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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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance, which means that those who came to him were sinners. This is why the Baptist himself experienced rather severe cognitive dissonance when the sinless Jesus presented Himself for the penitential bath. We can hear his confusion in today's Gospel: "I need to be baptised by You, and yet You are coming to me?" Jesus stood shoulder to shoulder with sinners in the muddy waters of the Jordan, not because He was a sinner in need of salvation, but because He wanted to bring the divine love even to the darkest and most painful corners of human experience. Through our reflection on the Baptism of the Lord, whenever we regard our sins we see something more: Jesus Christ who comes to be present to us, looking at us with love. We can face our sins because of the gaze of that face, with hope and courage that redemption is possible. Thanks to the Baptism of the Lord, never again must we confront the horror of our sins alone.

Excerpted from The Magnificat by Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.

We have the wonderful privilege of having Fr. Tom Rosica, CEO of Salt & Light Television, join us on the weekend of March 1 & 2, 2014 to speak to us on the New Evangelization. The date has changed due to his very busy schedule. Please note the change of date.

Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2014 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications as 1 800 268-2637.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Weekends of Jan. 18-19 2014 and Jan. 25-26 2014 Confirmation Enrolment at all Masses
- Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 Blood Donor Clinic in Parish Hall
- Sunday, Jan. 26, 2:00-4:00 CWL Winter Social, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmvale
- Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon after 11:30 am Mass
- Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 Blessing of the Throats during the 7:00pm Mass.
- Thursday, February 6, 2014 7:00pm Holy Martyrs Feast Day
- Saturday & Sunday Feb. 8 & 9, 2014 Pauline Sisters Book Sale, Large Meeting Room, after all Masses
- Sunday Feb. 9 Marriage Sunday, blessing for Married Couples
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 Anointing Mass

El Sembrador

Happy New Year! El Sembrador cordially invites you to attend a meeting of volunteers, or those who wish to volunteer, 7:15pm on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in the Parish Hall of Holy Martyrs of Japan Church. This year will be holding clinics from April 1, 2014 – October 1, 2014 offering support, advice and ESL classes at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church in Bradford. Please come and join us. Thank you for your continued support.



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.
Jan. 12 - Laser Quest	Jan. 6 – Movie Night
Jan. 19 – How it Starts	Jan. 13 – Well of Life
	Jan. 20 – Road Trip to Rio

Finance Council Report

Last month we received from all weekly collections \$47,876.33

The parish expenses per month are \$30,000.00

This month we had a surplus of \$17,876.33

God Blesses Generous Givers

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekends of January 18/19 or January 25/26 to enroll for immediate preparation for Confirmation. In so doing, they publicly state that they wish to live an active Catholic life style.

We will give them a cross to wear as a symbol of that commitment. Confirmation Candidates are asked to bring in the Inscription Promise (yellow form) to any of these Masses. These will be given out at their schools the week of January 6th.

If you have not yet handed in a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate or purchased the Confirmation Book, you must come to the Parish Office during business hours (Mon. to Fri. 9:00am to 4:30pm, closed 12:30 to 1:00 for lunch) to do so. These items are required before the start of the Confirmation Classes the last week of February.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Communion Breakfast after all the morning Masses on Sunday January 26, 2014. Please come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Funds raised from the breakfast will be in support of the Rose of Sharon, Services for Young Mothers.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

You are invited to attend an Appreciation Luncheon after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, February 2, 2014 to celebrate all volunteers who give their time to support the mission of the Church. **This includes EVERYONE who has volunteered from any ministry.** Come and let us say thank you for all you do to enliven our community. Please call the Parish Office to RSVP so we may organize an adequate amount of food and seating.



