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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

OFFICE STAFF

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
Life Teen Mass—6:30pm
Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am
Saturdays: 9:15am

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

Please contact us one month or more in advance.

MARRIAGE

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492
Mother Teresa—905-778-8653
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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Bereavement Support Group CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope Development and Peace
Life Teen Knights of Columbus
EDGE Youth Ministry Seniors Club
Liturgical Ministers Social Club
New Beginnings St. Vincent de Paul Society
Parish Library
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo
Nossa Senhora De Fatima
Santissima Trindade

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.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As you know, earlier in the summer I mentioned some immediate maintenance issues. We have iterated some concerns in the letter that was mailed to all registered Parishioners the week of Sept 5th. We included here in case you did not receive the letter, (if you are a registered parishioner and did not receive the letter, please check with the office to make sure we have your correct mailing address.) Please note that the envelope mentioned can also be found at the back of the Church for your convenience. The letter reads thusly:

My Dear Parishioners:

I would like to bring you up to date on two major renovation issues that the Church has. The parish hall furnace and the Church roof.

We have received several complaints in the winter time that the Hall is very cold. That is because we need a new furnace. We have a debt to pay our mortgage and you, our parishioners have been very generous in helping us make our regularly scheduled payments, and to pay off the principal. However, if we use this money to buy a new furnace, it would be a betrayal of trust and I do not believe to do so. To be transparent and honest, we are humbly asking for a one time donation from every family to give a minimum donation of \$100.00. If you are in a position to give more, we would be forever grateful for your generosity. We would like to have this work completed by October this year before winter sets in and so we have provided a special envelope which is enclosed with this letter and can be dropped off at the parish office or in our weekend collections.

Also we have had a water leak in the Sacristy to repair. In July we were informed that our roof is facing major issues. A larger issue than the furnace, we need to come together and decide what should be done as again we will have recourse for your generosity. But I believe that something of this magnitude needs to be discussed as a community. Our new roofer – Josh Ninabel from Forever Green Roofing Inc. will be available to come to our meeting and discuss what we need to do and can present us with several options. The look of the parish roof that many have come to love will require a decision reached together. Please come to the **Town Hall Roof Meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00pm.** We need your input.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offering donation was \$6,379.00
Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Sept 25 ... Lifeteen Kickoff



Sept 26 – EDGE Kickoff

QUOTE of the WEEK

My past, O Lord, to your mercy; my present, to your love; my future, to your Providence!

St. Padre Pio – September 23rd

MINISTRY FAIR

We at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish have wonderful ministers! Whether they be helping to prepare people for the sacraments and entry into the church, leading us at Mass as Lectors, or Ministers of Communion, the many people who visit our housebound parishioners and bring Eucharist to the nursing home or the individuals and groups who perform many acts of charity and who volunteer to keep our church as beautiful as can be.



To all of you, thank you very much for your generosity, time, talent and treasure!

However, as time goes on people may leave our ministries or move away and if we are not proactive our ministries will begin to stagnate and we would lose a much needed vitality in our Parish. As we know from previous years, a Ministry Fair is a wonderful way to invite people to show them the good work that is being done and to answer God's call to the ministries. So we are planning a **Ministry Fair for Saturday, October 1st after the 5pm Mass and on Sunday October 2nd after all the Masses in our Church Hall.** We will have refreshments in the hall and we are asking all of you to take some time after Mass to attend the fair.



I am sure you will come with a spirit of thankfulness to the ministers who already serve us. Yet, do not be afraid to let your heart be open to Christ who may be calling you to a ministry. Talk to the ministers of the joys they have received in serving our brothers and sisters or as we know when we give, we receive back so

much more. Also do not be afraid to fill out an application form of a ministry that attracts you.

*Remember God does not call the equipped,
He equips the called.*

Please come and join us!

