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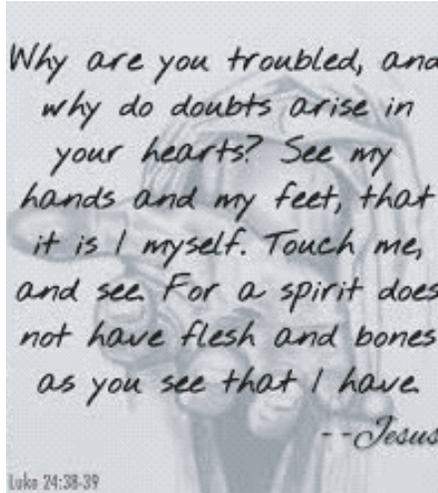
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## St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)  
10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)  
6:30 pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

### MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

### 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  
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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha  
Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)  
Catholic Moms Group  
Catholic Moms and Tots  
CWL (Catholic Women's League)  
Consolation and Hope  
EDGE Youth Ministry  
San Felipe de Jesus: Ministry to Migrant Workers  
Knights of Columbus  
LifeTeen Youth Ministry  
Liturgical Ministers  
Nossa Senhora De Fatima  
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Rosary Apostolate  
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Santissima Divinidade  
Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

### NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, April 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGirolamo +Beatriz Sousa  
+Margaret Dudo +Rudolf & Zofia Saniga +Kyle Lee  
+Marian Yanek +Beatriz De Sousa +Victorio Romano &  
Albertino Espinola +Diana Rogers

### TUESDAY, April 16, 9:00AM

+Joao Veloso

### WEDNESDAY, April 17, 7:00pm

+Manuel da Silva

### THURSDAY, April 18, 9:00AM

+Abilio Soares & Hernani Soares

### FRIDAY, April 19, 7:00PM

+Vincenzo Pellegrini & All Deceased Members of the  
Pellegrini Family

### SATURDAY, April 20, 9:00AM

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### SATURDAY, April 20, 5:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Denis Faria +Arlindo Araujo  
+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario &  
Olimpia Sousa +Theresa Melo & Joseph Melo +Rui Lopes  
Duarte & Laurinda Duarte +Joaquim Belizario & Adelaide  
Monteiro +Maria Caetana Rosa & Antonio Rosa  
+Francisco Duarte & Apresentacao Lopes +Augusto  
Borges & Libertina Borges \*Special Intentions for Frank &  
Silvana Aceto \*Special Intentions of the Talarico family

### SUNDAY, April 21, 8:00AM

+Joe & Lucy Toich

### SUNDAY, April 21, 10:00AM

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### SUNDAY, April 21, 12:00PM

+Terezinha Teixeira

### SUNDAY, April 21, 4:30PM

Migrant Worker Ministry Spanish Mass

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### SUNDAY, April 21, 6:30PM

Maria Esperanca Espinola



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday at 7:30pm following the  
7:00pm Mass

### MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN

Mass will be held at the church. Mass Intentions can be  
booked at the parish office.

## ShareLife

Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and  
freedom. April 28, 2024, is ShareLife Sunday!

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants  
and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love  
and support have not only provided them with safety and  
freedom but have also given them the opportunity to create  
a brighter future in our community. Thank you for living  
the Gospel through ShareLife!

## REFLECTION

*“Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” [Luke 24:38–39](#)*

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord’s appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal.

Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord’s disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus’ triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to “read inwardly” and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn’t until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Listen

attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others. Catholic News Agency 2021

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST SUNDAY Sunday April 21, 2024

The Knights of Columbus are planning another parish breakfast on Sunday April 21, 2024, after the 8:00am, 10:00am and noon Masses. We will serve a complete breakfast – eggs, bacon, sausage, toast and pancakes with all the trimmings. The cost is a voluntary donation to help support our charitable works.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



World Day of Prayer for vocations will be observed on Sunday April 21, 2024, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38 Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

## VOCATIONS

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest religious or deacon, call, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## PRAYER FOR PREISTS

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.*

*Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.*

*Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.*

*Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.*

*Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.*

*Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

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## SACRAMENTS

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are now going to be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next couple of months. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

**Next Edge Night: April 19 – Limited Edition**

## LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

**Next Life Teen Night: April 26 – My Brothers Keeper**

*My revealing Lord, You showed Yourself to Your disciples not only physically but spiritually, revealing Your very essence to them interiorly. Please bestow this gift upon me, dear Lord. May I come to know You and believe in You with all my heart. As I do, please use me as an instrument of Your mercy to others. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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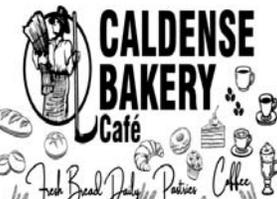


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