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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



## 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: 9:15am

## 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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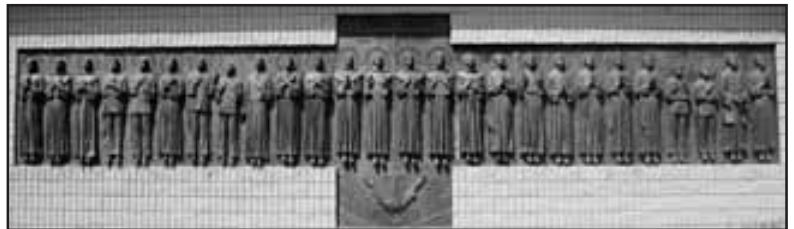
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**St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!**

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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis	

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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.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN – FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

**"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.**

*The words of Saint Paul Miki, at the time of his martyrdom.*

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers and laymen. Franciscans, Jesuits and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans and servants, old men and innocent children – all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and His Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country, I am a true Japanese. He was dying for the Gospel he preached. He gave thanks to God for this wonderful blessing and he ended his "sermon" with these words: "As I come to this supreme moment of my life, I am sure none of you would suppose I want to deceive you. And so I tell you plainly: there is no way to be saved except the Christian way. My religion teaches me to pardon my enemies and all who have offended me. I do gladly pardon the Emperor and all who have sought my death. I beg them to seek baptism and be Christians themselves". Then he looked at his comrades and began to encourage them in their final struggle. Joy glowed in all their faces, and in Louis' most of all. When a Christian in the crowd cried out to him that he would soon be in heaven, his hands, his whole body strained upward with such joy that every eye was fixed on him. Anthony, hanging at Louis' side, looked toward heaven and called upon the holy names, - "Jesus, Mary!"

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860's, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

## Volunteer Appreciation Night - Tues, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>



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.

## PLEASE NOTE

For all those that were unable to attend the meeting to explore the Ministry for Young Children on Sundays, please be advised that there will be another meeting on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Church Lobby. All are welcome!



**Please Note** – Bible Study Classes will be suspended until further notice.

## OFFERING UPDATE

**Offertory Donation for Jan 24<sup>th</sup> was \$6972.71**

**When we all work together, we can reach our goals.**

**Thanks for your support!**

## NEW CONFESSION TIMES

Please note: Starting next week, we have moved our confessions times from 3:45pm on Saturdays to one half (1/2) hour before each Sunday Mass.

**WE RAISED \$12,204.29 FOR THE RELIEF EFFORT IN HAITI. A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO MARIE OF THE INCARNATION SCHOOL WHO RAISED \$834.07 TOWARDS THIS AMOUNT. THIS MONEY WILL BE DOUBLED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP ALL THOSE EFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

## CHOIR PRACTICE

**FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 9:30AM AT THE TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH.**

## VOCATIONS

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 – email: [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**PRAYER SERVICE for VICTIMS of HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, AT 7:30PM**

All are welcome to participate in a special prayer service for victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The service will take place at St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power Street) in downtown Toronto on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. Representatives from faith communities throughout the GTA including Archbishop Thomas Collins will join together in prayer as we remember all those impacted by the January 12<sup>th</sup> earthquake. For more information visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).



**The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Pancake Tuesday on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The pancake dinner is from 4pm to 7pm. \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family**

## ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17<sup>th</sup>

Masses are at 8:00am and 7:00pm. We remind everyone that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.



## ANOINTING MASS (World day of the Sick)

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Those who are sick have always had a special place in the Church's ministry of compassion. We can all remember seeing a loved one who is sick and wishing that we could do something for them. Jesus Himself, spent much of His ministry curing all those who were ill. This was carried out in the Church, as seen by the words in the epistle of St. James "are there any who are sick among you, let them send for the priests of the Church and the priest will pray over them, anointing them with the oil in the name of the Lord and the prayer of faith will save the sick person." St. Thomas Aquinas would go on to say that the sacrament gives us the grace to accept the will of God in this time of life, whether it be for healing or to accept our cross without it becoming burdensome. The sacrament raises up and strengthens the soul as it is enflamed by Christ's divine mercy.