Blessing of the Throats

There will be the Blessing of the Throats on Monday, February 3rd, 2014 (The Feast of St. Blaise at the 7:00pm Mass. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00pm Saturday, January 11th

+ **Giuseppe Beninati** by Wife Francesca
 + **Rafael Chavez Vazquez** McEvenue Family
 + **Bernardo Carvalho & Fernanda Costa** by Gina, Jack & Danny Gomes
 + **Sidonio Marques** by Carvalho & Marques Families
 + **John Ferreira** by Bernardette Ferreira
 + **Louis & John Tomazic** by Luisa Giorgi
 + **Tosca Tomazic & All Souls in Purgatory** by Luisa Giorgi
 + **Nuno Azevedo & Victor Latoszek** by Frank & Susan Spray & Family

Sunday, January 12th

8:30am * In Thanksgiving for Ministry of Carlos Miranda by Parish Staff
10:00am + **Josef Balon 15th Anniversary** by Wife Laddie & Family
11:30am + **Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa** Carolina Santana
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, January 13th

+ **Jack MacFadden** by Wife & Family
 + **Tayah Fairbrother** by Josie MacFadden & Family
 + **Teresa Pelagio** by Family
 + **David Harrison** by Helen & Family

8:30am Tuesday, January 14th

+ **Olga Taylor** by Vilma LaRoche & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, January 15th

+ **Jose & Maria Ferreira** by Fernandes Family

8:30am Thursday January 16th

+ **Maria da Gloria** by Raposo Family

7:00pm Friday, January 17th

* **Sp. Int. for Tony Balon** by Mom & Family

9:30am Saturday January 18th

* **Sp. Int. for Jose Fernandes** by Family

5:00pm Saturday, January 18th

* **Sp. Int for Amy & Del Myers** by Ray & Jenn Reitzel
 + **Eva Evans** by Gail Finch & Family
 + **Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro** by Wife & Family
 + **James & Rosalind Yeo** by Sister - Mary Helen Bak & Family
 + **Michael Mulcahy** by Wife Hilda & Family
 + **Jose Cardoso** by Wife & Children
 + **Maria & Eugenio Arruda** by Lucy, John & Lui
 + **Silvio Grande** by Marie of the Incarnation School Staff

Sunday, January 19th

8:30am + **Manuel Cruz Conceicao** by Celso & Maria Domingues
10:00am + **Guelhermina de Jesus Morais** by Manuel & Deolinda Oliveira
11:30am Pro Populo
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm + **Petra Quipit** by Pacita Proctor

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"
Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, or religious. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416 968-0997, or email vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Marriage Preparation

Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a Marriage Preparation Course for couples who are planning to be married in 2014. The course will take place over two weekends - January 24-25 2014 and January 31-February 1, 2014. The registration fee is \$100.00 per couple (includes lunch) and is due at the time of registration. Please come to the Parish Office to register.

HOLY MARTYRS FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating our Feast Day for the Holy Martyrs of Japan, on Thursday, February 6, 2014 with Mass at 7:00pm, followed by refreshments in the Church Lobby.

Please come out and help us celebrate this very special day with friends, family and Parish.



Mass for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Sunday, January 19, 2014 – 3:00pm,

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street, Toronto.

160 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto are involved in sponsoring refugees to resettle in Canada? Join us for a Mass to celebrate the many individuals and families who have escaped turmoil to resettle in Canada, for those who help them and also for those who are still seeking to leave areas of war and strife. Bishop McGrattan will preside. For more information visit www.archtoronto.org. All are welcome.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

2014 ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Come & join us in prayer with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak, Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald and other city-wide religious leaders on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 3:00pm at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street (1 block east of Queen and Parliament Streets.) Homilist: Anglican Bishop Right Rev. Mark MacDonald (Canada's first National Indigenous bishop). Parking is available, refreshments to follow in parish hall. For more info, contact the Office of Ecumenical & Interfaith Affairs at 416 934-3400, ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vkwook@archtoronto.org

Prayer Service for Christian Marriages & Families

Every year from January 18-25 we celebrate the week of prayer for Christian unity. To conclude this week, there will be a special prayer service for parishioners of Holy Martyrs of Japan and their non-Catholic Christian spouses or family members. Come with your husband or wife, your boyfriend or girlfriend and your families for a beautiful evening of prayer, worship and scripture on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 7:00pm here at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church. Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann will be the presider.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

THERE WILL BE A BLOOD DONOR CLINIC
 ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014
 3:00PM – 8:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL



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