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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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  
St. Charles—905-775-6762  
St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

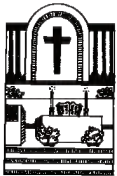
Bereavement Support Group	CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope	Development and Peace
Life Teen	Knights of Columbus
EDGE Youth Ministry	Seniors Club
Liturgical Ministers	Social Club
New Beginnings	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Parish Library	
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	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

**AROUND THE ALTAR OF THE LORD*****The Communion Rite – "The Fraction"***

The Fraction is the breaking of the bread (now becomes the Body of Christ) during the Lamb of God and "signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life which is Christ, who died and rose for the salvation of the world" (GIRM, 83). A piece of the broken Body of Christ is placed into the chalice with the Blood of Christ. Originally in the papal masses at Rome, the Pope would break off small pieces of the main host and a Deacon would carry it to all the priests who would celebrate Mass that day and they put it in their chalices as a way of showing that their Mass was done in union with the Pope. Mystically the mingling signifies the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation (Ibid).

While the body and blood are for us, presented separately, in the reality they are one. His body was given for us and from that body His most precious blood flowed forth to wash away our sins. The Fraction taking place while the faithful sing or recite the Lamb of God highlights the fact that forgiveness of sins came about through Christ's offering of Himself on the Cross. In the Old Testament, the lamb was a sacrificial animal that the High Priest would offer in remission of the sins of the people. Christ is the Lamb of God because He is offered for the remission of sins for all and for all times. Christ is also the High Priest because He is the one who offers the sacrifice. "No one takes my life from me," He tells Pilate in the Gospel of John. "I have power to lay down my life and power to take it up again".

The Fraction and Lamb of God remind the faithful of who they are about to receive. And the following prayer reminds the faithful of the humility with which they should approach the altar.

The priest faces the people and holds up the Body of Christ and says, "This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper." And the faithful reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." The words of the priest recall the aspect of the Mass as participation in the heavenly banquet, that is eternal life in union with God who is the source and cause of all goodness and happiness. The faithful are truly very blessed to be invited to this banquet and should approach it with great thankfulness and praise to Him whose banquet it is. The response of the faithful, "Lord, I am not worthy," recalls the words of the centurion to Christ in the Gospel (Matt 8:8). Though the faithful know that they are infinitely unworthy to receive the gift that God offers, they also have faith that Christ has the power to heal them and make them worthy. So the members of the Church approach Christ and receive Him with humility knowing their unworthiness and with confidence acknowledging God's power to make worthy those whom He has called to receive Him.

**R.C.I.A. WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE...**

**The R.C.I.A. (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) is for any adults (18 years old or older) who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. In it we journey with you in a discovery of who Christ is, the Church He founded and His love for you. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr. Boniface at the Parish Office.**

***WE WELCOME ARCHBISHOP COLLINS***

On June the fifth we are delighted to have Archbishop Thomas Collins to come to celebrate the evening Mass with us at 5:00pm, it is the solemnity of Corpus Christi and it is the culmination of our celebration of the year for Priests. After the Mass there will be a dinner in honour of all the priests who have served our parish in the past. We thank His Grace for coming and being with us during this special celebration.

More information coming soon!

***Our Weekly Collection***

**Offertory Donation was \$6,009.00**  
**Thank you for your wonderful kindness**  
**in supporting the Parish.**

**First Communion will take place during the**  
**11:30am Sunday Mass on the following dates:**

St. Charles	April 18 <sup>th</sup>
St. Jean de Brebeuf	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Mother Teresa	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>

***Third Sunday of Easter***

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997

email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



A **Mortgage Payment** has been made in the amount of **\$20,000.00** which brings our current debt to \$1,249,000.<sup>00</sup>

***Thanks for your contributions!***

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Just a reminder that our **next meeting** for all those involved in parish social ministry will be held at **St. John's Parish on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

***El Sembrador Volunteer Orientation Sessions***

All those who are interested in volunteering with El Sembrador this coming year are invited to attend one of our volunteer information sessions – either **Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan or Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. John Parish Centre.** For more information, contact Jean Lashley at 905-392-1909 or email [jlashley@neptune.on.ca](mailto:jlashley@neptune.on.ca)

***Quote from the Saint of the Week***

For I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand (Credo ut intelligam). For this I also believe – that unless I believe, I should not understand.

