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# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)  
8:30 a.m. English Mass  
9:30 a.m. Sung English Mass  
11:30 a.m. Sung Latin Mass  
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Before every Mass on Sundays  
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

## WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m. Saturday

## MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

**BAPTISMS:** On Sundays by appointment.

## PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Philip Fournier: 416-538-5893

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

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**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**9:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Opening Hymn:** 561 – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

**Kyrie:** 205

**Creed:** *more ambrosiano*

**Offertory Hymn:** 543 – Sing of Mary

**Sanctus:** 208

**Agnus:** 209

**Closing Hymn:** 464 – God Father, Praise & Glory

**11:30 USUS ANTIQUIOR, MISSA CANTATE**

**Septuagesima Sunday**

*Ruhig Bewegt*, from Sonata 2, P. Hindemith, 1937

Introit *Circumdederunt me*

Kyrie 11 *Orbis Factor*

Gradual *Adjutor*

Tract *De profundis*

Credo 2

Offertory *Bonum est*

Sanctus 11

Agnus 11

Communion *Illumina*

Resp. *Beata es, Virgo*

*Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*, a 4, manualiter, J.S.

Bach

**Vespers and Benediction**

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church,  
1372 King Street West

**PARISH FINANCES JANUARY 23/24**

Regular Collection	\$2778
ShareLife: Haiti	\$3739

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**PARISH BRUNCH – TODAY!**

Sunday Brunch January 31 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come in out of the cold and relax with savouries, sweets, tea, coffee etc. Families and all ages welcome! Voluntary donations for the food and drink will be given to the Missionaries of the Poor for their relief works in Haiti.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

8:00 Parish Volunteers

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 Parish Volunteers

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**St. Blase, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00 Parish Volunteers

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**St. Catherine de Ricci, Virgin**

8:00 Parish Volunteers

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 Parish Volunteers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

10:00 (+) Relatives and Friends of Parishioners

5:00 Parish Volunteers



**PARISH VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!**

The Parish depends on volunteers in so many ways – singers, ushers, cleaners, flower arrangers, members of various parish

organizations and committees, and more. Inspired by the Magi who brought gifts, the Fathers of the Oratory would like to thank all the volunteers with a Novena of Masses. The novena will take place from **Monday, February 1 to Tuesday, February 9.**

**DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE**

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Mass., USA from **April 10 to April 12.** We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday as well as the shrine's 50th anniversary. Cost is \$210.00 per person, double occupancy. There will be time for shopping. Please call Maria for more details and to book, 416-532-0968.



**TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax receipts for donations for 2009 will be available at the bookstall after all Sunday Masses next weekend, February 6/7.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

There will be a pancake breakfast in the parish hall after all Masses on **Sunday, February 14**. All are welcome. More details to follow . . .

### EVENINGS AT THE ORATORY

Mark **Wednesday, February 10** for the next Evening at the Oratory. Meet in the hall at Holy Family Church at 7:30 p.m. for a talk on St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, patron of priests. Followed by refreshments and sung Compline.

### AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, February 1, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power St. Toronto near Queen St. E & Parliament). Join the Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, and Christian faith leaders from across the GTA in remembering the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. A free-will offering to support relief efforts will be taken. All are welcome to attend.

### ST. PAUL MIKI AND THE CHURCH IN JAPAN

St. Francis Xavier, a Jesuit and one of the greatest missionaries in the history of the Catholic Church, arrived in Japan in 1549, intent on converting it. He had some success in his few years there, and other missionaries took up where he left off. They succeeded in establishing a vibrant if small Catholic community. For a time the Japanese rulers showed a certain friendliness towards the missionaries, primarily because the rulers valued trade with European merchants. But in 1596 certain political changes caused a backlash against the Christians in which Toyotomi Hideyoshi, the actual ruler of Japan (not the emperor), outlawed Christianity and ordered the arrest of recalcitrant believers.

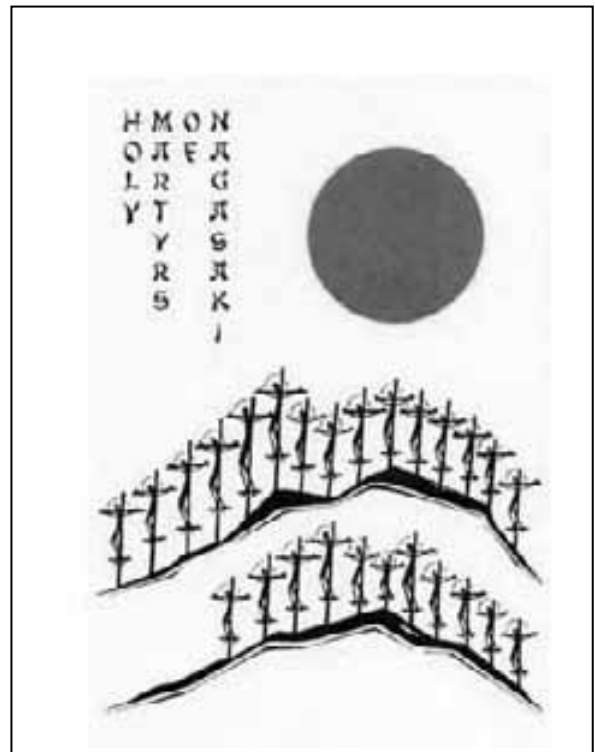
Eventually a total of twenty-six men, nineteen of them Japanese, some priests, others laymen, were arrested and sent on a forced march to the city of Nagasaki. Along the way they were periodically tortured, their treatment designed to intimidate other Christians. Early in 1597 the band of martyrs were crucified on a hill near Nagasaki, tied or chained to crosses, then pierced with lances. All of them, including two boys, remained joyfully faithful to the end. One of them, a Jesuit brother named **Paul Miki**, never ceased to preach fervently to the crowds, even as he hung on the cross.

As always with martyrs, this persecution had the opposite effect from what its perpetrators intended. It inspired the

remaining Christians and attracted new converts, the site of the execution was venerated as a sacred place, and Nagasaki came to be the chief center of Japanese Christianity. For a time the persecution abated, but in the 1620's the government expelled all foreigners from the country except for a small group of Dutch traders. As part of this attempt to expunge all European influence, the practice of Christianity was forbidden, and there were yet more martyrs.

More than two centuries passed, and this inspiring story was forgotten in the West except by a few people. But when Japan once again opened itself to Westerners in the 1850's, French priests established a church in Nagasaki. To their amazement, they were visited one day by a Japanese man who was a Christian and who asked the priests three questions: whether they venerated Mary the Mother of God, whether they were married, and whether they followed the pope in Rome. When the answers proved satisfactory, a whole community of "hidden Christians" began with great joy to practice their faith openly.

The survival of Japanese Catholicism is one of the most moving stories in the entire history of the Church. For over two centuries the people had no priests but lived the faith as best they could, in secret, not daring to keep written materials but handing down their beliefs by word of mouth. It is hardly fanciful to suspect that their faith was sustained by the immense graces won by the amazing spiritual forbearance of Paul Miki and his companions.



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