# We welcome you to

# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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#### SUNDAY MASSES

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.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841 St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492 Mother Teresa—905-778-8653 St. Charles—905-775-6762 St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460 Pastor:Rev. Father Boniface PerriAssociate Pastor:Rev. Father Allyn RosePriest Celebrant Spanish Mass: Rev. Father Juan TriviñoDeacons:Rev. Mr. David Langley<br/>Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



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

#### **OFFICE STAFF** Parish Administrator:

Delia McEvenue Office Assistant: Lynn Lush MINISTERS Ministry to Housebound/Shut-ins: Sister Jean Doyle O.S.U. Youth Ministry: Ray Reitzel reitzel@hotmail.com Catechist: Christina Schrobback El Sembrador Co-ordinator: Nancy Mora elsembrador.hmoj@gmail.com

# PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Consolation and Hope CWL (Catholic Women's League) EDGE Youth Ministry El Sembrador Knights of Columbus Life Teen Liturgical Ministers RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis Seniors Club Social Club St. Vincent de Paul Society

### **CULTURAL GROUPS**

Divino Espirito Santo Nossa Senhora De Fatima Santissima Trindade

# <u>NEW PARISHIONERS:</u> 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.

# MASS MINUTES

Why do Christians gather for Mass on **Sunday**'s to hear the Sacred Liturgy? (Select all that apply).

- a) It replaces the Jewish Sabbath Day of Saturday, mainly because Sunday is the day of Our Lord's Resurrection.
- b) Sunday is a great day to celebrate Mass because it the first day of the week and conveniently most people have the day off. Plus sometimes after Mass you can catch a good sports game. ~ the obvious wrong answer ~
- c) Every Sunday the church celebrates the Resurrection as the single most important event in salvation history.
- d) Mass offered on the day of Resurrection reminds the faithful of the sacrifice that the Church offers in union with Christ is acceptable and as followers we can take part in the Resurrection of Christ.

#### Answers: a) c) & d)

#### Did you know...

That every Sunday the church celebrates the Resurrection, the single most important event of in salvation history. To save us God became like us, through Jesus Christ, and the resurrection completes His act of redemption, which He started during his passion. God the Father accepted His Son's sacrifice by raising His Son's body from the dead. God did this for us and this same sacrifice for our redemption is what is offered at every single Mass.

**Activity:** Why not share this with a friend, let them know about God's love for them.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

# Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation

The Archdiocesan day of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Confessions will be at 8:30-9:30am 12:00-1:00pm

4:00-5:00pm 5:30-6:30pm

#### PARISH RECONCILIATION

Our Parish Reconciliation will be on Thursday, March 12. 2015 at 7:00pm. Please mark this date on your calendar.

# Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

This year during Lent we would like to invite you to join us to learn more about our Faith with a series of videos call Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained. Catholicism is an entire way of life. We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic faith. But how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it and articulate it to others. Our week 2 video session will take place, **Wednesday, March 11, 2015** at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.

Week 2 – The Story of Salvation Creation Fall and Redemption Our modern world has lost its story. We don't know from where we came. We don't know why we're here. And we don't know where we're going. But God has a plan for each of our lives- a plan that reveals the true meaning of our existence and leads to eternal happiness.





| All Lifeteen events start following the | All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm |
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| 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass                | on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.   |
| Mar. 1 – Social                         | Mar. 2 – Our Hope and our<br>Promise    |
| Mar. 7 – Lift Jesus Higher Rally        | Mar. 9 – A Most Beloved Son             |
| Mar. 15 – No Life Teen – March          | Mar. 16 – No Edge – March               |
| Break                                   | Break                                   |

#### Lift Jesus Higher Rally

This year the theme is The Happiness Factor. Keynote speaker is Al Kresta. The rally will be held Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9am to 5pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Adult Rally cost is \$20. There will be a simultaneous Youth Rally (ages 13-18) in the John Basset Theatre, right next door. this \$10. The cost for is For more visit www.lift-jesus-higherinformation rally.org

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

#### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Sunday Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Please come and pick them up. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.



