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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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CULTURAL GROUPS

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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.

Offend Not in Tongue

Samuel, who is mentioned in today's First Reading, had been dedicated in his infancy to the service of God. He lived in the temple with Eli, who was both priest and judge. One night the Lord called to Samuel while he was sleeping, and the youth got up immediately and ran to Eli, thinking that it was he who had called him, "Here I am, for you called me". (1 sm.

Eli, the priest explained that he did not call, and told him to go back to sleep. The Lord called Samuel a second time and a third time. Eli hen understood that the Lord was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hers'" (1 Sm. 3:9). Samuel did exactly as told when the Lord called him a fourth time. "Speak, for your servant hears" (1 Sm. 3:10). The Lord then revealed to Samuel the evil that was to fall on Eli and his family, because the priest had failed to reprove his sons when they had broken the law of God with their blasphemies.

Many salutary thought come to mind from what we have just heard. First there is a reminder here and a warning not to blaspheme. We must not say anything against God, especially in times of suffering and trials. To speak scornfully of God's judgments and actions is blasphemy. We must not insult or show contempt for the house of God, His sacraments, and persons consecrated to His service. We must not scandalize young children of the family with constant outbursts of blasphemies, nor tolerate this from the mouths of others.

Samuel was prepared and willing to do all that God requested of him. Samuel always spoke words that produced good effects. How wonderful if this can be said about you and me! Things like this are often said about others. So-and-so never complains; so-and-so never says an unkind word about anyone. Why can't so-and-so be you or it?

Life is like a mirror which gives back what is put into it. Smile into the mirror, and a smile comes back; frown and a frown is reflected. In our lives good words will elicit good words; edifying actions will likewise receive good actions from others.

Samuel always spoke words that produced a good effect. May the word of God today help up to avoid blasphemies, complaints against God, harsh criticism of our neighbour; and may it place in us that holy determination to speak and act in such a way as to produce good effects in others. May our words and actions edify others. May they help those around us to start accepting the will of God in all things, with words of praise always on their lips.

From God's Message by Rev. Msgr. Vito C. Mazzone

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Pope Benedict XVI elevates Archbishop Thomas Collins to the College of Cardinals.

Following Mass at the Vatican on January 6th, 2012, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, announced that His Grace, Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will be elevated to the College of Cardinals, an international group of principal advisors to the Pontiff.

Archbishop Collins commented on his appointment:

"I am deeply honoured that the Holy Father has called me to be a member of the College of Cardinals. I am grateful for the trust he has placed in me, and recognize this honour as a sign of his esteem for the role of Canada and of the Archdiocese of Toronto in the universal Church. I ask the people of the Archdiocese, whom I am privileged to serve as Bishop, and all the people in the community, to pray for me and for all who serve Our Lord through ministry in the Church."

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for January 8th - \$5,999.00 Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00 Thank you for your generosity.





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

Jan 15th – New Years Dance Jan 22nd – TBA All EDGE events start at 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall

Jan 16th – With all your.... Jan 23rd – Made for more...

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend <u>any Mass</u> on the weekends of <u>January 14/15 or January 21/22</u> and enroll in the program 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. Please pray for these young people so they may be guided & strengthen by the Holy Spirit.

TIME for QUESTIONS and ANSWERS



Have you ever had a question about our faith teachings that you always wanted to ask but never had the opportunity. If so, we invite you to an informal get together with Fr. Boniface to ask any questions you may have. This will take place in the Large Meeting Room on Monday, January 16th after the 7:00pm Mass.

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Christ wants to give meaning to your life....Come and See

<u>Catecheses for Adults and Youth</u> Starting on Monday, January 23rd from 8:00pm-9;00pm and continuing on Mondays and Thursdays for 8 weeks. These sessions will be guided by the Neocatechumenal way. We will be meeting in the Small Meeting Room...all are welcome!

CWL Save the Dates

- Sunday, January 29th 2:00-4:00pm <u>Winter Social</u> at St. James Church in Colgan. All are welcome!
- Saturday, February 18th 8:45am-3:15pm <u>Development</u> <u>Day</u> at Our Lady of the Nativity in Etobicoke.

Contact Tina to carpool or for more info.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

I saw the snares that he enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, "What can get through such snares?" Then I heard a voice saying to me "Humility".

St. Anthony - Jan 17th

St. Fabian & St. Sebastian - Jan 20th

St. Agnes - Jan 21st

St. Vincent - Jan 22nd

Pray for us!

