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Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
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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.

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Please contact us one month or more in advance.

MARRIAGE

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

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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.

LENT

Today as we begin our Lenten journey towards Christ's passion and resurrection, Lent is a season where we move more and more towards a deeper relationship with Christ and away from that which does not come with Him. As examples and lessons to aid us, we will listen to the Gospels this year which call us more and more into that deeper relationship with Christ. As we meditate on them this year, we will be guided by the words of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. The first Gospel we hear is from the beginning of Jesus' public ministry when He went into the desert to fast for forty days and was tempted by the devil.

"The First Sunday of the Lenten journey reveals our condition as human beings here on earth. The victorious battle against temptation, the starting point of Jesus' mission, is an invitation to become aware of our own fragility in order to accept the Grace that frees from sin and infuses new strength in Christ – the way, the truth and the life. It is a powerful reminder that Christian faith implies, following the example of Jesus and in union with Him, a battle *"against the ruling forces who are masters of the darkness in this world"* (Eph 6:12), in which the devil is at work and never tires – even today – of tempting whoever wishes to draw close to the Lord: Christ emerges victorious to open also our hearts to hope and guide us in overcoming the seductions of evil."

All evil is a corruption of the good things of the Lord has given us. The Father intended these things for our good and to lead us to Him. Yet we may be tempted to make them the goal of our lives, our true good and not merely instruments or signs of God's love.

"In our journey, we are often faced with the temptation of accumulating and love of money that undermine God's primacy in our lives. The greed of possession leads to violence, exploitation and death; for this, the Church, especially during the Lenten period, reminds us to practice *almsgiving* – wish is the capacity to share. The idolatry of goods, on the other hand, not only causes us to drift away from others, but divests man, making him unhappy, deceiving him, deluding him without fulfilling its promises, since it puts materialistic goods in the place of God, the only source of life. How can we understand God's paternal goodness, if our heart is full of egoism and our own projects, deceiving us that our future is guaranteed? The temptation is to think, just like the rich man in the parable: *"My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come..."*. We are all aware of the Lord's judgment: *"Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul..."* (Lk 12:19-20). The practice of almsgiving is a reminder of God's primacy and turns our attention towards others, so that we may rediscover how good our Father is, and receive His mercy.

Message of His Holiness Benedict XVI, for Lent 2011

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ above me.

If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God.

Happy St. Patrick's Day – March 17th

Living Lent

Purpose of Lent today: Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives.

Our Lord: Jesus invited us to follow him by carrying our cross with him each day. (Luke 9:23) He indicated that his followers would fast and do penance after he returned to heaven. (Luke 5:33-35) We are to go hungry and thirsty for the sake of justice (Matthew 5:6) and to do our praying, fasting and almsgiving without showing off. (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-17)

Christians: From the earliest centuries, Jesus' followers have tried to follow these commands. Since it was on a Friday that Jesus freely died to save us from our sins, the faithful made a special effort to do some form of penance on this day: going without food for most of the day, spending extra time in prayer, doing good works, refraining from eating meat. Like St. Paul, they wanted to offer their penances for Christ's body, the Church. (Colossians 1:24)

In today's Church: Over the centuries, these forms of penance have varied, and sometimes have been neglected. Today, we are being invited once more to obey our Saviour: we are to do penance for our sins and those of others, for the people of God, for peace in the world, and for the building up of God's kingdom on earth. So to make Lent an effective time of renewal for the great celebration of Easter, let us commit ourselves to the practices of Lent.

Praying: Jesus and His apostles tell us to pray always, to be constant in prayer. Traditional times for Christians to pray are morning, evening and mealtimes. Personal prayer is a necessary preparation for our sharing in the Church's public worship, the liturgy. In our love, we join Jesus and all God's people in praying for ourselves, for our family and friends, for our leaders, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

Fasting: Fasting means cutting down on the amount and richness of our food and drink. Done as a penance for sin, it helps us to pray better: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. The money we save on food should be given to others in alms. The law of fasting obliges adults until they are 60 years old.

Abstinence: This form of penance needs to be seen as a near cousin of fasting. We may give up meat especially on Fridays, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Our abstinence is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing time or money to a work of charity) or other acts of piety.

Giving alms: We give alms to help God's poor and to support the good works of the Church and other positive agencies. Again our help is being given to Christ in His brothers and sisters. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta when asked how much to give *"give until your can feel it"*. We do not give in order to show off or keep up with others; instead we give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

Excerpts from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation for was \$6,083.91

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

Holy Martyrs Parish will be offering a Lenten Mission

on March 23rd, 24th, and 25th at 7:00pm.

Each evening will start with Mass and a reflection from Father Lester Mendosa on the spirituality of the Apostles, Mary and the other disciples.

