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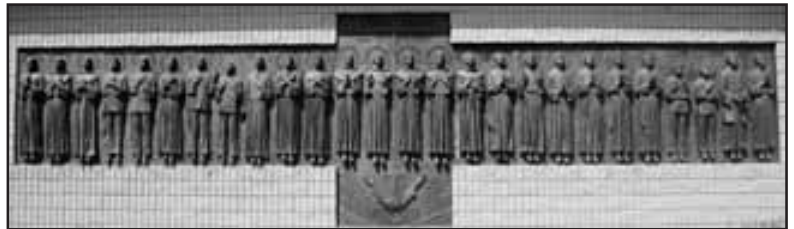
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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.

Spreading the Truth

As on so many occasions, Jesus rose early in the morning and went outside the city to pray. He Apostles found Him there and said to Him, *Everyone is searching for you.* And our Lord answered them, *Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.* (Mark 1:29-39)

Christ's mission is that of spreading the Gospel, of taking the Good News to the very ends of the earth, through the Apostles, (Mark 3:14) and Christians of all times. This is the mission of the Church, which thus carries out Our Lord's command: *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole of creation.* (Matt 18: 19-20). Saint Paul, quoting the Prophet Isaiah, exclaims enthusiastically, *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!* (Rom 10: 15; Is 52:7)

The Second Reading of the Mass tells us of the joyful responsibility of announcing the truth that saves: *If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!* (1 Cor 9:16).

Using the words of Saint Paul, the Church has often reminded the faithful that God calls them to make use of every opportunity to spread Christ's doctrine everywhere. (Second Vatican Council, Apostolicam actuositatem, 6)

We possess the truth that saves and the only love that can assuage the anxieties of the heart, which ever remains unsatisfied. When this certainty is lost, we can see no point in spreading the Faith. Then, even if we were in a Christian environment, we might start doubting whether we could exert any influence. We might despair of non-Christians ever giving their support to a just law, a law that happens to be in accord with God's will. We would also fail to see any sense in taking Christ's teaching to other lands where the Faith has not yet become firmly rooted. In any case, the apostolic mission would become merely social action favouring the material advancement of those countries. We would be forgetting the most valuable treasure we can possibly give them – faith in Jesus Christ and the life of grace.

It is important that the Faith should lead us to propose social works, but the world cannot be satisfied simply with social reformers. It needs saints. Holiness is not the privilege of a few; it is a gift offered to all. If we doubt this it means we do not fully understand Christ's intentions' (John Paul II, Address to Catholic Educators, 12 November 1987)

It means that we are leaving out the essential part of His message. Rather faith given first gives way to all that is needed.

Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

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.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for January 29th - \$5,611.20

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 5th - Mirror Image
Feb 12th - Be Mine



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 6th - Life is Wonderful
Feb 13th - Valentine Social

HOLY MARTYRS FEAST DAY

On Monday, February 6th after the 7:00pm Mass, we will be celebrating our Feast Day for the Holy Martyrs of Japan followed by refreshments in the Church Lobby. Please come out and help us celebrate this very special day with friends, family and Parish.



ANOINTING MASS – Fri. Feb 10th 7:00pm

The Ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. On Friday, February 10th at 7:00pm (in memory of our Lady of Lourdes) 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. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass.

MINISTERS of COMMUNION to the BRADFORD VALLEY NURSING HOME

As our nursing home grows, there are new needs that arise in coordinating this important ministry to those brothers and sister who cannot be with us to receive communion on Sundays. Thus, for all our Ministers of Communion who go to the nursing home, there will be a meeting on Monday, February 13th at 7:30pm in the Chapel. If you are interested becoming involved in this important ministry, please see Fr. Boniface or feel free to attend this meeting.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Ask Christ to help you to be come happy. I obey Christ after Christ's example I forgive my persecutors and do not hate them.
St. Paul Miki & Companions – Feb 6th

St. Agatha – Feb 5th
St. Jerome Emiliani – Feb 8th
St. Scholasica – Feb 10th
Our Lady of Lourdes – Feb 11th

