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Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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Jean Lashley (cell) 905-392-1909

Baptisms: By appointment with at least one month's notice to provide for adequate preparation

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By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

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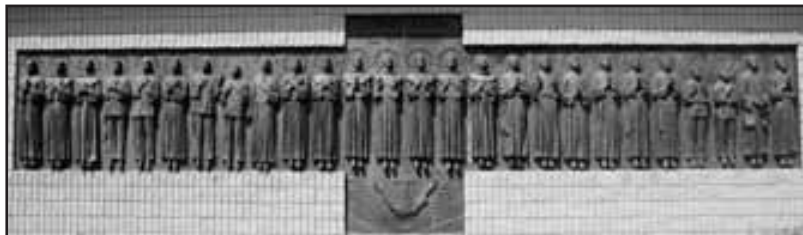
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

Support and Enrichment Ministries

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

Our Parish Catholic Schools:

- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
- Mother Teresa - 905-778-8653



Sunday Eucharist:

Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM

Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

New Parishioners: WELCOME! You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



Our Mission: We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

A Nossa Missao: Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus

Following Christ

In the Gospel of the Mass ^{John 6:61-70}, after the announcement of the Eucharist in the synagogue at Capharnaum, many of his disciples abandoned their Master because they found his teaching about the mystery of the Eucharist difficult to accept. Jesus is left with only his closest followers. Our Lord turns to those men who have followed him thus far and asks them: *Will you also go away?* And Peter answers in the name of all: *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.*

Today is a good opportunity to examine the sincerity of our self-surrender to Our Lord, to see if we joyfully put aside anything that prevents us from following Jesus. *Ask yourself now – I too am examining my conscience – whether you are holding firmly and unshakeably to your choice of Life? When you hear the most loveable voice of God urging you on to holiness, do you freely answer ‘Yes’?*

J. Escriva, Friends of God, 24

To say Yes to Our Lord in all circumstances means also saying No to other paths, to other possibilities. He is our Friend, only He has the words of eternal life.

When we say Yes to Christ, we discover that our freedom was given us not just to go from one place to another without a fixed reference point, but rather to make for a goal: Christ! Then we began to understand the surprisingly joyful character of the freedom that chooses Jesus and draws us closer to him, and rejects what separates us, because *by itself freedom is insufficient: it needs a guide, a pole-star.* ^{Ibid, 26}

The North Pole of our freedom, which points out at every moment the direction we should take, is Our Lord, because *to whom shall we go* if not to Him? What is there that is worth a straw with Him?

For many people, unfortunately, freedom means following one's impulses or instincts, allowing oneself to be carried along by one's passions or by whatever one feels like doing at the time. Many people think like this, and they forget that *freedom is certainly an inalienable and basic human right, but for all that should not be characterized by the possibility of being able to choose evil, but for the ‘the possibility of being able to choose the good in a responsible fashion,’ recognizing it and desiring it as such.* ^{John Paul II, Address, 6 June 1988}

A person who has a mistaken and impoverished notion of freedom will reject the idea that there is a valid and obligatory goal for all to follow, because it will appear to him as something opposed to freedom of C. Burke, Conscience and Freedom

If we have chosen Christ, if He is truly the object of our striving and of all our actions, over and above any other, then everything that teaches us how to journey towards Him, or that highlights the obstacles that separate us from Him, we will see as an enormous benefit, as a sure guide for which we are deeply grateful. A traveller in an unknown land takes care to read a map. This happens with the Commandments of God, with the laws and the teaching of the Church, and with the advice we receive in spiritual direction or which we look for in difficult situations.

They are like signposts which in various ways guarantee our freedom, the free choice which we made to follow Christ and not explore other paths which lead to places where we don't want to go. *The Church's authority, in its teaching on faith or morals, is a ‘service’. It is like the signposts on the road leading to heaven. It ought to be trusted because it enjoys a divine authority.*

The signposts Our Lord gives us have to be trusted. They are not restrictions imposed on mankind, they are not onerous burdens. They are radiant sources of light which illuminate the road, enabling us to see and to travel more easily. The person who tries to respond sincerely to the grace of God will discover true freedom by following Jesus. On hearing his voice one sees, at last, one's way: *the commandments then are not seen as an imposition from outside, but as a requirement that is born within, and to which, therefore, the Christian submits willingly, ‘freely’, because he knows that in this way he fulfils himself more fully.*

^{John Paul II, Address, 6 June 1988}

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Let us reaffirm today our following of Christ, with a lot of love, trusting in his merciful help; and with complete freedom we can tell him: *I put my freedom in your hands.* Let us also imitate her who said: *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be in me according to your word.*

In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

Our Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation \$4,535.56

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Help us to reach our weekly goal. Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week to carry us through the slower summer months.

25th Annual Rosary Sunday

September 20th, 12:00 noon - onwards

at Martyrs Shrine, Midland, Ont.

