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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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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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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 Malice of Sin

The experience of offence against God is a reality. (Second Vatican Council, 2)

The Church teaches that there are sins which are mortal by nature, sins that cause spiritual death, the loss of supernatural life, whilst others are venial. Although the latter do not radically oppose God, they are an obstacle to the practice of the supernatural virtues and dispose the soul to fall into grave sin.

Saint Paul reminds us that we were ransomed at a great price. (1 Cor 7:23) He firmly exhorts us not to fall back into slavery; we have to be sincere with ourselves, so as to avoid relapsing into sin and at the same time kindle in our souls an eagerness for holiness.

If we want to fight against venial sins, the Christian has to assign to them their true importance. They are the cause of spiritual mediocrity and lukewarmness. They make the way of interior life really difficult. The saints have always recommended confession which is frequent, sincere and contrite, as an effective means against those faults and sins, and a sure way of making progress. Saint Francis de Sales advised, *Have always a true sorrow for the sins you confess, however small they may be, with a firm purpose of amendment for the future. Many who confess their venial sins by custom, and as it were by way of routine, without thinking of ridding themselves of them, remain burdened with them all their lives.* (St. Francis de Sales, introduction to the Devout Life, II, 19)

O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts as a Meribah, (Responsorial Psalm, Ps 94:1-2; 6-7, 8-9), we are exhorted in this Responsorial psalm of the Mass. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us to have a heart which is ever cleaner and stronger, capable of throwing off any oppressive bonds and of opening itself to God in the way that He expects of every Christian.

Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

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.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Pray! Pray! But with faith- with living faith! Onward ever Onward!

St. John Bosco - Jan 31st

The Presentation of the Lord – Feb 2nd St. Blasé & St. Angar – Feb 3rd St. Agatha – Feb 5th

Pray for us!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for January 22nd – 7,075.56 Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00 Thank you for your generosity.



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



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

Jan 30th - Made for more Feb 6th - TBA

Jan 29th - Game Night Feb 5th - TBA

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

For all those parishioners who signed up for the trip to the Holy Land, please be advised that there is a **meeting on Wednesday, February 1**st in the Large Meeting Room in the Parish Hall to discuss details of the trip.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

You are invited to attend an Appreciation Evening to celebrate all volunteers who gave their time to support the mission of the Church. This includes EVERYONE who has volunteered from any ministry or group or any other help that you so generously give. Come and let us say thank you for all you do to



enliven our community. There will be Mass that evening followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments starting at 7:00pm.

Blessing of the Throats and Holy Hour

There will be the Blessing of the Throats after Adoration (Holy Hour) on Friday, February 3rd. 7:00pm All are welcome.

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.

WORLD DAY for CONSECRATED LIFE - FEB 2, 2012

Today we rejoice and celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. We pray for these people and ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service.

MASS JNTENTJONS FOR THJS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 28th

- + Estelle Macdonell by Macdonell Family
- + Teresa Silva by Jose Fernando & Carmindo Ferreira
- + Pietro Asaro & Gioacchino Cristina by Wife
- + Manuel Serafin by Benvinda Serafin & Family
- + Gannon Family by Bhatia Family
- + Grant Robinson by Sal & Teresa Arrigo & Family
- + Michael Mallet by Richard & Mark Mallet
- + Assunta Gucciardi by Corado & Angela Di Fede

Sunday, January 29th

8:30am + **Desmond Rice** by Bowen Family

10:00am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana

11:30am + Fernando Viaes by Carlos, Alison, Tiago & Niko

6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, January 30th

- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Walter & Maria Bak & Family by Ladie & Family
- + Manuel Maria Marques & Maria de Oliveira by Manuel & Julia Marques
- + All Souls by a Parishioner
- * Special Intentions by Dan & Carol Sargeant
- + All Souls by Maria Kinahan
- + All Souls by Jose Fernandes
- + Judite Costa & Manuel Pinto Silva by Son

8:00am Tuesday, January 31st

+ All Souls by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Wednesday, February 1st

- + Filomena Baio & Maria Teresa Mione by Family
 - 8:00am Thursday, February 2nd
- + **Jamie Meneses** by Family

7:00pm Friday, February 3rd

+ Maria & Luis Borges by Maria da Silva

9:30am Saturday, February 4th

+ Maria Dos Santos & Family by Dinis Family

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

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

CWL Save the Date

Saturday, Feb. 18th – **8:45am-3:15pm** – <u>Development Day</u> 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

Mon Jan 30th – 7:30pm – CWL Executive Meeting Wed Feb 1st – 7:30pm – Pilgrimage to Holy Land Meeting Thur Feb 2nd – 7:00pm – Volunteer Appreciation Evening Fri Feb 3rd – 7:00pm – Blessing of the Throats & Holy Hour Fri Feb 3rd – 7:30pm-9pm – Marriage Preparation Course Sat Feb 4th – 10am-3pm – Marriage Preparation Course Sat Feb 4th – 6:30pm – Our Lady of Fatima Portuguese Mass Sun Feb 5th – 5:00pm – Spanish Mass

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 905-778-0363, Sara Fresco at

905-836-3213 or Tina Pereira at 905-775-4291 **DEVELOPMENT and PEACE**

COME and SEE! Does your heart hunger to create a better world for the poorest in our global human family? Consider serving as the Development and Peace rep for your parish. Archbishop Collins supports our goal of a rep for each parish - help us reach that target! Come to our information session – Saturday, February 4th, 9:30-12:30pm, D&P Office at 10 St. Mary Street, 4th Floor, Toronto (right by Yonge/Bloor Subway) RSVP to Luke Stocking, 416-922-1592 x 225 or luke.stocking@devp.org.

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

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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).



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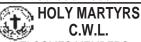
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