On this day for the sick, we too commend to Christ's mercy all who are in serious ill (beyond that with an assured cure) or who are of advanced age, and would like to offer them anointing during the celebration of Mass. Also, even if you are not in need of the sacrament, we encourage all who can to come to Mass and add their prayers and support.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

- + Special Intentions for Cecilia & Her Guardian Angel
- + Special Intentions by Elizabeth Sousa
- + Albino & Assunta Campagnola by Daughters

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- 8:30am + Special Intentions by Ana Paula Manata
- 10:00am + Anna Mary Malloy by Frank Family
- 11:30am + Anna Bratova by Kasjak Family
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

- + Dennis, Fatima & Maria Faria by Fernanda Rodrigues & Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Cecilia Santos by Dan & Carol Sargeant
- + All Souls by Antonio & Piedade Janeiro
- + Maria Da Silva by Luis Da Silva

8:00am Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

- + Ace Ang by Family

7:00pm Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

- + Blessing of the Throats

8:00am Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

- + All Souls

7:00pm Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

- + In Thanksgiving by Balon Family

9:15am Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

- + Giovanni Casilio by Wife Irma Casilio & Family

5:00pm Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

- + Joao & Herminia Botas by Piedade Janeiro & Family
- + Vergilio Dominques, Rosa, Manuel & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
- + Special Intentiona by Elizabeth Sousa
- + Euscvio & Noli Ancheta by Bentulan Family
- + Pasquale Baccilieri by Antonietta Baccilieri

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Antonio Santana, Maria Sousa & Victorino Nazario by Carolina Santana
- 10:00am + Anna Mary Malloy by Helen & Ed Gres
- 11:30am + Fernando Gomes by Wife & Children
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

## HOLY HOUR

This Friday being the first Friday of the Month, there will be an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. Please come out and spend an hour in prayer with Christ.

## VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

On SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 6:00pm

*The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Valentines Day Dinner by Poco Capella. Dance to follow. Cash Bar. Tickets are \$40 each or*

*\$75 a couple or*

*\$280 for a table of eight.*

*Contact Robert Ben at 905-252-7248 or you can pick up your tickets at the office.*



## Sunday to Sunday .....

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - 10:30am - Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - 2:00pm - CWL Winter Social
- Mon Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - 2:00pm - Seniors Club
- Mon Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00pm - EDGE
- Mon Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:30pm - RCIA
- Mon Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:30pm - CWL General Meeting
- Mon Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:00pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Tue Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00pm - Presentation of the Lord Mass
- Tue Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30pm - Volunteer Appreciation Evening
- Wed Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30pm - First Communion Classes for Public Schools
- Wed Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:00pm - AI -Anon
- Fri Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - Marriage Preparation Courses
- Sat Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am - Marriage Preparation Courses
- Sat Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm - Holy Martyrs Feast Day
- Sun Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am - Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm - Spanish Group



<b>Sunday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup></b> Skiing & Snowboarding	<b>Monday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup></b> Winter Olympics
<b>Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup></b> Vocations	<b>Monday Feb 8<sup>th</sup></b> What to do with Anger

### CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

We welcome into our parish those who have been Baptized

Tiago Aires Dinis-Francisco	Julia Isabelle Gingras
Alyssa Grace Medeiros-Viaes	Peter David Simpson
Sebastian John Cota-Macool	Dillion James Alati
Addison Hope Price-Duraes	Sienna Cristina Romeiro-Adam
Julianna Chan	Hunter Marshall
Elizabeth Chan	Cheyenne Marshall
Madison Drummond	Caleb Arndt - received into Church

**Let us pray that they always remain in the presence and love of Christ our Good Shepherd.**

We celebrated the funeral of **William Vincent McDonald**. Please keep him in your prayers.

### COME and SEE WEEKEND - FEB 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him wholeheartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call to the priesthood. On February 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine's Seminary, there will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Christ's disciple through the Catholic priesthood. During this gracious year for priests consider the call to priesthood. If God is calling you, say yes....and *Come and See!*

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This is an event that the CWL offers and does for the parish. This celebration is held and opened to all Parishioners for anyone celebrating their wedding anniversary this year after 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years of marriage. If a couple wishes to celebrate their anniversary and do not fall into the number of years mentioned they can participate. This celebration of marriage is an excellent way of confirming that Christian marriages lived on Christian values do last and a good example for our couples or those who are contemplating marriage. The celebration will be held on **Saturday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00pm Mass**. A reception for couples and their family will follow at the Parish Hall. Those wishing to participate can fill out the following information and drop it at the Parish Office or call Imelda Santos at 905-775-7819.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Wife Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Married \_\_\_\_\_



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