MASS JNTENTJONS FOR THJS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 14th

- + Rafael Chávez Vázquez by McEvenue Family
- + Antonio & Virginia Sousa by Maria & Elio Sousa
- + James & Barbara Sadler & Jean Harvey by Harvey Family
- + Fernando Viaes by Wife, & Carlos & Family
- + Teresa Silva by Prima São
- + Olimpia Sousa by Piedade & Ana Janeiro
- + Fernando Peixoto & Assuncao Meireles by Fernanda Nazario & Family
- + Maria & Daniel Ferreira by Elisabeth & Manuel Ferreira

Sunday, January 15th

8:30am + Helen Cartney Kibzey by Husband William & Family

10:00am + Bruce Hillis by Wife Joyce Hillis

11:30am + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, January 16th

- + **Jose De Sousa** by Wife & Family
- + **Joseph Balon** by Ladie Balon & Family
- + **David Harrison** by Helen & Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Manuel Maria Marques & Maria Jesus Oliveira by Angelina & Lurdes Marques
- + Grant Robinson by Marilyn & Emil Jursa
- + All Souls by Maria & Silveiro Marques
- + Maria Calquinhas by Husband, Son & Daughter-in-Law

8:00am Tuesday, January 17th

+ All Souls by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Wednesday, January 18th

+ Maria & Saul Oliveira Dominques & Family by Celso & Maria Dominques

8:00am Thursday, January 19th

+ Michael Mallet by Lorraine & Louis Prevost

7:00pm Friday, January 20th

+ **Brian Collier** by Family

9:30am Saturday, January 21st

+ Nancy Bova by Family

5:00pm Saturday, January 21st

- + Bernardino Carvalho & Fernanda Costa & Miguel Gomes by Jack, Gina & Danny
- + Arminda, Toni & Ernesto Marques by Maria & Elio Sousa
- + Teresa Silva by Jose Fernando & Carminda Ferreira
- + Caterina Puma by Family
- + Antonio Morais da Castro by Conceicao Goncalves
- + Anna Hawrylak by Daughter & Family
- + Connolly Family by Bhatia Family
- + Grant Robinson by Joe & Maureen Jursa

Sunday, January 22nd

8:30am + Manuel & Maria Rosete Conceicao by Celso & Maria Domingues

10:00am + Antonio Francisco & Maria Da Gloria & Maria de Jesus by Dias Family

11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children

6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



The KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

are holding a Euchre Tournament on Friday, Jan 20th at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Come out for a fun night of cards and friendship.

Sunday to Sunday...... UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Wed Jan 18th – 3:00pm-8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
Fri Jan 20th – 7:30pm – Knights of Columbus Euchre Tournament
Sat Jan 21st – 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Sun Jan 22nd - after any Mass – Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Fri Jan 27th – 7:30pm-9pm – Marriage Preparation Course
Sat Jan 28th – 10am-3pm – Marriage Preparation Course
Sun Jan 29th – Knights of Columbus – Communion Breakfast
Sun Jan 29th – 12pm-5pm – El Sembrador Retreat

Our Lady of Fatima Committee

is holding a Mass in Portuguese followed by a Dinner

and Dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre on Saturday, February 4th

Mass will be at 6:30pm at Holy Martyrs Parish Dinner will be served at 8:00pm

Entertainment provided by the Jovem Imperio Band Adults \$25.00 Children \$12.00

Contact: Luisa Coquim at 905-775-0363, Sara Fresco at 905-836-3213 or Tina Pereira at 905-775-4291

BRADFORD is having a ST. VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE

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Come for an exciting evening with family and friends. We the organization wish to see you there.

<u>upcoming Events at Holy Martyrs</u>

- Wednesday, February 1st Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Meeting at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room
- Thursday, February 2nd after the 7:00pm Mass we are having our Volunteer Appreciation Night in the Parish Hall
- Friday, February 3rd at 7:00pm there will be the Blessing of the Throats after Adoration (Holy Hour)
- Monday, February 6th after the 7:00pm Mass we will be having our Feast Day of the Holy Martyrs with refreshments in the Church Lobby
- Friday, February 10th at 7:00pm the Anointing of the Sick

Please watch the bulletin for more details on these events!

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes to be held on Friday, January 27th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, January 28th from 10am to 4:pm and on Friday, February 3rd from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 4th from 10am to 4:pm.

Cost of this course is \$50.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes as soon as possible.

Please call the Parish Office for registration, 905-775-2065.



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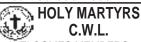
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