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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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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 SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Jesus wanted to show, by the miraculous catch of fish, that all work without Him is futile.

If we have a problem or decision to make, let us first bring it to Christ in prayer and seek His counsel in the silence of our hearts. Sometimes we are afraid of it or we are not sure. We may even resist it or a clear teaching of the Church. But when we open our hearts to say yes to the Lord, then we should not be afraid for God will be there with His grace and providence to guide what He has called, to a happy conclusion.

ANOINTING MASS - Mon. Feb 11th 7:00pm

The Ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. On **Monday, February 11th at 7:00pm** highlights the healing ministry of the church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. If you, or a loved one, are sick or scheduled for upcoming surgery, please join us for this special Mass. All are welcome!

Living Lent

Purpose of Lent today: Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives.

Our Lord: Jesus invited us to follow him by carrying our cross with him each day. ^(Luke 9:23) He indicated that his followers would fast and do penance after he returned to heaven. ^(Luke 5:33-35) We are to go hungry and thirsty for the sake of justice ^(Matthew 5:6) and to do our praying, fasting and almsgiving without showing off. ^(Matthew 6:1-6, 16-17)

Christians: From the earliest centuries, Jesus' followers have tried to follow these commands. Since it was on a Friday that Jesus freely died to save us from our sins, the faithful made a special effort to do some form of penance on this day: going without food for most of the day, spending extra time in prayer, doing good works, refraining from eating meat. Like St. Paul, they wanted to offer their penances for Christ's body, the Church. ^(Colossians 1:24)

In today's Church: Over the centuries, these forms of penance have varied, and sometimes have been neglected. Today, we are being invited once more to obey our Saviour: we are to do penance for our sins and those of others, for the people of God, for peace in the world, and for the building up of God's kingdom on earth. So to make Lent an effective time of renewal for the great celebration of Easter, let us commit ourselves to the practices of Lent.

Praying: Jesus and his apostles tell us to pray always, to be constant in prayer. Traditional times for Christians to pray are morning, evening and mealtimes. Personal prayer is a necessary preparation for our sharing in the Church's public worship, the liturgy. In our love, we join Jesus and all God's people in praying for ourselves, for our family and friends, for our leaders, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

Fasting: Fasting means cutting down on the amount and richness of our food and drink. Done as a penance for sin, it helps us to pray better: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. The money we save on food should be given to others in alms. The law of fasting obliges adults until they are 60 years old.

Abstinence: This form of penance needs to be seen as a near cousin of fasting. We may give up meat especially on Fridays, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Our abstinence is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing time or money to a work of charity) or other acts of piety.

Giving alms: We give alms to help God's poor and to support the good works of the Church and other positive agencies. Again our help is being given to Christ in his brothers and sisters. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta when asked how much to give "give until your can feel it". We do not give in order to show off or keep up with others; instead we give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

Excerpts from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

OF NOTE IN THE PARISH

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DATES

Due to a Snow day on Monday, January 28th the following schools have been rescheduled to:

Monday, February 11th - St. Jean de Brebeuf and Mother Teresa Schools.

Confirmation Candidates from other schools are welcome to attend but must call the Office to confirm their attendance for which date they plan to attend.

LENT IS COMING

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Tuesday, February 12, 2013, starting at 4:00 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 13th

We remind everyone that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Mass & distribution of ashes will be at 8:00am & 7:00pm.

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm.

There will be Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 8:00pm every Friday during Lent with the exception of Friday, March 1, 2013. The Spanish community is welcome to join in praying the Stations at 7:00pm on that date.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Render your hearts, not our garments, and return to the Lord, your God. (Joel 2:13)

Lord, during these days of Lent, I want to open my mind and heart to you so that I can be intimately touched by your grace.

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps. (Luke 9:23)

Lord, help me not to be afraid of self-denial and the cross; give me the grace to follow you today.

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Do you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? (Isaiah 58:5)

Lord, I want to fast and abstain during Lent, but I also want to heed the warning of your prophet Isaiah, that my fast and abstinence be not an end in themselves but a spur to greater love and justice in my life.