Pray for us!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, February 4th

- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Fernando Viaes by Wife, Carlos & Family
- + Ann Marie Costello & Family by Bhatia Family
- + Michael Mallet by his Parents – Leo & Marie Mallet
- + Grant Robinson by Sal & Teresa Arrigo & Family
- + Vincenza & Giuseppe Gucciardo by John & Sara Gucciardi & Family
- + Grant Robinson by Bill & Pat Jardine
- + All Deceased Family Members by Silverio & P Marques

Sunday, February 5th

- 8:30am + Fernando Viaes by Carlos, Alison, Tiago & Niko
- 10:00am + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, February 6th

- + All Souls by a Parishioner
- + In Thanksgiving by a Parishioner
- + Grant Robinson by the CWL – Bradford
- + All Souls by a Parishioner
- + Catherina Spek by Helen & Family
- * Special Intentions by Rosa & David Oliveira
- + Martha Kogut by Laddie Balon
- + Maria Da Silva by Luis Da Silva & Family

8:00am Tuesday, February 7th

- + Fernando Gomes by Wife & Children

7:00pm Wednesday, February 8th

- + All Souls by Manuel Gomes

8:00am Thursday, February 9th

- + Jamie Meneses by Family

7:00pm Friday, February 10th

- + Fernando Viaes by Wife, Carlos & Family

9:30am Saturday, February 11th

- + Martha Kogut by Vilma LaRoche

5:00pm Saturday, February 11th

- + Paul Taucar Sr. by K. Spehor
- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Manuel Polonio by Paula & Manuela Polonio
- + Teresa Silva by Family
- + Kathleen Bailey by Bhatia Family
- + All Deceased Family Members by Silverio & Purfy Marques
- * Special Intentions to Nossa Senhora De Fatima by Manuel & Elizabeth Ferreira
- + Rafael Chávez Vázquez by Vilma LaRoche

Sunday, February 12th

- 8:30am + Helen Cartney Kibsey by Husband William & Children
- 10:00am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + Rudolf Petrus Picavet by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

CWL Save the Date

Saturday, Feb. 18th – 8:45am-3:15pm – Development Day at Our Lady of the Nativity in Etobicoke. The cost for the day is \$10.00 per person. There will be free bus service to take all parishioners to the session. Please call Tina at 775-4386 to book your seat. Seats are limited so book asap.

Sunday to Sunday.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sat Feb 4th – 6:30pm – Our Lady of Fatima Portuguese Mass
- Sun Feb 5th – 5:00pm – Spanish Mass
- Mon Feb 6th – 7:00pm – Holy Martyrs Feast Day
- Mon Feb 6th – 7:30pm – CWL General Meeting
- Tue Feb 7th – 7:30pm – RCIA Meeting
- Wed Feb 8th – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Wed Feb 8th – 8:00pm – Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- Wed Feb 8th – 7:30pm – Choir & Musician's Rehearsal
- Fri Feb 10th – 7:00pm – Anointing of the Sick
- Sat Feb 11th – 5:00pm – Wedding Anniversary Celebration
- Sat Feb 11th – 6:30pm – Valentine's Day Dance in Parish Hall
- Sun Feb 12th – 12-5pm – El Sembrador Retreat

IRMANDADE SANTISSIMA TRINDADE de BRADFORD is having a ST. VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE

at the Holy Martyrs Parish Hall on Saturday, Feb. 11th
Doors open at 6:30pm – Dinner at 7:30pm

Catering by Cabral

Entertainment by the Tony Silveira Band

Adults \$40.00 Children 7-12 \$20.00

For Information and Reservations – please call

Jose Viveiros at 905-775-3063 or

Joao Vieira at 905-775-4473

Come for an exciting evening with family and friends.

We the organization wish to see you there.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This is an event that the CWL offers for all parishioners who would like their marriage blessed. This celebration of marriages is an excellent way of confirming that Christian marriages lived on Christian values do last and a good example for young couples or those who are contemplating marriage. The celebration will be held on:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th at the 5:00 pm Mass

For all who would like this blessing, please call the parish office to register (905-775-2065).



KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREATS

Saturday, February 11th 2:00pm-4:30pm at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd, Toronto. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration. On this feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Victor Mallia O.C.D. will speak on "Help of the Sick".

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.

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.



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