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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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Alpha

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins.

How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God.

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ (means *Anointed One* and *Messiah*). He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us.

"Come and see" is the Lord's invitation for each one of us to discover the joy of friendship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his mercy and help we could not find him on our own.

When we find something of great value it's natural to want to share the good news of our discovery with our family, friends, and neighbors. When Andrew met Jesus and discovered that he was truly the Messiah, he immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news. Andrew brought his brother to meet Jesus so he could "come and see" for himself. When Jesus saw Simon approaching he immediately reached out to Simon in the same way he had done for Andrew earlier. Jesus looked at Simon and revealed that he knew who Simon was and where he came from even before Simon had set his eyes on Jesus. Jesus gave Simon a new name which signified that God had a personal call and mission for him. Jesus gave Simon the name "Cephas" which is the Aramaic word for "rock". Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know the Lord Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to others. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ?

WORLD DAY FOR CONCECRATED LIFE

Friday February 2, 2018

This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on **Sunday January 28, 2018 at 3:00pm** at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that Master you are serving is Christ. Colossians 3:23-2

Please come join us for Mass on **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2018 at 7:00pm** (date correction from last week's bulletin). We invite all of our volunteers to join us after Mass for a reception in the Parish Hall in gratitude to all those who have given of their time in service to the Lord. If you have donated any of your time this past year in service to our parish we would like for you to join us for this volunteer appreciation reception. Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 to confirm your attendance by January 28, 2018.



HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating the Feast of Holy Martyrs of Japan on **Saturday February 3rd at 5:00pm and at all Masses on Sunday February 4th 2018**. In honor of our Feast Day, there will be a reception following the 11:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. We invite everyone to join us for this wonderful celebration.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Marriage is the intimate union and equal partnership of a 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.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

REMINDER THAT ALL ENROLMENT FORMS WERE DUE BEFORE JANUARY 14, 2018

For those who have enrolled, there will be two meetings in January of which we will ask parents and confirmation candidates to attend so that you understand the process of confirmation. The information meeting dates are:

Thursday January 18th 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church
OR

Saturday January 20th 2018 at 10:00am in the Church
Please attend ONE!

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

REMINDER THAT ALL ENROLMENT FORMS WERE DUE BEFORE JANUARY 14, 2018

For those who have enrolled, there will be two meetings in January of which we will ask parents and communion candidates to attend so that you understand the process of these Sacraments. The information meeting dates are:

Thursday January 25th 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church
OR

Saturday January 27th 2018 at 11:00am in the Church
Please attend ONE!

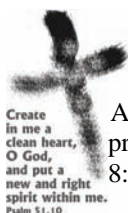
LENTEN PREPARATION



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.

RUN WITH IT SERIES

It's that time again! Thank you for all your suggestions, questions and input over the last couple of months in preparing for this year's "Run With It" Series. The first session will be held on Wednesday **January 31, 2018 from 7:30pm-9:30pm** in the St. Joseph's Meeting Room (large meeting room). ALL are welcome!



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
JAN 15 Center – Issue JAN 22 Restless Heart – Issue



IMPORTANT NOTICE ENVELOPES

New envelopes are available for pick up again during the month of January in the Narthex (back of the Church). After this date, envelopes can be picked up at the parish office.

Before you take a box of envelopes make sure your name is on it. If you would like to start using envelopes again please take a box with NO NAME on it and complete the New Envelope User form attached and include the completed form with your first envelope offering. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 13th 5:00pm

+**Luiza Nazario** by Lurdes Rocha
 +**Adelino Oliveira** by Wife & Children
 +**Delia Mendez & Maria Mendez** by Vilma & Family
 +**Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati** by Scalfani Family
 +**Jose Maltez** by Rosalina Rodrigues & Family
 +**Fernando Pereira** by Conceicao Gonsalves
 +**Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa** by Carolina Santana
 +**Heitor Fernandes Saborano** by Maria & Helio Sousa & Liz Azevedo

+**Antonio Janeiro & All Souls** by Wife & Children

Sunday January 14th

8:30am +**Olga Taylor & Ann Moreland** by Vilma & Family
10:00am + **Baby Liz Angela** by Vilma LaRoche
11:30am +**Maria Crispino** by Hausman & Crowder Families
4:45pm + **ProPopulo**
6:30pm *Spec. Int. for Godchildren, Nephews & Nieces by Joe & Anna

Monday January 15th

+**Josef Balon** by Wife & Family
 +**Heitor Saborano & Wife** by Piedade & Family
 +**Matthew Talarico** by Leonardo & Family
 +**Walter Andrade** by Regina Assis
 +**Betty Queeneville** by Leonardo Family
 +**Luis Carreno** by Vilma LaRoche
 +**Giel Jonkhout** by Ed & Helen Gres
 +**Jose Maltez & Manuel Verdadeiro** by Julia, Isabel & Families

Tuesday January 16th 8:30am

+**Maria Oliveira & Saul Domingues** by Celso & Maria Domingues

Wednesday January 17th 7:00pm

+**All Souls** by John & Maria Conceicao

Thursday January 18th 8:30am

+ **Matthew Talarico** by Talarico Family

Friday January 19th 7:00pm

+**Matthew Talarico** by Brenda Dainton

Saturday January 20th 9:30am

+**All Souls**

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

February 11, 2018 Marriage Sunday
 February 13, 2018 Pancake Tuesday
 February 14, 2018 ASH WEDNESDAY
 February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent
 February 19, 2018 FAMILY DAY
 February 23, 2018 Stations of the Cross

HOLY HOUR

Friday February 2nd 2018 at 7:00pm
 Come be present with the Lord!

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