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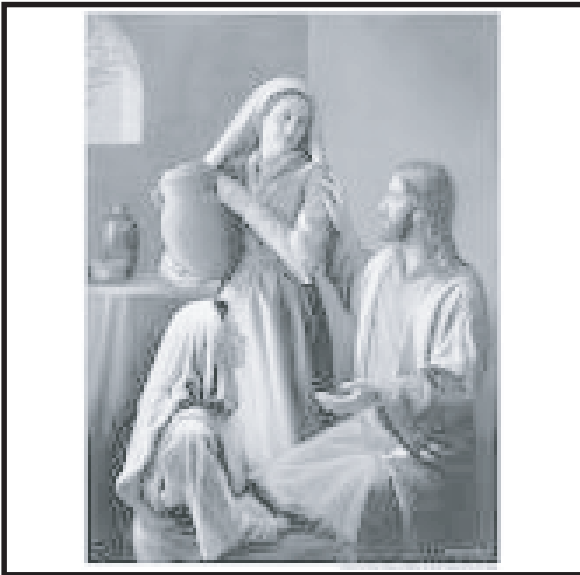
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Saturday: 5:00pm

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.

SITTING WITH SCRIPTURE

Our natural sympathies are probably with Martha in today's Gospel reading. On one level, Martha and Mary have traditionally been taken to represent two dimensions of institutional life in the Church, that active life and the contemplative life. The Church needs both. We need those who work in the world to spread the Gospel and Christian values and who work for fairness and for peace. We also need those who support them in prayer. We need work and prayer. They are not rivals but allies, partners in the work of the Gospel.

On a second level, Martha and Mary also stand for two dimensions inside each one of us. One is the desire to achieve, to work, to raise a family, to make a difference and to accomplish something. That's the Martha dimension. The other need we all have, which is unique to human beings, is the need to pause, to look at where our life is going, to listen to the Lord. That is the Mary dimension which is unique to us. Prayer and reflection give us the rudder to guide our life. Otherwise we're like a leaf that the wind pushes anywhere.

A third has to do with our prayer. Martha and Mary represent two kinds of prayer in our life. We can so easily limit prayer to "saying prayers" – the Martha part – that we forget the prayer of silent listening to the Lord that is represented by Mary in this Gospel.

This kind of prayer, "being with the Lord," is necessary for a mature and strong spiritual life. Being in the quiet presence of Christ gives us a chance to pull all the separate strands of our life together. It is like stopping and looking at a road map to compare where we are with our eternal destination.

Through this prayer of listening, we begin to recognize the presence of God who comes to us in all kinds of unexpected ways as the Lord does to Abraham in today's first reading, in the disguise of visitors. The Lord enters our life in all kinds of ways through good times and bad times. Everything that happens to us is seeded with grace. Quiet prayer, listening to the Lord, helps those seeds grow.

Excerpted from "Captured Fire" by Rev. S. Joseph Krempa

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

On July 2nd, it was the First Anniversary of the opening of the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on Tuesday's from 9:00am to 7:00pm. We want to extend a special "thank you" to everyone who committed to a specific time. We

certainly do need more people to join us, especially where there are times when only one or two people have signed up. For those who drop in sometimes, the Lord is most happy to see you, but a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel can only function properly when people commit to a certain time each week. May the Good Lord continue to give us many graces and blessings. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile ministry please contact the parish office at 905-775-2065.

We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca

PASTORAL NOTES**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Offertory donation for June 30 was \$7,306.70

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

An extra dollar or two will help us through the summer months to meet our weekly goal.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 27th Fundraising concert for Josh Bruce

Saturday, September 14th Pilgrimage

Saturday, September 14th Workshop for Lectors

October 10th, 17th & 24th Workshop Canadian Saints in the Year of Faith

Pre-Authorized Giving

My Mom once said "money can't buy you the things that are most important, but boy do you still need it".

If you looked around at Mass this Sunday you noticed that in the summer months people take the opportunity to go on vacation and enjoy the weather. All good things. I myself will be taking advantage of this in August. But without intending it, what that does is create a boom and bust cycle in our finances. We do well from October to June and struggle July through September.

However, I might ask that you think about Pre-Authorized Giving. You can sign up for this in the Parish Office. This is a system where money is automatically taken from your account and transferred to the Parish. You obviously set your own amount and it appears on your statement. It is taken only for the regular offerings (no money is removed for second collections). Even when you go on vacation, your donation is made and it allows for an even cash flow for the year. Some people say "well when I am at Mass and it's time for the collection, I feel compelled to put something in". Many people do. Those on Pre-Authorized Giving still get envelopes and simply put a blank one in, writing on the envelope PAG.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this small report.