# **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith. To help parents and students get ready for Kindergarten, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has developed a package, including a parent booklet, child's activity book and DVD. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by their local Catholic school to pick up their copy of the package. You can also find all of the information at www.smcdsb.on.ca/parents/kindergarten. Registration is ongoing - drop in and get to know us!

#### **MORTGAGE**

Another \$4,000.00 has been paid on the Mortgage. We now owe \$1,052,000.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## MASS JNTENTJONS

5:00pm Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> + Anthony McEvenue by McEvenue Family + Dennis Faria & All Souls by Joe Faria & Family + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira + Emilia Laranjeiro by Ceu Miguelo + All Deceased Family Members by Silva Family + Emilia Laranjeiro by Tina Perreira & Family + Joao & Delfina Sousa by Lurdes Rocha & Family + Maria & Eugenia Arruda by Lucy, John & Lui Andrade Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am + Manuel Oliveira & Family by Carlos & Arminda Miranda 10:00am Pro Populo 11:30am + Emilia Laranjeiro by Deonilde Bento & Family 4:45pm Spanish Mass 6:30pm + Jose Conceicao Carreira by Daughter Almarinda & Family 7:00pm Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> + 1st Anniversary Antonio Janeiro by Wife & Children + Antonio Janeiro by Vilma LaRoche & Family \* Sp. Int. Blessed Sacrament by Dinis Family + Manuel Conceicao Jr. & Maria Rosete by John & Maria Conceicao + Laurindo Neto & Maria do Ceu by Victor & Rosa Neto + Annie Gibson & Peter Pastonek by Barbara Harmon + Paul & Elizabeth Gres by Family + Maria Cruz Capeloa by Family 8:30am Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> + John da Silva by Maria Da Silva 7:00pm Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> + Margaret Langley by Rev. David Langley 8:30am Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> + All Souls by Maria da Silva 7:00pm Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> + Adelino Oliveira by David & Rosa Oliveira 9:30am Saturday March 7th + Fatima Almeida by David & Rosa Oliveira 5:00pm Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> + All Faithful Departed by McEvenue Family + Jose Cardoso by Wife & Family + Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother Ester + Antonio & Laurinda Janeiro by Janeiro Family + All Souls by Carolina Santana + Antonietta & Pasquale Baccilieri by Family + All Deceased Family Members by Silva Family + Lino Andrade by Joe & Lucy Andrade Sunday, March 8th 8:30am + Antonio Morais Castro by Family 10:00am + Victor Latoszek by Wife & Children Pro Populo 11:30am **Spanish Mass** 4:45pm 6:30pm + Fernando Viaes by Carlos & Alison Viaes & Family "May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416 968-0997

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

#### **SHARELIFE**

"(The common good...)It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about."- Pope Francis.

Pope Francis encourages us to show loving concern for each other, and in so doing care for those who are often forgotten. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. As we begin the ShareLife Campaign, please consider ways of supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this approaching Lenten season.

- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

#### **Bradford Ministerial Lenten Series**

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent as we worship together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Wednesday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Essa Street Pastor Paul Van Stralen (Springdale Christian Reformed Church)

Wednesday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church, 56 Hearn Street, Bond Head Rev. Eaton Grant (Greater Life Community Church)

Wednesday, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm St. John's Presbyterian Church, – 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad The Rev. Jim Keenan (Bradford United Church)

Wednesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm Trinity Anglican Church, Church Street The Rev. Richard Bodini (Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church)

> Wednesday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:30pm Holland Marsh Reformed Church 18935 Dufferin Street, Newmarket The Rev. Daniel Graves (Trinity Anglican Church)

Light Refreshments will be served following each service.

#### **Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Annual Dynamic Womenof Faith Conference on March 14, 2015 in Toronto. Cardinal Collins is the main speaker. For more information call Dorothy Pilarski (905 279-7702) or visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World day of Prayer will be held this year at St. John's Presbyterian Church (8<sup>th</sup> Line & 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad) on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 2:00pm. There will be a choir rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am at St. John's. Everyone is welcome. This year the liturgy is prepared by Christian women from the Bahamas.