TAIZE PRAYER

Saturday, March 26th after the 5:00pm Mass

Please come and join us in prayer, song and devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation and holding oneself in a presence and letting Christ, through the Holy Spirit, pray in us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every **Friday of Lent**, we will be having the **Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm followed by Mass**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, March 12th

- + Stella Scuderi by Saverio & Enza Saracino
- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Joe Lancha by Irma Lancha & Family
- + Gracinda Alves & Joao Afonso by Maria Dourado & Family
- + Laura Vieira Garcia, Antonio Goncalves Vieira, Luis & Lino Vieira Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
- + Fernando Vias by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
- + Maria da Gloria by Eduarda & Emidio Romeiro & Family
- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family

Sunday, March 13th

- 8:30am + Maria Da Conceicao Loureiro (Duraes) by the Portuguese Choir
- 10:00am Pro Populo
- 11:30am + Celeste Oliveira Semiao by Saverio & Enza Saracino
- 6:30pm + Antonio & Angela Gutta by Grandchildren – Tony, Michael, Carla & Nelson

7:00pm Monday, March 14th

- + Francis & Peter Ferragine by Wife
- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife – Francesca
- + John Ferreira by Bernardete Ferreira
- + Claudino Neto & Maria Rosa De Jesus by David & Rosa Oliveira
- + Fernando Vias by Gil & Laura Santos
- + Manuel Dias by Wife & Children
- + Joseph Balon by Laddie Balon & Family
- + Joseph Wismayer by Family

8:00am Tuesday, March 15th

- * Special Intentions for Claudina & Anibel Crisostomo

7:00pm Wednesday, March 16th

- + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family

8:00am Thursday, March 17th

- + Jamie Meneses by Manuel & Family

7:00pm Friday, March 18th

- + All Souls

9:15am Saturday, March 19th

- + All Souls in Purgatory by Helena Peixoto

5:00pm Saturday, March 19th

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife – Ester
- + Rafael Chavez by McEvenue Family
- + Manuel Moniz by Conceicao Moniz
- + Fernando Vias by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
- + Laura Vieira Garcia, Antonio Goncalves Vieira, Luis & Lino Vieira Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
- + Jose De Sousa by Eduarda & Emidio Romeiro & Family
- + Baby Angel Carvalho by Mrs. Jansen and Class
- + St. Joseph by Carolina Santana

Sunday, March 20th

- 8:30am + Maria Da Conceicao Loureiro (Duraes) by the Portuguese Choir
 - 10:00am + Brian Collier by Parents & Family
 - 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
 - 6:30pm Pro Populo
- “May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”**

OUR LADY of GRACE is offering a

Weekend Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

When: Friday, March 25th – 7:00pm to 10:00pm

and on Saturday, March 26th – 8:45am to 6:00pm

Where: Our Lady of Grace Church – 27 Centre St, Angus, On.

Cost: \$175.00 per couple

To register or for more info, please call their Parish Office at 705-424-1551.

Sunday to Sunday.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun Mar 13th – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.....Yea!!!

Mon Mar 14th – 7:30pm – RCIA

Mon Mar 14th – 7:30pm – Bible Study

Mon Mar 14th – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wed Mar 16th – 3:00 to 8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic

Wed Mar 16th – 7:00pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wed Mar 16th – 8:00pm – Al-Anon



Mar 13th – “Top of the Morning”

Mar 14th – No Edge

Celebrations for the Month of January and February

We welcome into our parish those who have been baptized.

January 2011

Sydney Gumny
Carmela Kostiak
Jordyn Fregonese
Rocco Capicotto
Madison Lambert
Sophia Lambert
Emma Santos
Szalyna Toffelmire

February 2011

Rebecca Aguanno
Tianna Hardtman
Collin Wyld
Matthew Hunter
Aidan Mobbs
Julia Mobbs
Maggie Tavares
Rian Tavares
Alyssa Walsh
Mitchell Nagy-Walsh

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

We celebrated the funerals of

January 2011

Sarah Branford
Kazimierz Peter Rydzkowski
Joan Gibson
George Cerjanec

February 2011

Louis Tomazic
Maria DaSilva Rodrigues
Fernando Vias
Rudy Picavet
Maria (Mary) Chmiel
Helen Kibzey
Angel Carvalho
Peter Dutko

Please keep them in your prayers.

THE EDGE ADVENTURE CAMP – August 25th – 30th



Located at the beautiful Camp White Pine in Haliburton. We are currently taking reservations as space is limited. **Registration deadline is April 1st** and a \$100 deposit is required.

Balance due on July 1st. For more information, please contact Ray at the Parish Office – 905-775-2065 or email at reitzel@hotmail.com

THANKS FOR AN AMAZING MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING!

Our thanks to the Social Committee for organizing this event and to all parishioners who brought in dishes and desserts from their homelands. The food was out of this world and the friendship and camaraderie was wonderful. It is a great thing to be able to see the community come together for this exciting social evening.

Here's to next year!

P.S. Stay tuned for the Social Committee's next event coming soon, so watch for details in the bulletin.

We would like to thank the CWL for their donation of \$7,000.00 to Building Fund. The money was used as part of the principal payment to our mortgage of last week.



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