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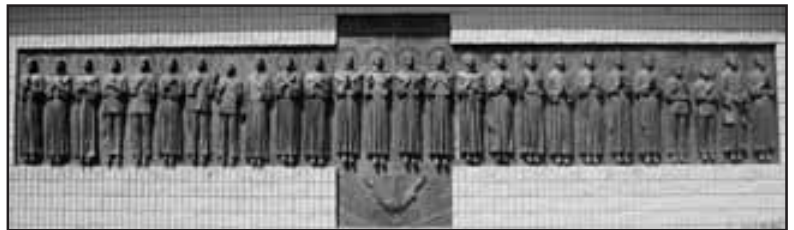
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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: 9:30am

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

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Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Knights of Columbus

Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

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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.

Our Faith in the Resurrection

When Jesus first appeared to them, there was some hesitation and unbelief on the part of the disciples. They thought they were seeing a ghost, but Jesus reassured them when He said: *"Handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have."* He stayed with them for the duration of the meal, *"Have you anything here to eat?"* They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before them." (Lk. 24:39, 41-43).

Hence, the hesitancy on the part of the disciples was only natural. They were not convinced until Jesus proved beyond any shadow of a doubt that He was really there with them in that chamber behind closed doors. He invited them to touch Him. He asked for food, which He ate in their presence. He proved to them all that it was really He, their Master, risen from the grave.

These encounters with the risen Savior turned out to be moments of personal grace and courage for the Apostles. During those forty days, Jesus came to remove their fears and to make clear the mission of salvation which He was entrusting to them. St. Luke describes very clearly the universality of their mission: *"Penance for the remission of sins is to be preached to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of this."* (Luke 24:47-48)

The Savior of mankind did suffer and die, but He also rose from the dead on the third day. He appeared several times to His disciples to make sure that they understood what their mission was in the world. He had made Peter the rock upon which to build his Church. He now gives the Apostles power to preach the Good News of salvation and to baptize into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; He also entrusted to them the faculty to absolve from sin in God's name. They also received the commission to change bread and wine into His body and blood and to partake of this spiritual nourishment which He gave *"for the life of the world"* (Jn. 6:51)

How grateful must we be for all that our Savior has done for us! How obedient we must be to all that Jesus taught the Apostles and us! With St. Peter, let us proclaim: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God"*. (Jn 6:68-69)

From God's Message by Rev. Msgr. Vito C. Mazzone

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Mary is the fruitful virgin and in all the souls in which she comes to dwell, she causes to flourish purity of heart and body, rightness of intention and abundance of good work. Do not imagine that Mary the most fruitful of creatures who gave birth to a God remains barren in a fruitful soul. It will be she who make the soul live incessantly for Jesus Christ and make Jesus live in the soul.

St. Louis Grignon – April 28th

St. George – April 23rd

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen- April 24th

St. Mark – April 25th

St. Peter Chanel – April 28th

St. Catherine of Siena – April 29th

Pray for us!

BOOK FAIR

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish will be having a Pauline Book and Media Fair brought to us by the Daughters of St. Paul. They will be here before and after all the weekend Masses on April 28th, and April 29th. Everyone is invited to browse and purchase from an extensive selection of great Catholic books, music CD's, and DVD movies from the Pauline Book and Media Centre in Toronto. This will be an excellent opportunity to get something inspirational to listen to, watch, or read for your spiritual life. You can familiarize yourself with the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul by going to www.pauline.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for April 15th - \$5,432.50

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Please give \$1 or 2 more to help us make our weekly goal!

First Communion Celebrations will take place during the 11:30 am

Mass on the following dates

Mother Teresa School Sunday, April 22nd

St. Jean de Brebeuf Sunday, April 29th

Marie of the Incarnation Sunday, May 6th

PARENTS: Please take note that the Communion

Candidates are to be at the Church Hall

for 11:00am to get prepared.



ROOF REPORT

We have saved and collected \$102,000 towards our new roof and repairs to the water damage in the Church.

\$38,000 to go!!!

Please give if you haven't already done so. We are asking for \$150. per family. Thanks to all of those who have already donated.

SUNDAY to SUNDAY.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun. Apr 22nd – 11:30am – First Communion Celebration for Mother Teresa School

Thur. Apr 26th – 6:00pm – CWL Feast Day

Apr. 28/29 – Pauline Book Sale in Large Mtg. Room

THE EDGE ADVENTURE CAMP – August 23rd – 28th



Located at the beautiful Camp White Pine in Haliburton. We are currently taking reservations as space is limited. **Registration**

deadline is April 30th and a \$100 deposit is

required. Balance due on July 1st. For more information, please contact Ray at the Parish Office – 905-775-2065 or email at reitzel@hotmail.com

CWL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CWL Feast Day – Thursday, April 26th** - Mass at 6:00pm with dinner following after Mass in the Parish Hall. **Tickets are \$22.00 per lady.** Open to CWL members and to new ladies (16 yrs or older) who are interested in joining the CWL. Tickets available at the Church or from Tina – 905-775-4386. Ticket deadline is April 15th
- CWL TORONTO CONVENTION** – Friday May 4th & Saturday May 5th at the Double Tree Hotel. Admission to the convention is \$20.00 per day or \$35.00 for 2 days. The Saturday evening Banquet cost is \$55.00. Please purchase tickets from Tina (775-4386) by April 1st.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, April 21st

