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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Life Teen Mass—6:30pm

Spanish Mass—4:45pm

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.

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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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Life Teen

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Social Club

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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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.

THE JOY OF A CHANGED OUTLOOK

John summoned the crowds who enjoyed the blessing of material goods to share them with the destitute poor ("Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise"). He invited the tax collectors, detested as the instrument of the Roman occupying power and presumed by their fellow Jews to be extortionist, to live justly with their compatriots, avoiding the corruption that typified their profession ("Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you").

Then John addressed the soldiers, men serving in the army of Herod Antipas as police, who supported the tax collectors in levying tolls and duties, urging them not to shake people down. Poorly paid, soldiers were tempted to use their position to extort money from people by intimidation or trumped-up charges. Instead John exhorted them to be sons of Abraham by keeping the seventh and eighth commandments ("Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation"). The Baptist's last words to the soldiers ("be satisfied with your wages"), may also be an allusion to the tenth commandment, not to covet what belongs to others.

John the Baptist showed himself as personally selfless when he testified to Jesus ("one who is more powerful than I is coming") and that this saving life of morality and charity is meant not just for saints but for all.

Living God's Word by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ

Upcoming January 2013 Events

Attention: Confirmation Facilitators

Please be advised that there will be a meeting with Fr. Boniface on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekends of January 12/13 or January 19/20 and enroll in the program for immediate preparation for Confirmation. In so doing, they publicly state that they wish to live an active Catholic life style. We will give them a cross to wear as a symbol of that commitment. Confirmation Candidates are asked to bring in the Inscription Promise (yellow form) to any of these Masses. These will be given out at their schools the week of January 7th.

If you have not handed in a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate or purchased the Confirmation Book, you must come to the Parish Office during business hours to do so. These items are required before the start of the Confirmation Classes the first week of February.

Please pray for these young people that they may always be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

December Schedule

Please make note of these dates!

Sunday, Dec 16th – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Monday, Dec 17th – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Tuesday, Dec 18th – 9:00am – 7:00pm – Adoration in Chapel
 Tuesday, Dec 18th – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Wednesday, Dec 19th – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Thursday, Dec 20th – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Friday, Dec 21st – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Saturday, Dec 22nd – 9:30am – 4:00pm – Church Decorating
 Saturday, Dec 22nd & Sunday, Dec 23rd – Poinsettias to Church
 Saturday, Dec 22nd – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Sunday, Dec 23rd – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
 Monday, Dec 24th – 9:30am – Mass of the Day
 Monday, Dec 31st – NO MORNING MASS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th

- ❖ 6:00pm Mass
- ❖ 8:00pm Mass
- ❖ 9:30pm Spanish Mass and Novena
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

Boxing Day – Wednesday, December 26th

- ❖ 9:30am (Daily Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 29th & 30th

- ❖ REGULAR MASS TIMES for Saturday and Sunday

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Monday, December 31st, 2012

- ❖ 6:00pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Tuesday, January 1st, 2013

- ❖ 10:00am (Holy Day of Obligation)
- ❖ 11:30am (Holy Day of Obligation)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 6th, 2013

Returning to normal Mass schedule

NOVENA IN SPANISH

There will be a Novena in Spanish Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 7:30pm to Sunday, December 23, 2012 at 7:30pm. December 15th only in the Large Meeting Room.
 All other evenings will be in the Chapel.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please check and ensure that you have your right number on the box. If there are any changes to names or addresses, please fill out the forms located on the Lobby counter and give to one of the Clergy. If you are unsure of your envelopes number, please ask one of the Clergy to look up your number in the binder located in the Sacristy.



OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Peace, love and perseverance protected by His garment of salvation, I was confident I would lack nothing but all would succeed and give you glory.

St. Peter Canisius – Dec. 21

St. John of Kenty – Dec 23

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**5:00pm Saturday, December 15th**

- + Francisco & Otelinda Cunha by Rosa Barroso & Family
- + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Nello & Clara Del Bel Belluz by Daughter
- + Antonio Murais Castro & Parents by Family
- + Joao Ferreira by Maria & Children
- + Edwardo & Joe Lancha by Irma & Children
- + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Zablocki & Hawrylak Families

Sunday, December 16th

- 8:30am + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
- 10:00am + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + For the Rights of the Unborn by the Knights of Columbus
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 17th

- + Jose Barroso by Children
- + Antonio Mirassol & Family by Wife & Children
- + Joao Laranjeiro & Aurora Miranda by Emilia Laranjeiro & Children
- + Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family
- + Jack MacFadden by Wife - Josie MacFadden & Family
- + Candida Dinis by Daughter & Grandson
- + Rosalina Brito by Manuela & Paulo Polonio
- + All Souls in Purgatory by Rosa & David Oliveira

8:00am Tuesday, December 18th

- + Emilia Sturino by Emilia Perri

7:00pm Wednesday, December 19th

- + Catarina & Michele Puma by Family

8:00am Thursday, December 20th

- + Arminda dos Santos by Helena Peixoto

7:00pm Friday, December 21st

- + Dennis, Fatima & Maria Faria by Joe Faria & Family

9:30am Saturday, December 22nd

- + All Souls & Special Intentions by David & Rosa Oliveira

5:00pm Saturday, December 22nd

- + Judite Costa & Manuel Pinto Silva by Son
- + Victor Latoszek by Wife & Children
- + Sidonio Marques by Augusto & Laura Marques
- + Grant Robinson by Wife - Julia & Family
- + Laurentina & Manuel Leto by Joaquim Neto & Family
- + Joseph Giglio by Rosa Neto & Benita Fresco
- + Craig Hofland by McEvenue Family
- + Fernando Gomes by Wife & Children

Sunday, December 23rd

- 8:30am + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
- 10:00am + Tony Toich & Mato Zic by Mary Toich & Family
- 11:30am + Gerard Eek by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

Please note that there no Mass Intentions for December 24th and 25th – Please see the Christmas Mass Schedule.

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

Third Sunday of Advent – December 16th

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0097 or email vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocatiionstoronto.ca



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass	All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.
Dec 16 - Don Cherry's Christmas Social	Dec 17 – Christmas Social
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

Sunday to Sunday...**UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYRS**

- Mon Dec 17 – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Dec 17 – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Wed Dec 19 – 8:00pm – Alanon
- Fri Dec 21 – 5:00pm – Altar Servers Practice for Midnight Mass only
- Sat Dec 22 – 9:00am – 4:00pm – Church Decorating (Poinsettias)

GARDEN of POINSETTIA

Christmas is a sacred time for the faithful and people often celebrate by assembling and decorating their churches. Parishioners are invited to **bring a poinsettia (red only) to the church preferably on December 22nd**. Labels will be supplied (at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

NOTICES

Please note that there will be **NO** Adoration on Tuesday, December 25th, or Tuesday, January 1st. Adoration will resume again on Tuesday, January 8th 2013.



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

December 24, 25, 26 & 31.

Also January 1 & 2

Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Social Committee

Are proud to present **1 hour of free skating on Saturday, January 5th from 11:30am to 12:30am at the New Leisure Centre – Green Arena.**



Free Hot Chocolate and Goodies for all that attend. So get your skates out and bring the kids for an enjoyable hour of fun, frivolity and fellowship.

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present **Marriage Preparation Classes** on Friday, January 25th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, January 26th from 10am to 4pm and on Friday, February 1st from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 2nd from 10am to 4pm. Cost of this course is \$80.00 **per couple**, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes. **Please call the Parish Office for registration 905-775-2065 or see Father after any Mass or drop by the Office for Registration Forms.**

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