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

I have not come to invite the self-righteous to a change of heart, but sinners. (Luke 5:32)

Lord, I freely acknowledge that I am a sinner and in need of a change of heart; help me to accept your invitation today.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, February 9th

- + Jose Francisco & Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother – Ester
- + All Souls by Fatima Calisto
- + All Souls by Fernandes Family
- + Fernando Viaes by Selene, Carlos & Family
- + Jose Rodrigues by a Neighbour
- + All Souls by Manuel & Nuno Rodrigues
- + Assunta Gucciardi by John & Sara Gucciardi
- + Teresa Silva by Silva Family

Sunday, February 10th

8:30am Pro Populo

10:00am + Martha Kogut by Vilma LaRoche & Family

11:30am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana

4:45pm Spanish Mass

6:30pm + Pino Nardi by Monique Justo

7:00pm Monday, February 11th

- + Danial & Evelina Brizeno by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro by Wife
- + Manuel Polonio by Wife & Son
- + Manuel & Albina Tarenta by Fernando & Maria Tarenta
- + Natalina Arture by Maria Belloti & Family
- + Fernando Viaes for his Soul
- + Carmel Colford by Joseph Colford
- + Maria de Jesus by Rosa & David Oliveira

8:00am Tuesday, February 12th

- + All Souls by Helena Peixoto

ASH Wednesday, February 13th

Masses at 8:00am and 7:00pm

8:30am Thursday, February 14th

(note new time for morning Mass)

- + Joao Batista & Albertina de Jesus by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Friday, February 15th

- + Katerina Spek by Helen & Family

9:30am Saturday, February 16th

- + Franco Trotta by Santo & Francesca Trotta

5:00pm Saturday, February 16th

- + Manual Ferreira & Filomena de Jesus by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Rafael Chavez by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + St. Clair & Marjorie McEvenue by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
- + Jose Rodrigues by Wife - Albertina & Children
- + Alice Fernandes by Silva Family
- + Nello & Clara Dez Bel Belluz by Daughter
- + Peter Ennamorato by Barbara Martin

Sunday, February 17th

8:30am + Helen Cartney Kibsey by Husband William & Family

10:00am + Sidonio Marques by John & Gorette Carvalho

11:30am + Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family

4:45pm Spanish Mass

6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

REMINDER – Family Day on Monday, February 18th – Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am on that day and the Parish Office will be closed. Please enjoy this day with your family.



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.

Feb 10 – Tobogganing (weather permitting)

Feb 11 – It's a Date

Feb 17 – Lex Credendi, Le Ordinandi – (we are now in Lent) – catechetical – creeds

Feb 18 – FAMILY DAY – NO EDGE. Enjoy your day with your family!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for February 3rd, was \$ 7,238.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!



TIME CHANGE FOR MORNING MASSES

Please note that as of February 14, the time for weekday morning Mass has been changed to 8:30am

CATHOLICISM SERIES PRESENTATION

2013 is the "Year of Faith". Holy Martyrs Parish will be presenting a 10 week series of videos and discussions, starting on **Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm and every Tuesday thereafter until Tuesday, April 30th**. The Videos are by Rev. Robert E. Barron. The discussion will be lead by Fr. Boniface with refreshments to follow afterwards in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this very informative free event.

Communion Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast **after the morning Masses on Sunday, February 24, 2013.**

Please come and share in some good food and fellowship.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We thank everyone who committed to spending one hour every Tuesday of the month (9:00am – 7:00pm) with our dear Lord. We do need more people to join us.

We are looking for two or more adorers.

The times are: 4:00pm – 5:00pm and 5:00pm – 6:00pm

If you are interested in signing up, call the office (905) 775-2065

Archdiocese of Toronto Launches Pastoral Plan

Cardinal Thomas Collins has promulgated the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto. To coincide with the launch of the plan, this weekend we are distributing a summary of the document, an important resource that will help guide our faith journey for years to come. All Catholics are encouraged to pray and discern how each one of us can contribute to the overall goals of the plan, living a faith that acts in all that we do. Visit www.archtoronto.org/pastoral to access the full plan (in numerous languages) along with prayers, questions for dialogue as well as other helpful resources to continue the discussion.

EL SEMBRADOR

"I was a stranger and you made me welcome."

El Sembrador is currently looking for volunteers to help with this Ministry. I would like to invite any volunteers to join us for our ESL (English as a second language) program, and our farm visits. Come to the volunteer's orientation meeting on **Monday, February 25th at Holy Martyrs Parish at 7:30pm in the Chapel.** Please call Nancy Mora at 289-926-1346 for more info or call the Parish office at 905-775-2065.

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