St. Anselm ( April 21<sup>st</sup>)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**5:00pm Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- + Alzirio & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio Janeiro & Family
- + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
- + Maria Szabo by Daughter – Ilona
- + Joseph Sandner by Giovanna Brunati

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am** + Jose & Lucinda Sousa & Daniel & Diolinda Viveiros by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
- 10:30am** + William Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
- 11:30am** + Maria DaSilva by Luis Da Silva & Family
- 5:00pm** + Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm** + Pro Populo

**7:00pm Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

- + Guiseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Joao Oliveira & Maria Rosa Riveiro by David & Rosa Oliveira
- + Sergio Fraccaro & Angela Bellai by Ann Fraccaro & Family
- + All Souls by Maria Da Silva
- + Lucia Margarido Direito by her son Joe Ferreira & Family
- + Manuel Marques by Maria Marques & Family
- + Joseph Sandner by Carol & Helen
- + John Douglas Newman by Maria Rego

**8:00am Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

- + Special Intentions

**7:00pm Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

- + Janos Szabo by Daughter & Family

**8:00am Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- + Thanksgiving to St. Jude

**7:00pm Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- + Arminda de Jesus Ferreira by Fernando & Arminda Miranda

**9:15am Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

- + Maria Gloria by Claudina Crisostomo

**5:00pm Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

- + Lena, Joey & Teddy Dinova by Bova Family
- + Joan (Bova) McCracken by Bova Family
- + Antonio Ferreira by Paulina Ferreira
- + Tony Gallo by Maria Cericola
- + Antonio Morais Castro by Family
- + Paul, Elizabeth & Mary Gres by Dudo & Gres Families

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30am** + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
- 10:00am** + All Souls by Augusta Barros
- 11:30pm** + Special Intentions – St. Joseph by Dinis Family
- 5:00pm** Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm** Pro Populo

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY** means the ability to produce food locally and sustainably. This year, Development and Peace is asking our government to take steps to spread Food Sovereignty throughout the developing world. Holy Martyrs of Japan will be participating with a **CARD SIGNING ACTION THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES**.

Also, please join us at our **COFFEEHOUSE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> AFTER THE MORNING MASSES**.

Free refreshments will be provided and Fair Trade coffee and tea products will be available for purchase.



## Sunday to Sunday .....

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – Communion Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus after each Mass
- Sun Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am – First Communion for St. Charles School Communicants
- Development & Peace – card signing action after each Mass
- Mon Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Seniors Group
- Mon Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – EDGE
- Mon Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – El Sembrador Meeting
- Mon Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Tue Apr 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – New Beginnings
- Wed Apr 21<sup>st</sup> – 8:00pm – AI-Anon
- Thu Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm – Bereavement Meeting
- Fri Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> – CWL Feast Day – Mass & Dinner
- Sun Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am First Communion for St. Jean de Brebeuf School Communicants
- Sun Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Sunday after each Mass



<b>Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup></b> Purgatory & Indulgences	<b>Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup></b> "Image is not everything"
<b>Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup></b> Catholics Love Sex!	<b>Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup></b> EDGE Idol "All hands on deck"

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CEMETERY PLOT SALES

Please notice that legislation to enact the harmonized sales tax (HST) has been passed by the Governments of Ontario. As we currently understand the legislation it will apply to cemetery plots and services as well at a rate of 13%. The Province of Ontario has agreed to implement the HST, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Cemetery plots prices will increase to include the new sales tax on that day. If you are planning to buy a plot in our cemetery, now is the time. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and ask for Delia. 905-775-2065.

## VITA AND STEPHANIE'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CUT-A-THON

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 5pm at  
Mary & Vita's Hair Design, 118 Holland Street East.  
All proceeds go to the Hospital for Sick Children –  
Cochlear Implant Program**

*Please come out and support this very worthwhile cause.*

## Come and Meet a Special Friend of Children and Young People!

St. Paul the Apostle Church, Maltese-Canadian Parish, located at 3224 Dundas Street West in Toronto, is calling all children and young people, especially those of Maltese origin, for a Special Meeting with the Archbishop of Malta H.G. Msgr. Paul Cremona OP. This meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call the office of St. Paul the Apostle Church at 416-767-7054.

## CWL NEWS

- The CWL Feast Day Mass and Dinner will be on **Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Members should keep this Friday open! Tickets are on sale – (\$20.00), please see Vilma or Helen after Masses. All are welcome!!



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