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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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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.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. BONIFACE



Like myself, maybe you too were shocked to hear that His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI plans to step down as the Pope at the end of this month. He cited that due to health reasons and weakening strength, he cannot carry out the Petrine Ministry entrusted to him. Saying that this decision was not taken lightly, I wonder if it brings turmoil, emotional or otherwise to him. I know many of our own parishioners have had to grapple with not being able to be as active or mobile as they use to be and the thoughts of what their future life will be like. Perhaps it brings with them heartache as they grapple with the questions of what meaning or use life has as they slow down.

Yes, we know that God loves us for who we are and not what we can do. Yes, this moment of life is one where we can dedicate ourselves to spiritual union with God and have a ministry of prayer for others and it also gives us a time to pass on over wisdom to others, but still it may emotionally be a hard transition.

So, my dear friends in Christ, I recommend our Pontiff to your prayers and the Church as well, that the Holy Spirit continue to guide her in these unusual times and that those who guide us may be motivated only by the love of Christ and the workings of Holy Spirit.

Also if we know of someone who may be experiencing this moment of transition, perhaps we may pay them a visit to support them.

May God Bless Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

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.

CWL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The CWL Education & Health Chair of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish extends an invitation to all members and parishioners to attend its yearly contest, the **Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest to be held on Thursday, February 21 at 6:45 pm at the parish hall.** Your presence and support for the participants is greatly appreciated. The winner will move to the regional and Diocesan levels where the winner will deliver his/her speech at the Toronto CWL Diocesan Convention on April 28, 2013. Last year's Diocesan winner was from Bradford.
- Saturday, February 23rd – CWL Development Day Time TBA
- Monday, February 25th – CWL Executive Meeting at 7:30pm
- Monday, March 4th – CWL General Meeting at 7:30pm

REMINDER

COMMUNION CLASSES COMMENCE SOON

Session One – Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Church
February 26, March 5, and March 19th

Session Two – Saturdays at 2:30pm in the Church
March 2, March 9, and March 23rd

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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 Rodriques by Wife - Albertina & Children
 + Alice Fernandes by Silva Family
 + Nello & Clara Del 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

9:30am Monday, February 18th – FAMILY DAY

+ Antonio Martins by Wife – Celeste & Family
 + Claudino & Maria Neto by Rosa & David Oliveira
 + Fernando Viaes for his Soul by Family
 + Antonio Mirassol by Luis Sequeira & Family
 + William Kristman by Mendrek Family
 + Laurentino & Manuel Neto & Maria de Jesus by Joaquim Neto
 + Albina Vieira Barbosa by Gina & Jack Gomes
 + John Faria by Emidio & Eduarda Romeiro & Family

8:30am Tuesday, February 19th

+ Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Joaquim Neto & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, February 20th

+ Peter Ennamorato by Helen Bromley

8:30am Thursday, February 21st

+ Julia Batista & Fernando Rito by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Friday, February 22nd

+ Frank Lotto by Collier Family

9:30am Saturday, February 23rd

+ Franco Trotta by Saverino & Enza Saracino

5:00pm Saturday, February 23rd

+ Tony McEvenue by Family
 + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Fik Family
 + Lino Fernandes by Fernandes Family
 + Angelina Mirabelli Hamilton by Angelina Muraca & Family
 + Julio Barroso by Silva Family
 + Elio Palermo by Mina Palermo
 + Blossom D'Croix by D'Croix Family
 + Laurindo Domingues Neto & Maria do Ceu de Oliveria by Rosa & Victor Neto

Sunday, February 24th

8:30am Pro Populo
 10:00am + Adele & Tony Caruso by Belanger & Caruso Families
 11:30am + Henryk Ostafin by Linehan Family
 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 6:30pm + William Kristman by Balon Family
 "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 17 – Lex Credendi, Le Ordinandi – (we are now in Lent) – catechetical – creeds	Feb 18 – FAMILY DAY – NO EDGE. Enjoy your day with your family!
Feb 24 – I Doubt It!	Feb 25 – The Great Trilogy

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for February 10th was \$5,134.50

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week to carry us through the winter months!

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

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.

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.

World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1st at 2pm – 4pm

Further information on this will be forth-coming in a future bulletin.

THE ARCHDIOCESE of TORONTO DAY of CONFESSION

Wednesday, March 6th

There will be priests available that day to hear confessions at the following times:

9:00am to 10:00am – Fr. Bernard

12:00pm to 1:00pm – Fr. Boniface

3:00pm to 4:00pm – Fr. Boniface

6:00pm to 7:00pm – Fr. Bernard



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