particular moments or occasions, or as one of many pastoral activities:

the Church's missionary dimension is essential and continually present. It is important that both individual baptized persons and ecclesial communities should be involved not only spasmodically and occasionally in mission, but constantly, as a way of Christian life.

**World Mission Sunday
Pope's Message**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The most precious service that the Church can render to humanity and to every individual seeking profound purpose for living is to bring the Gospel proclamation to all with "the enthusiasm of the very first Christians". This same invitation to proclaim re-echoes every year in the celebration of World Mission Day. In fact, the ceaseless proclamation of the Gospel also revitalizes the fervent, apostolic spirit of the Church. Faith, when it is given to others, is strengthened! Pope Benedict XVI

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21)

Entertainment Coupon Book

Tired of hearing about our parish debt? Then let's get rid of it.

On **October 29-30 & November 5-6** orders will be taken for the **2012 Entertainment Coupon Book** after all weekend masses.

The coupons in this book can be used at 100's of area places such as *Burger King, Harveys, Domino's Pizza, Trattoria Leonardo's, Cineplex and Rainbow theatres, Bowlerama, Marlies' hockey games, golf, Yuk Yuks, One of a Kind show, Ontario Science Centre, car and hotel rentals and even a \$400.00 discount on a cruise.*

The coupons are valid for one year, and the books sell for \$30.00 each, but you can get your money back and much more by just using a few coupons.

The best part is that St Benedict's makes a large profit on each book sold. Every ministry has already received a copy of the book as well as order forms. There is also a book and order forms available at the parish office.

On the sale days there will be copies for you to look at and volunteers to take your prepaid orders.

We have great prizes for the top sellers as well as a raffle for many other prizes for anyone who sells more than 5 books.

If 1000 families buy 1 book and sell 2 books to friends, we can raise **\$43,750.00!**

Let's all work together as a parish family to eliminate our parish debt.

Today is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world takes part in World Mission Sunday. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material help to our brothers and sisters who long for hope and love that comes from knowing Christ's love for them. Your kind support will assist all missionaries across the world. It will help new churches to grow, be strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. May God bless you always.

2012 SUNDAY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND. Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible at the entrance to the church. The use of these envelopes is an excellent way of supporting your parish on a regular basis and also ensures that a receipt for tax purposes is available at the end of the year. Do **NOT** use these new envelopes until the New Year at which time **ALL** remaining 2011 and **prior years' envelopes** should be destroyed. Please contact the parish office, if your boxed set is not available and if you wish to receive one or if you have never been registered and wish to do so. Finally, your co-operation in ensuring that your donation is clearly entered on the envelope each and every week would be greatly appreciated by those of us who are responsible for opening and recording your donations.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR YOUR BOXED SET CONTAINS FOUR ENVELOPES FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND.

PLEASE USE THESE ENVELOPES AT YOUR CONVENIENCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

IF 100 PARISHIONERS GAVE \$4,000, OUR DEBT WOULD BE ELIMINATED.
Can you be the one in 100?

**MADONNA CATHOLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOL**
20 Dubray Avenue

Cordially invites Grade 8 girls and their parents to an Information Evening

**Thursday, October 27
7:00 p.m.**

Madonna F.C.J. Theatre

ROSARY RALLY

Mother Mary is calling YOU to join us! **Saturday, November 5** at **St. Paschal Baylon Church** 92 Steeles Ave. West, Thornhill

1:00 pm Children's Rosary Rally
3:00 pm Family Rosary Rally
7:00 pm Youth Rosary Rally

It's an event for the Whole family!

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
St. Stephen Catholic School's
50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday November 5th**

The ceremony will begin with a 1:00 p.m. Mass at St. Benedict Church followed by an Open House at St. Stephen School

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION	CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000
SUNDAY OFFERING \$8,645	SECOND COLLECTION \$677.50
Average Env. Donation \$13.57	TOTAL including Bldg Cost
	HST Rebate \$316,415.65

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 24

8:00am Leo Marineau by Gertrude Marineau
7:30pm Memorial Mass – Domenico Caruso

Tuesday, October 25

7:30pm Giuseppe Leonetti by family

Wednesday, October 26

8:00am Bridget Savage by Inez Savage

Thursday, October 27

8:00am Rodney Williams by Emily & family

Friday, October 28

8:00am Rosalia Ierfino by Rosa & family

Saturday, October 29

8:00am Vincenzo & Nancy Gazzellone by Tony & Olga
5:00pm Carinta Gallo by Daughter

Sunday, October 30

8:00am Isis Henein by Husband
9:30am Dec members of the Matta & Capretta families by Carmelina & family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Giuerrino Di Biase by wife
12:45pm Mary Ciarlo by Ciarlo family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:

MARGIT BIELMEIER & LOUIS MACIAG

THE SALESIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT OF TORONTO

INVITES YOU TO:



young adults ministry for ages 19-39

**HALLOWE'EN SOCIAL:
KARAOKE & GAMES NIGHT**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 29 AT 7:00PM
ST. BENEDICT PARISH HALL**

RSVP by Wednesday October 26th.
Come, dress up and bring a friend!

\$5 cover – includes refreshments & snacks

For upcoming Witness events or further information, visit our website at:

<http://www.stbenedicts.ca/witness.html>

or contact Veronica Ljubicic at

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TRIP TO
FATIMA SHRINE AND BUFFALO**

Thank you for your support.
Our bus is now full. We do have a waiting list in case of cancellation. Call Wolf Hartmann at 416-745-7983 if you want to be part of the list.