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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
Life Teen Mass—6:30pm
Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

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.

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Please contact us one month or more in advance.

MARRIAGE

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

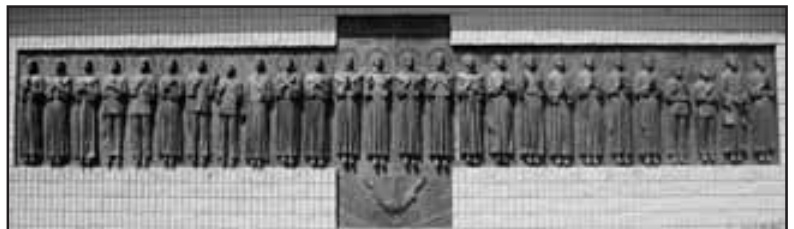
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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.

On the Road to Jerusalem

On Ash Wednesday we begin the discipline of Lent. We take on the Spiritual Journey of following our Lord to His passion, death and glorious resurrection. As a season, Lent calls us to draw closer to Christ. In order to do that every day of Lent we make room in our hearts by giving up something or some activity in our lives that preoccupies our time. Then after making our heart free, we have it available for Christ to come in and spend time with us. Every day in Lent, if we don't do it already, we should spend time in prayer and contemplation. So I thought in order to help us do this we can present each week of Lent a part of the Weekday's Readings and a thought of the day taken from "Mini-Meditations for Lent" by Daniel L. Lowery, C.S.S.R. It's not meant to be very long but just a small idea that we can think of sometime during the day and to see where it leads us and speaks to us, as we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Rend 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.

We Need Help!

With your involvement, we can do a better job of including our Mexican brothers and sisters in our parish and community. For some roles, it is necessary to speak Spanish, but many roles are open to anyone. We will provide orientation and training for those who wish to be part of **El Sembrador**. Please come to a **meeting on Friday, February 24th at 7:30pm** in the Large Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Nancy at 905-898-8577.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for February 12th - \$5,127.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

An extra \$1 or \$2 will help us through the winter months



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass

Feb 19th - TBA
Feb 26th - TBA



All EDGE events start at 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall. Questions or Concerns - Call Diane at 705-737-5260 ext 79203 or 705-458-1718

Feb 20th - No EDGE - Family Day
Feb 27th - Around the Table

"Come and See"

Lord where were you staying? Jesus said, "Come and See" (John 1:38-39)

It takes a community to raise a priest, a religious brother or sister, and so this program is intended to encourage those who are in our parishes to look into the possibility that God may be calling them to the consecrated religious life, permanent diaconate or the priesthood. Parishioners nominate those whom they believe have shown qualities of a vocation to religious life. Those who have been nominated are later invited to come and spend a day of reflection, prayer and sharing information on a vocation to which God might be calling them.

The day consists of information sessions concerning the different forms of consecrated ministry, vocation stories/testimonies from priests and religious brothers and sisters, as well as the opportunity to participate at Mass said especially for those who are discerning their vocations. It is also a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other individuals who are interested in committing their lives in such a loving way.

If there is someone who you think should consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, write their name down on a "Called by Name Card" and submit it to your parish priest on Sunday, March 11th and he will invite them to "Come and See".

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 22nd

Masses are at 8:00am and 7:00pm.

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



THANKS

Special Thanks goes to the Divino Espirito Santo de Bradford for the generous donation of \$500 to go towards our Building Fund.

May God Bless you for your generosity.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Perseverance in hope and patience, exhibit the meekness of the Lord, be subject to one another.

St. Polycarp - Feb 23rd

St. Peter Damian - Feb 21st
The Choir of St. Peter - Feb 22nd

Pray for us!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, February 18th

- + Rafael Chávez Vázquez by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Laurentina Neto by Jack Neto
- + Virgilio Sr. & Virgilio Jr. Almedia by Lurdes Cavaco & Family
- + Maria Mendes by Manuel & Elisabeth Ferreira
- + St. Clair & Marjorie McEvenue by Vilma LaRoche
- + Jose Barroso by Children
- + All Deceased Family Members by Rosa Barroso & Family
- + Teresa Silva by Helena & Armando Silva

Sunday, February 19th

- 8:30am * Special Intentions to Angel St. Michael by a Parishioner
- 10:00am Pro Populo
- 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 6:30pm + Paula & Carmel Tabone by Bews Family

9:30am Monday, February 20th (Family Day)

- + All Souls by Manuel Nuno Rodrigues
- + Laurindo Neto by Rosa & David Oliveira
- + Aida Catania by Laddie Balon & Family
- + Rosa Saborano by Helena Peixoto
- * Special Intentions by Emidio Romeiro & Family
- + Antonio Mirassol & Family by Wife & Family

8:00am Tuesday, February 21st

- + Chiara Ferragine by Family

Wednesday, February 22nd

Masses at 8:00am and 7:00pm ASH Wednesday Services

8:00am Thursday, February 23rd

- + Jamie Meneses by Family

7:00pm Friday, February 24th

Stations of the Cross

9:30am Saturday, February 25th

- + All Souls by a Parishioner

5:00pm Saturday, February 25th

- + Anthony McEvenue by Family
- + Paul Taucar Sr. by K. Spehor
- + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
- + Caterina & Michele Puma by Family
- + Jose & Marie Ferreira by Jose Fernandes
- + Vera Mulligan & Marcy Perri by Girard & George Families
- + Dawn Parnell & Colleen Milne by Girard & George Families
- + Louis Tomazic & Joseph Srebot by Matilda Tomazic

Sunday, February 26th

- 8:30am Pro Populo
- 10:00am + Vitorina Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + Joseph Kurasz by Children & Families
- 6:30pm + Parker Ramsay by Bews Family

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



SHROVE TUESDAY

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting
Pancake Tuesday on February 21st
 The pancake dinner is from 5pm to 7pm.
 \$5.00per person or \$20.00 per family.
 Kids under 12 are free!

REGIONAL MASS of THANKSGIVING

Northern Pastoral Region
 Tuesday, March 13th - 7:30pm
 St. Clare of Assisi Parish
 150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge

SUNDAY to SUNDAY.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Mon Feb 20th – Family Day – Parish Office CLOSED
 Tue Feb 21st – 5:00-7:00pm - Shrove Tuesday, Knights of Columbus – Pancake Dinner
 Wed Feb 22nd – Ash Wednesday, Masses at 8:00am & 7:00pm
 Fri Feb 24th – 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

REMINDER – Family Day on Monday, February 20th – Mass will be said at 9:30am on that day and the Parish Office will be closed. Please enjoy the day with your family and children.



ROSARY

After the 6:30pm Mass starting on the First Sunday in Lent on Sunday February 26th, we will be reciting the Rosary. Please join us for this important devotion.

Help for Troubled Marriages

Retrouvaille is a program to help and support married couples through troubled times at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage relationships, by experiencing a live-in weekend and a series of six post-weekend sessions. It is designed to provide the communication and relationship building tools necessary for spouses to uncover and re-awaken the love, trust and commitment they once had in their marriages and to live their lives as husband and wife in a new and positive way. For confidential information or to register for the next weekend, May 4, 5, 6, 2012, call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREATS

Saturday, March 3rd 2:00pm-4:30pm at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd, Toronto. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration. On this Lenten Retreat, Father Eugene D'Avella will speak on "A Lenten Walk With Jesus".

See www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.

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