Benefit Concert

There will be a benefit concert to help Josh Bruce fundraise for his second year with NET Ministries. The concert will take place on Saturday July 27th, starting at 7:15pm. The concert is free, but he will be collecting donations and selling hand-made rosaries. If you would like to support him and NET Ministries, then come out for a night of great music provided by some local parishioners and budding Catholic artists. If you can't make it, then please support him by dropping off a cheque, payable to "NET Ministries of Canada", or donate online at:

<http://www.gifttool.com/athon/MyFundraisingPage?ID=1185&AID=1515&PID=350922>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, July 20th

Miguel Gomes & Avelino Costa by Gina, Jack & Danny Gomes
Sp. Int. Jennifer & Scott by Lush Family
Robert Karola & Edgar Moeller by Daughter
Garcia Miguelo by Lucy Miguelo & Family
Rosalia & Gaetano Iantorno by Cece Family
Paulo Medeiros & John Faria by Lourdes & Children
Antonio Martin by wife – Celeste & Children
Nuno Azevedo by Celso & Maria Domingues

Sunday, July 21st

8:30am Maria & Francis Costa by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
10:00am Brian Collier by Vilma LaRoche & Family
11:30am Deceased Family Members by Silverio & Purfy Marques
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, July 22nd

Joao Laranjeiro & Victoria Miranda by Julia & Isabel
Julio Barroso by Wife & Children
Virginia Lavaseur & Laurence Mainville by Brenda Dainton & Family
Hilda Carberry by Brian & Lynn Lush & Family
Nuno Azevedo by Idalina & Carlos Correia
Hilma Caron by Parish Staff
In Thanksgiving – St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael by A Parishioner
Terry Woodall by Dorothy Scanlon

8:30am Tuesday, July 23rd

Jack MacFadden by Caterina Pappano

7:00pm Wednesday, July 24th

Reginal Wells by Vilma LaRoche & Family

8:30am Thursday, July 25th

Ignazio Polizzi by Vincenza Polizzi

7:00pm Friday, July 26th

Antonio Mirassol & Maria De Jesus by Ondina Mirassol & Family

9:30am Saturday, July 27th

Special Intention by Maria Da Silva

5:00pm Saturday, July 27th

Gloria Mendes & Antonio Francisco by Fatima & Children
Maria Arruda by Maria, Jose & Walter Andrade
John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
Garcia Miguelo by Lucy Miguelo & Family
Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
Nuno Azevedo by McEvenue Family
All Souls by E. Henriques
Sp. Int. Imaculado Coracao de Maria & Sagrado Coracao de Jesus by Elizabeth & Manual Ferreira
Izilda DaSilva by Children

Sunday, July 28th

8:30am Guelhermina De Jesus Morais by Laura & Manuel Marques
10:00am Pro Populo
11:30am Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Salvatore Severino by Maria Severino & Family
“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

An Angel is Coming



If you have been over at our cemetery since the expansion, you have noticed at the end of the road is a turn-around. You will notice rods sticking out of the center. It has always been the desire when the cemetery was expanded not only to make this a place to lay our loved ones to rest, but to remind those who visit that our true home is in heaven and that in Christ there is no death. We on earth are members of Christ's body and the society of

the Church as were our loved ones, and, as they still are, nothing separates those bound in Christ. There is no veil that completely cuts us off from them. While our loved ones are never far away, in Christ there is still a mystical union connecting all of us. This is why when we pray for them and in prayer speak to them, we can still, at times, feel them close to us, or indeed they are Christ Himself revealed. As quoted when he said “God the Father is the God or Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” (Mt 22:32), not he was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He never speaks of the deceased in the past tense. They are with us. I have been discussing with the cemetery board how to represent this in a way that also honors our blessed dead buried at the cemetery. We have decided on a statue of an angel. You can see a picture of it at the back of the church on the bulletin board.

Keeping to custom, there will be space on the sides and back of the statue for those who wish a special remembrance of family members. The front of the statue will contain words of universal remembrance. The donation for this is \$200.00. It will be shown on your tax receipt next January. Due to space limitations, and, so as to offer this option to as many people as possible, we are asking that only one name be given per donation, (a maximum of 18 characters including spaces). There is room for about 150 names on the base. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, please contact the office at 905 775-2065.

PILGRIMAGE

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish is organizing a pilgrimage in this Year of Faith for Saturday, September 14, 2013 with a bus leaving at 9:30am from the Church parking lot. Cost for the bus will depend on the number of pilgrims.

We will be visiting St. Paul's Basilica, St. Michael's Cathedral, Marylake Shrine and the Martyrs Shrine.

As per the letter from Thomas Cardinal Collins, by visiting these sites during the Year of Faith, we may gain a Plenary Indulgence.

If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please call and register with the Parish office at 905 775-2065.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All kids between the ages 4(JK) and 13(Gr. 7) are invited to a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! A fun-filled time of crafts, snacks, games, and more, will help kids learn how to Stand Strong for God. They will make connections, build friendships and make memories that will last long after the week is done. At Kingdom Rock 2013, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that He crafted each of us with His own loving hands. It all takes place July 29th – August 2nd from 9:00am to 12noon at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall. \$25.00 per child. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 905-775-2065.



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