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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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

## OFFICE STAFF

**Parish Secretary:**  
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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
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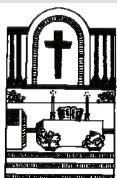
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Divino Espirito Santo  
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## NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME !

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 Reception of Holy Communion

All Baptized Catholics in communion with the Church and in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. A Baptized Catholic is in union with the Church when they believe and confesse all that the Church believes and teaches. To be in the state of grace is to possess the sacramental life of God in one's soul. This state is first achieved by Baptism but may be lost through mortal sin. Mortal sin is by definition a sin that kills the life of grace in the soul and separates the soul from God. The action of mortall sin involves the knowing and deliberate rejection of God and His law in a serious matter such that the individual rejects God as His maker and ruler of His life and as His saviour. Serious violations of the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church all constitute mortal sins. One who has committed a mortal sin must receive forgiveness for that sin and make peace with God through the Sacrament of Confession before again receiving the Eucharist. Sacramental Confession requires contrition on the part of the sinner for the sin to be forgiven. Contrition involves sorrow for the sin and the resolution to try very hard not to sin again. One cannot thus receive forgiveness for sins that one intends to commit again. One should strive to achieve perfect contrition which is sorrow for one's sins because they are offensive to God who is all good and worthy of all of one's love.

The faithful are also required out of reverence for the Eucharist to abstain for an hour from eating before receiving Holy Communion. When receiving Holy Communion, one should make a gesture of reverence before receiving. Some recommended signs of reverence are genuflecting, bowing, or kneeling to receive. The priest will raise the Eucharist up before each person who approaches for Holy Communion and say the words: "The Body of Christ". To this, the communicant replies, "Amen", expressing their assent to the truth that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist and that he is in communion with the faith of the Church. One may receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hand. One who chooses to receive Holy Communion by hand should form their hands into the shape of a throne for the Lord who is about to be placed upon them and very carefully place the Body of Christ in their mouth so as to prevent even the smallest particle from falling.

(St. Cyril of Jerusalem Mystagogical Catechesis 23, 22).

**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.**

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

When we are whom we are called to be, we will set the world ablaze.

St. Catherine of Siena (April 29<sup>th</sup>)

**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.**

***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 \$6,231.66**

**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. Jean de Brebeuf

April 25<sup>th</sup>

Mother Teresa

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**St. Pio's Relics are coming to our Parish**

We are very excited to announce that next Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fr. Louie Mousseau will be celebrating the 6:30pm Youth Mass here at Holy Martyrs of Japan and he will have the relics of St. Pio available for veneration. Please join us to take part in this amazing experience.

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr.

Hansoo Park 416-968-0997

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**Currently we have raised \$15,277.75**

Please give generously. **You can work wonders!**

**FOR ALL THE SICK, SHUT-INS, and RESIDENTS of NURSING HOMES**

There is a **HEALING MASS** scheduled to be held in St. John Chrysostom Church, 432 Ontario Street, Newmarket on Monday morning May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

We cordially invite you to come and participate. For more information please telephone 905-898-4137

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**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  
 + Special Intentions for Ester Barros & Fernanda Rocha &  
 for the Soul of Francisco Rodrigues by Ester Barros

**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

**7:00pm Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

+Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children  
 + John Ferreira by Bernadette Ferreira  
 + Manual Dias by Wife & Children  
 + Maria Gutta by Nick Gutta & Family  
 + Gavin Ross by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Weatherbee  
 + Mercelina DaRosa by her Daughter & Family

**8:00am Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

+ All Souls

**7:00pm Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

+ All Souls

**8:00am Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

+ Mike Pranic by Sauner Family

**7:00pm Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

+ Celeste Henriques by Vilma LaRoche & Family

**9:15am Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

+ Lucia Margarido Direito by her Son Joe Ferreira & Family

**5:00pm Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

+ Francisco & Victoria Rodrigues by Ester Barros  
 + Joao & Herminia Botas by Piedade Janeiro & Family  
 + Pasquale Baccilieri by Antonietta Baccilieri  
 + Manuel Marques by Maria Marques & Family  
 + Manuel Marques by Wife & Children  
 + In Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Grace by Rosa Afonso

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am + Antonio Santana, Vitorino Nazario & Maria  
 Sousa by Carolina Santana  
 10:00am + Pro Populo  
 11:30am + Gabriel Domingues by John Fernanda & Kayla  
 5:00pm Spanish Mass  
 6:30pm All Souls

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

## COFFEE HOUSE hosted by the Ministry for Development and Peace

this Sunday following all morning Masses in the Church Hall. Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate will be available for sale. Please join us for some fellowship and free refreshments. Also a big thank you to all our volunteers and to those who signed the action cards last weekend asking our government to take steps to promote Food Sovereignty throughout the world's poor nations. Actions cards will be available for signing at this Sunday's Coffee House for those who are interested and were unable to participate last weekend.

## Sunday to Sunday .....

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- 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
- Mon Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Seniors Club
- Mon Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – EDGE
- Mon Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – CWL Executive Meeting
- Mon Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in Chapel
- Wed Apr 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Thur Apr 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Bereavement Group
- Sun May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30am Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun May 2<sup>nd</sup> – New Beginnings
- Sun May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:30am First Communion for Mother Teresa School Communicants



<b>Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup></b> Catholics Love Sex!	<b>Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup></b> EDGE Idol
<b>Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Relics of St. Pio	<b>Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Comprehensive Coverage

## 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.*



The **Social Committee** would like to thank all the people who attended the Multi-Cultural Dinner Evening. We would also like to thank the Committee Members - Carol, Christianne, Debbie, Louisa, Patty, Sharon and Vivian for organizing this event. Thank you to Ray and his

volunteer students who did a great job of cleaning the dishes up and washing them. A Big Thanks to the people who brought in their dishes and desserts from their home countries. We had quite the variety of ethnic food and was enjoyed by many. Our thanks also goes to the different businesses in the area for donating prizes for our raffle draws.

This was our first time organizing this kind of event and we did not anticipate such a large crowd, but from the feedback we have received, it looks like we will be doing this again in the near future. Again thanks to all those who participated!



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