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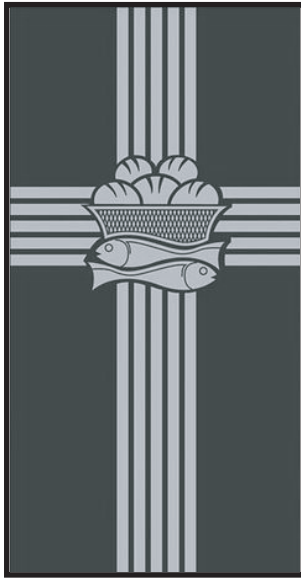
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Three of the best-known martyrs of Nagasaki are Saints Paul Miki, John of Goto, and James Kisai. Though none were priests, all were associated with the Jesuits: Miki was training for the priesthood. The son of a wealthy military leader, Miki was born in 1562 and entered the Church along with the rest of his family. He joined the Jesuits as a young man and helped many Buddhists to embrace Christianity. His last act of evangelism took place as he hung on his cross, preaching to the crowds.

"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ," he announced. "I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service."

ST. VALENTINE'S PARTY

This Valentine's Day celebration is a parish event organized by El Sembrador to raise funds for our migrant workers. **All are welcome on Saturday February 10th 2018 from 6:30pm – 12:00am to join in the fun.** Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased by contacting Nancy directly at 416-319-6400 or you can contact the parish office. Food and drinks are not included but can be purchased at the event. If you are unable to attend the event and would like to support the El Sembrador ministry, cheques may be made out to Holy Martyrs of Japan and on the memo line El Sembrador. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Canada Summer Jobs Program – Be Informed & Reach out to your MP

The Federal Government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs Grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust. Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centers or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs (/summerjobs) for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the Minister responsible for this portfolio. MP for our area is Peter Van Loan, letters to be addressed to 45 Grist Mill Rd. Suite 10, Holland Landing, Ontario L9N 1M7. Phone: 905 898 1600, Hill Office Phone: 613 996 7752, Fax: 905 898 4600.

LENTEN PREPARATION



PANCAKE TUESDAY



The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to a pancake/sausage supper on **Shrove Tuesday February 13th from 5-7pm** in the parish hall prior to the start of Lent. The cost is only \$5.00/person and all proceeds raised will go to the church building fund.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent beginning with adoration at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The parish confirmation program of preparation is called "Decision Point". The program will run on Thursday evenings in the parish hall downstairs from 6:30pm to 8:30pm beginning with the first session called "Life is Choices". The participation of all candidates is anticipated. For those in public or private schools your attendance is particularly understood as part of your catechesis in preparation for Confirmation. You can access the program by visiting the website <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view> or **download the app on Google Play or at the App Store for FREE.** There is a textbook you can purchase or download the workbook onto your PC or mobile device.

Program dates are as follows: Thursday February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 22, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3 and May 10th. We strongly encourage full participation in the program.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION
REMINDER

Dates for First Reconciliation are as follows:

We would invite those candidates with the surname beginning with "A-L" to come to First Confession on **Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 7:00pm** and those with surname "M-Z" to come on **Thursday March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church.** If coming other than your assigned evening will avoid hardship for your family then come on the other day.



WHAT: EDGE is a youth ministry program designed to help youth learn more about their Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship!

WHO: Grades 6-8
WHEN: Mondays 7- 8:30pm
WHERE: Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall
COST: FREE FREE FREE
FEB 5 Royal Descent – Catechesis
FEB 12 Battle Cry - Catechesis

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Marriage is the intimate union and equal partnership of man and a woman. It comes to us from the hand of God, who created male and female in His image, so that they might become one body and multiply. Though man and woman are equal as God's children, they are created with important differences that allow them to give themselves and to receive the other as a gift. To celebrate this gift of marriage, the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated **Sunday February 11, 2018** as Marriage Sunday. In prayer and petition, we will be honoring and celebrating this holy union of all married couples at all Masses.



INTRODUCING... ALPHA

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting the Alpha Series again on **Tuesday evenings starting February 20th 2018 at 6:30pm in the parish hall**. Alpha is a program which seeks to introduce or hear a new, the basics of our Christian Catholic Faith through a series of talks and interactive sessions and discussions. Each talk looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is a program that is run worldwide and EVERYONE is welcome. Centered around food, friends and discussion we re-introduce ourselves and further explore our faith and the meaning of life. It is a chance to share thoughts and ideas with one another in an open, honest and friendly environment. The series dates are as follows: February 20, 27, March 6, 20, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22. **To RSVP, volunteer or if you have any questions please contact Ray Reitzel at 905-251-8151 or the office at 905-775-2065.**



Monday February 19, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: Mass will be at 9:30am on this day and the parish office will be closed for the holiday and will reopen on Tuesday February 20, 2018. Wishing you and your family a blessed Family Day!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 3rd 5:00pm

+Salvatore Lizzi by Wife, Children & Grandchildren
 +Maria & Eugenio Arruda by Lucy, Lui & John
 +Antonia Santana Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
 +Walter Andrade by Patricia Durkin
 +Michele & Caterina Puma by Family
 +Virgilio Domingues by Family
 +Virgilio Pinho by Fresco Family
 +Maria Helena Oliveira by Fresco Family
 +Filomena & Mario Di Re by Daughter Maria
 +Michael Mallet by Mom & Dad
 +Spec. Int. for Helen Rak

Sunday February 4th

8:30am +Emilio Diogo & Wife by Daughter Ceu Santos
10:00am + Marie Singh by Christina Taucar & Family
11:30am +Manuel Serafim & Benvinda Fernandes by Licinio & Family
4:45pm + ProPopulo
6:30pm +ProPopulo

Monday February 5th 7:00pm

+Joao Silveira by Wife & Family
 *Spec. Int. for Balon Family by Laddie
 +All Souls by Henriques Family
 +Giel Jonkhout by Jane, Sjeff Oostdam & Family
 +Walter Andrade by Vilma La Roche
 +Silvina Vieira & Victoria Miranda by Julia, Isabel & Families
 +Katarina Spek by Helen & Family
 +John Faria & Manuel Nuno Rodrigues by Lisa Ghram

Tuesday February 6th 8:30am

+Rosa Manhosa & Sisters by Celso & Maria Domingues

Wednesday February 7th 7:00pm

+Fernando Gomes by Wife & Children

Thursday February 8th 8:30am

+Jose Luis Batista by Claudina Crisostomo

Friday February 9th 7:00pm

+Daniela & Evelina Brizenzo by Vilma & Family

Saturday February 10th 9:30am

+All Souls

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Offering Envelopes



IMPORTANT NOTICE ENVELOPES

For registered parishioners who have not picked up their 2018 donation envelopes, they are available for pick up at the parish office. **If you would like to start using envelopes this year please contact the parish office to be assigned a new box number and to complete a registration form.** Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

CWL Executive Meeting Monday February 26, 2018

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