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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—8:30am

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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## CULTURAL GROUPS

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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.

## 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 you 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

### MORTGAGE

Another \$4,000.00 has been paid on the Mortgage. We now owe \$1,056,000.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Please come and pick them up. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.



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. 15 – Life	Feb. 16 – No Edge – Family Day
Feb. 22 - Death	Feb. 23 – The Season of Lent
Mar. 1 – Social	Mar. 2 – Our Hope and our Promise

### Devotion to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

A few of our Parishioners have expressed an interest in a Devotion to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Devotion will be on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 in the Chapel. Please bring your Rosary. Some books will be made available for use in the Chapel.

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION NEEDED

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR BRADFORD VALLEY NURSING HOME. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

### LENT IS COMING



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb. 18, 2015**

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

Mass, and distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 8:30am & 7:00pm.



### Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

This year during Lent we would like to invite you to join us to learn more about our Faith with a series of videos call Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained. Catholicism is an entire way of life. We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic faith. But how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it and articulate it to others. We will be viewing the videos in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, starting on February 25, 2015.

**Week 1 – Divine Revelation - God Seeking Us and the Compass for our Lives.**

Religion is often perceived as humanity's search for God, but Christianity is more about God's search for us. God "Unveils himself to us and reveals His plan for our lives.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Feast Day Luncheon, and to all who generously donated food, which made the Luncheon a success. Vilma

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>5:00pm Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Rafael Chavez	by Vilma LaRoche & Family
+ St. Clair & Marjorie McEvenue	by Vilma LaRoche & Family
+ Giuseppe Beninati	by Wife Francesca
+ John Ferreira	by Bernardette Ferreira
+ Antonio Morais Castro	by Family
+ Antonio Martins	by Wife & Family
+ Clementina Machado	by Virginia Araujo
+ Manuel & Rosa Rosete	by Celso & Maria Domingues
<b>Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:30am	+ Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
10:00am	Pro Populo
11:30am	+ Filomena Troiano by Vilma LaRoche
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	+ Maria Domanico by Cecchetti Family
<b>9:30am Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro by Family	
+ Bob Podger by Wife & Children	
+ Ed Langley by Aaron Langley	
+ Jose Picanco by Sonia & Antonio Braga	
+ Cesarea Benevento by Josie, Rob & Robbie Evangelista	
+ Jose & Rosa Barroso by Children	
+ Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children	
+ Manuel Augusto Dinis & Family by Dinis Family	
<b>8:30am Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Adelino Oliveira by Carolina Santana	
<b>8:30am &amp; 7:00pm Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>8:30am Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Angelina Hamilton & Santo Mirabelli by Maria Mirabelli & Family	
<b>7:00pm Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ All Souls in Purgatory by David & Rosa Oliveira	
<b>9:30am Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
+ All Souls by David & Rosa Oliveira	
<b>5:00pm Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
+ Miguel Gomes by Carlos & Virginia Araujo	
+ Emilia Laranjeiro by Ceu Miguelo	
+ Garcia Miguelo by Manuel Miguelo	
+ Antonio Janeiro by Wife & Children	
+ Stafford Comeau by Paul & Jane Bernair	
+ Santo Asaro by Saracino Family	
+ Arminda & Virgilio Sr. & Jr. Almeida by Saracino Family	
+ All Deceased Family Members by Silva Family	
<b>Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
8:30am	Pro Populo
10:00am	+ Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
11:30am	+ Michele & Catarina Puma by Family
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	+ Adelino Oliveira by David & Roisa Oliveira
<i>"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"</i>	

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that as this is the Family Day Weekend, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 and the daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am.

## Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference on March 14, 2015 in Toronto. Cardinal Collins is the main speaker. For more information call Dorothy Pilarski (905 279-7702) or visit [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

## SHARELIFE

"(The common good...)It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." - Pope Francis.

Pope Francis encourages us to show loving concern for each other, and in so doing care for those who are often forgotten. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. As we begin the ShareLife Campaign, please consider ways of supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this approaching Lenten season.

- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**First ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015**

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

## Bradford Ministerial Lenten Series

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent as we worship together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

Bradford United Church, Barrie Street.

The Rev. Kent Nielsen (Bradford Alliance Church)

**Wednesday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm**

Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Essa Street

Pastor Paul Van Stralen (Springdale Christian Reformed Church)

**Wednesday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church,  
56 Hearn Street, Bond Head

Rev. Eaton Grant (Greater Life Community Church)

**Wednesday, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

St. John's Presbyterian Church, – 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

The Rev. Jim Keenan (Bradford United Church)

**Wednesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

Trinity Anglican Church, Church Street

The Rev. Richard Bodini (Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church)

**Wednesday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:30pm**

Holland Marsh Reformed Church

18935 Dufferin Street, Newmarket

The Rev. Daniel Graves (Trinity Anglican Church)

Light Refreshments will be served following each service.

## Catholics urged to Support Physicians' Charter Right of Freedom of conscience and Religion

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient". Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place. The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20<sup>th</sup>. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to [www.ccrl.ca](http://www.ccrl.ca) to find out more and to get involved.



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