- + **Laurentina & Manuel Neto** by Joaquim Neto
- + **Eduardo & Miguel Gomes** by Jack, Gina & Danny Gomes
- + **Janos Szabo** by Daughter & Family
- + **Teresa Silva** by Family
- + **Arminda de Jesus Ferreira** by Fernando & Arminda Miranda
- + **Dan & Eleanor Blake** by Mario & Theresa Leonienco
- + **Lena, Teddy & Joey Dinova** by Dian & Bill Stubbs
- + **Victor Latoszek** by Wife & Children

Sunday, April 22nd

- 8:30am** + **Fernando Viaes** by Carlos, Alison, Tiago & Niko
- 10:00am** + **Rosina Ferragina** by Peter Bianchi & Family
- 11:30am** + **Helen Cartney Kibsey** by Husband William & Family
- 11:30am** First Communion for Mother Teresa School
- 5:00pm** Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm** Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, April 23rd

- + **Francisco Rodrigues** by Wife Ester
- * **Special Intentions for Fernanda & Ester Rodrigues** by Family
- * **Special Intentions & All Souls** by Rosa & David Oliveira
- + **Luis Sequeira & Antonio Mirassol** by Wife & Family
- + **Victor Latoszek** by Laddie Balon & Family
- + **Anna & Paola Gucciardo** by Saverio & Enza Saracino
- + **Francis Alvis** by Ainsley & Iris Alvis and Family

8:00am Tuesday, April 24th

- * **Special Intentions for a Parishioner** by Giovanni Brunati

7:00pm Wednesday, April 25th

- + **Ignazio Polizzi** by Wife

8:00am Thursday, April 26th

- + **Rafaele Troiano** by Troiano Family

7:00pm Friday, April 27th

- + **Fernando Virgilio & Fernanda Gomes** by Manuel Gomes

9:30am Saturday, April 28th

- + **All Souls** by a Parishioner

5:00pm Saturday, April 28th

- + **Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro** by Wife
- + **Gloria Mendes & Antonio Francisco** by Fatima & Children
- + **Palmira Peieira Correia** by Silva & Dias Families
- + **Antonio Morais Castro** by Conceicao Castro & Family
- + **Joao Gomes Faria Jr.** by Augusta Barros
- + **Roderick MacIsaac** by Roy & Margie Emoff
- + **Gordon Baker** by Roy & Margie Emoff
- + **William Dykie Sr.** by Lisa & Freddie Medina & Family

Sunday, April 29th

- 8:30am** + **All Souls** by Manuel Nuno Rodrigues
- 10:00am** + **Vitorina Nazario & Olimpia Sousa** by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am** + **Joao Laranjeiro** by Wife & Children
- 11:30am** First Communion for St. Jean de Brebeuf School
- 5:00pm** Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm** Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



All LifeTeen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass

Apr 22nd – TBA



All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall. Questions or Concerns – Call Diane at 705-737-5260 ext 79203

Apr 23rd – TBA



St. Charles Jubilee

You are cordially invited to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of St. Charles School, Bradford on May 5, 2012.

12:00 noon- Jubilee Mass

celebrated by Rev. Father Boniface Perri at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, 167 Essa Street, Bradford.

1:00-4:00 PM- School Open House, Meet & Greet

Light Lunch Barbecue (\$5.), displays and presentations at St. Charles School, 691 Simcoe Road, Bradford.

5:30-10:00 PM- Annual Spring Fling Celebration

at the Portuguese Cultural Center, 767 Simcoe Road, Bradford. Includes dinner, silent auction, music, games, and fun for the whole family. Tickets must be purchased in advance for this part of the day. RSVP by Apr. 26th stcharles50@hotmail.com

Help for Troubled Marriages

RETROUVAILLE is a program to help and support married couples through troubled times at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage relationships, by experiencing a live-in weekend and a series of six post-weekend sessions. It is designed to provide the communication and relationship building tools necessary for spouses to uncover and re-awaken the love, trust and commitment they once had in their marriages and to live their lives as husband and wife in a new and positive way. For confidential information or to register for the next weekend, **May 4, 5, 6**, call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at www.torontoretrouvaille.com

Catholic Education Week May 6 - May 11

During this week, schools will be celebrating the enduring gift of Catholic education with special prayers and presentations. We ask that this parish community pray for our Catholic schools, that they may continue to bear witness that they strive to walk in the Light of Christ.

Holy Trinity High School is looking for

MATURE ADULTS TO WORK IN THE SCHOOL'S CAFETERIA

3 hours per day from 10:30am to 1:30pm at \$10.25 per hour. Contact Mr. Babie at 905-775-4841 ext 184 if interested.



Vita and Stephanie's

12th Annual CUT-A-THON

Sunday, May 6th from 10am to 5pm at

Mary & Vita's Hair Design, 118 Holland St. East

HAIR CUTS BY DONATION benefiting

The Hospital for Sick Children –

Cochlear Implant Program

Urgently Required Volunteers Bradford Helping Food Bank

Traffic at the food bank has doubled, during our present hours of operation.

It has been discussed to open on Monday's between the hours of 1pm and 2pm. Therefore we are looking for Volunteers to serve clients on a Monday afternoon only. Hopefully we will have enough volunteers to be able to set up two or three teams to rotate during these Monday shifts. Clients of the food bank may not volunteer.

Prospective volunteers please contact Anne Silvey at 905 775 3237 for information about setting up teams.

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