The day will start out with an outdoor Mass celebrated at the Polish Altar by Rev. Alex Kirsten, S.J., Director of the Shrine. After Mass, at 2:00pm, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Living Rosary, with Homily preached by Archbishop Thomas Collins, and Benediction at the Papal Altar.

- Bring your rosary, lawn chair and blanket
- Bring your group's banner and join in the procession
- Bring your voice and sing Marian Hymns with the choir
- Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic, then take time to visit Canada's National Shrine to the Canada Martyrs
- For more information, please call 705-435-3406, 705-428-3540 or email rosary-Sunday@rogers.com

For those interested in attending this outdoor Mass, please be advised that the CWL and Knights of Columbus have sponsored a bus to the Martyrs Shrine. The cost is \$10.00 per person and the bus leaves at 12:30pm from Holy Martyrs of Japan parking lot. Please contact Avia at 905-775-7059 or Manual at 905-775-9149 to reserve a seat. Don't forget to bring a hat, lawn chair, bagged lunch and water.

Quote from the Saint of the Week

Were there no forgiveness of sins in the Church, there would be no hope of life to come or eternal liberation. Let us thank God who has given the Church such a gift.

You have created us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

St. Augustine August 28th

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, August 22nd

+ Maria Rosa Miranda, Manuel & Gabriel Oliveira by Family

+ Emi Chavez by McEvenue Family

+ **Special Intentions – Rafael Chavez & Family** by McEvenue Family

+ Maria Meireles & Gabriel by Janeiro Family

+ Our Lady of Fatima by Maria Perna

* **Special Intentions for Antero & Rosa Silva**

+ Mauel Manata by Ana Pauta & Family

Sunday, August 23rd

8:30am + Manuel Carvalho by Annabel Carvalho & Family

10:00am + **Special Intentions – Santissimo Sacraments** by Maria Sousa & Family

11:30am + **Special Intentions** by Maria Sousa

5:00pm + Spanish Mass

6:30pm + Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, August 24th

+ Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children

+ John Ferreira by Bernardete Ferreira

+ Ana Dosanjós & Manuel Gomes by Maria Tarenta

8:00am Tuesday, August 25th

+ All Souls by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Wednesday, August 26th

+ Deacon Peter Alexander MacLellan by Cursillistas

8:00am Thursday, August 27th

+ **Special Intentions** by Jose Urbino Fernandes

7:00pm Friday, August 28th

+ All Souls

9:15 Saturday, August 29th

+ David Harrison by Helen Harrison & Family

5:00pm Saturday, August 29th

+ Francisco & Victoria Rodrigues by Ester Barros & Family

+ Jose, Maria, Luis, Irene Ferreira by Maria Fernandes

+ Joao & Hirminia Botas by Peidade Janeiro & Family

+ Our Lady of Fatima by Elizabeth Ferreira

Sunday, August 30th

8:30am + Robert Koch by Cecile & Adam Koch

10:00am + St. Anthony by Maria Perna

11:30am + Celeste Henriques by Alzirina & Family

5:00pm + Spanish Mass

6:30pm + Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE LIFE TEEN ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM



They have managed to hold onto their Tournament Championship for the second year running.

Great job to all who put this tourney on and to all the kids who participated.

Let's get a hat trick

for 2010!!!!

Toronto's 7th Life & Family Awareness Event 2009

This great event will take place at the St. Augustine Parish and consist of Conferences, Workshops and Meditations of Life and Family issues with special emphasis on spiritual and sacramental life, TV and internet addictions, bioethics and stem cell research, sexuality, single life, marriage, parenting, family communications, education of children and societal influences.

The program will commence with registration at 9:00am and conclude with the Holy Mass at 5:00pm celebrated by the Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Reverend Thomas Collins.

Saturday, September 12th from 9:00am to 8:00pm

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Have you registered yet for the_

"THEOLOGY of the BODY:

DISCOVERING THE MASTER PLAN

for YOUR LIFE!!! Conference?

This exciting weekend is sure to be thought provoking, and life changing! Well know Catholic speaker and author Christopher West will be in Toronto **on October 16-17**, igniting the "Theological time bomb"! Discover what many are calling a radically new way of looking at the Church's teachings on human sexuality and love. Discover Pope John Pauls II's "Theology of the Body".

The conference takes place on **October 16th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday, October 17th from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario. (Don Mills and Eglinton Avenue). Registration is \$40.00. Registration closes on September 9th. Register on our website: www.godsexmeaningoflife.homestead.com or by email at: stbreg@gmail.com or by**

phone at: 416-471-5465. Don't miss out!

ATTENTION:

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be sign up sheets in the Sacristy for the following ministries:-

- Workbooks for the Lectors for 2010
- Visiting the Sick & Homebound for the Eucharistic Ministers

Please sign your name to the list so we can order books accordingly.

Any concerns or questions, please contact the parish office.

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