A special congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Officers who were installed last Wednesday, both new and returning, we look forward to working with you.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, September 17th

- + Paul Taucar Sr. by Gordanovski & Family
- + Joao Oliveira & Maria Rosa Ribeiro by David & Rosa Oliveira
- + Julio Barroso by Silva Family
- + Teresa Silva by Cesar & Anesia Francisco
- + Olimpia Sousa by Gina Gomes
- + Fernando Viaes by Carlos & Idalina Correia
- + Lucilia Picanco by Eduarda & Emidio Romeiro

Sunday, September 18th

- 8:30am + Dennis, Fatima & Maria Faria & Bill Rannelli by Joe Faria & Family
- 10:00am + Jamie Meneses by Maria & Manuel Da Silva
- 11:30am + Jim Vonk by Vonk Family
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, September 19th

- + Frank Michael Bobesich by Manuel & Fernanda Ferreira
- + Lucilia Picanco by Family
- + Teresa Silva by Rosa Oliveira
- + Len Ervine by Helen & Ed Gres
- + Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana

8:00am Tuesday, September 20th

- + Brian Collier by Family

7:00pm Wednesday, September 21st

- + Teresa Silva by Maria Ribeiro & Family

8:00am Thursday, September 22nd

- + All Souls

7:00pm Friday, September 23rd

- + Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana & Family

9:15am Saturday, September 24th

- + All Souls by a Parishioner

5:00pm Saturday, September 24th

- + Annie Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
- + Paul Taucar Sr. by Gordanovski Family
- + Jose Freire, Gloria Mendes & Antonio Francisco by Wife & Children
- + Jhon & Tony Mertens by Louisa Mertens
- + Olimpia Sousa by Maria Oliveira

Sunday, September 25th

- 8:30am + Helen Cartney Kibzey by Jeannine & Henry Lafreniere
- 10:00am + Maria & Luis Borges by Maria Da Silva
- 11:30am + John Schankula by Wife & Family
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

Sunday to Sunday.....

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Sept 18th – Martyrs Shrine trip to Midland at after 11:30 Mass
- Tue Sept 20th – 7:00pm – Pilgrimage to Holy Land Meeting
- Wed Sept 21st – 3:00pm – 8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Sun Sept 25th – After all morning Masses – Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast
- Tue Sept 27th – 7:00pm – Town Hall Meeting for Parish Roof
- Wed Sept 28th – 7:30pm – Musicians Meeting

RCIA INQUIRY

The RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) is for any adults 18 years old or older who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please come to the **second inquiry meeting on Monday, September 26th at 7:30pm.** Meetings will be held in the small meeting room in the Parish Hall.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Boniface Perri, Pastor of Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, Bradford.



PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE HAVING A MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 7PM IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM TO DETERMINE IF WE HAVE ENOUGH PARTICIPANTS GOING TO THE HOLY LAND.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Holy Trinity High School is looking for **LUNCH TIME VOLUNTEERS** to work in their library. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at Holy Trinity, please contact the principal, Mr. Heinrich Bebie at 905-775-4841 ext 184

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Bradford Progress Child Care Centres is pleased to announce the opening of a Before and After School Program at Marie of the Incarnation School. The program is to begin September 6th. If you are interested in more information or registering for this program, please call Janie at 905-775-3287.

COME JOIN the 20th ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Save Moms and Babies from Abortion
For one hour hold a sign and pray that the source of abortion be removed in our country.
Sunday, October 2nd, 2:30-3:30pm at
Our Lady of Grace Church Parking Lot
15347 Yonge Street, Aurora.
For more info, call 1-800-697-1625 ext 101

Living with Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Participants will receive support and guidance as they navigate this difficult period of transition.

Date & Time: Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm
October 6 to December 8th (10 sessions)
Location: 1155 Yonge St. (Yonge & Summerhill)
Cost: \$300 for program (subsidies available)
Facilitator: Ian Singer, M.S.W., R.S.W

For further info, place contact – Ian Singer, 416-921-1163

(Persons from all ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds are welcome.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry is in need of Volunteers to help the Youth Minister with the EDGE and Lifeteen Programs. This requires 2 – 6 hours per week on either Sunday or Monday evenings. If you think you can help in any way, please contact Ray at the Parish Office or email reitzel@hotmail.com.



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