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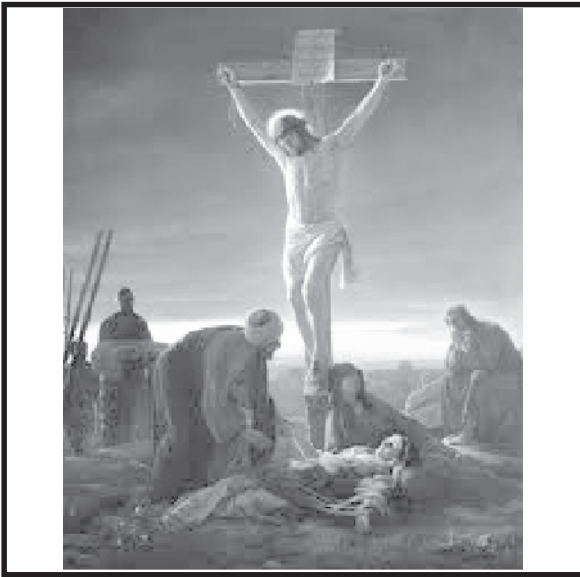
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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.

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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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St. Charles—905-775-6762

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Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

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Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Club

Social Club

St. Vincent de Paul Society

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

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.

MASS MINUTES**WEEK 4:**

The traditional practice of the Church from her very early centuries has been to build churches in such a way that the faithful enter the church facing towards the East. There are a number of historical and theological reasons behind facing east in liturgical prayer. Historically, it is a natural development from the Jewish practice of facing towards Jerusalem and the temple during prayer. Theologically, the East is symbolically where God is. God led the people of Israel East, out of Egypt to the Promised Land where they would worship him and build His Temple where God would dwell with them. The East is also where the Sun rises and where light comes to the world that is otherwise lifeless and in darkness. The Sun is the symbol for Christ who brings the light of Truth into the world and enables us to escape from the darkness of sin and enter into the true Promised Land which is Heaven where we will enjoy the fullness of life, dwelling with God in a way far greater than the Israelites did and greater than we do now in His Church. For as members of His Church, we do dwell with God in a way that is greater than the Israelites did. God dwelt among the Israelites as formless cloud and fire (Exodus 13:21) He dwells among us bodily as Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in every church.

Here is a fun fact! Did you know the front of the church is where the altar is and where Jesus is (in the tabernacle). The back of the church is considered where we enter!

Activity: This week, when you get up and see the Sun think about how it symbolizes Christ who brings the light of Truth into the world and enables us to escape from the darkness of sin.

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.

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 3 video session will take place, **Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:30 in the Large Meeting Room.**

Week 3

The Paschal Mystery
The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection
Through Jesus' death on the cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness.
We are made to live like Christ in total, self-giving love.

RUN WITH IT SERIES**Time: 7:30pm****Location: Parish Hall****March 17 – Deacon Pedro****Old Testament Theology – The Law and the Prophets****TRIDUUM 2015**

Thurs, April 2nd – Holy Thursday
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri, April 3rd – Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

(Please be advised that this celebration includes the Eucharist)

5:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, April 4th – Holy Saturday

1:00pm Blessing of Food

6:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

8:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Sun, April 5th – Masses will be:-

8:30am

10:00am

11:30am

3:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena

4:45pm – Spanish Mass

6:30pm – NO MASS



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass	All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.
Mar. 15 – No Life Teen – March Break	Mar. 16 – No Edge – March Break
Mar. 22 - Death	Mar. 23 – Movie Night
Mar. 29 - Love	Mar. 30 – An Unlikely Leader

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.

**CWL NOTES**

Our Feast Day will be celebrated on Thursday, April 23, 2015. We will have a Mass at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

Triduum Choir Practice

There will be practices for the Triduum Choir on Monday, March 23, Wednesday, March 25, and Monday, March 30. All practices will be at 7:30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00pm Saturday, March 14 th	
+	Chiara & Francis Ferragine by Family
+	Peter Ferragine & Antonio Gallo by Family
+	Joao Fernandes Barradas by Daughter Rosalina & Family
+	Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
+	John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
+	Antonio Martins by Wife & Family
+	Adelino Oliveira by Wife & Family
+	Manuel & Jorge Balugas by Carlos & Idalina Correia
Sunday, March 15 th	
8:30am	+ Maria Joaquina & Jose Marques by Manuel & Laura Marques
10:00am	+ Mary & Frank Mendrek by Rak Family
11:30am	+ Adelino Oliveira by Janeiro Family
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	Pro Populo
7:00pm Monday, March 16 th	
+	Laurinda Neto & Maria do Ceu by Victor & Rosa Neto
* In Thanksgiving	by A Parishioner
+	Fatima Almeida by Emidio & Eduarda Romeiro
+	Emilia & Joao Laranjeiro by Fernando & Maria Campos
* Sp. Int. Tony Bogdan & Family	by Read Family
+	All Souls in Purgatory by Joe Colford
+	Antonio & Maria Vieira by Gabriela & Fernando Angelino
+	Francisco S. Henriques & Maria Celeste Sousa by Henriques Family
8:30am Tuesday, March 17 th	
+	Jamie Meneses by Maria Da Silva
7:00pm Wednesday, March 18 th	
* Sp. Int. to St. Joseph	by Fernandes Family
8:30am Thursday March 19 th	
* Sp. Int. to St. Joseph	by Carolina Santana
7:00pm Friday, March 20 th	
+	Patrick Connolly by Daughter Lynn & Family
9:30am Saturday March 21 st	
+	Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
5:00pm Saturday, March 21 st	
+	Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
+	Antonio Henriques & Lino Fernandes by Fernandes Family
+	Emilia Laranjeiro by Lurdes, Celeste & Fatima
+	Maria & Eugenio Arruda by Lucy, John & Lui Andrade
+	Adelino Oliveira by Wife & Family
+	Paulito Martins by Carlos & Idalina Correia
+	Virgilio Domingues & Manuel Marques Oliveira by Lurdes Marques
+	Fatima Almeida by Family
Sunday, March 22 nd	
8:30am	* Sp. Int. Scott Vieira by Jose & Lucy Viveiros
10:00am	+ Lonia Pontes by Husband Joseph
11:30am	Pro Populo
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	+ Adelino Oliveira by David & Rosa Oliveira
<i>"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"</i>	

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC



There will be a blood donor clinic in the Parish Hall on Wednesday March 18, 2015 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm

Euthanasia and End-of-Life Issues

March 25 – Mass 7pm, Presentation 7:30pm
St. John the Evangelist Parish
903 Giffard St., Whitby
Speaker, Dr. Bridget Campion, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute.
Open to all. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. For more information, call 905 668-3218.

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total
\$ 490,000.00	\$122,500.00	\$352,397.52

Thank you for your support of the Family of Faith campaign! With your commitments, our parish has met the challenge and has raised 72 % of our campaign goal! Thank you for your generosity.

As the campaign moves into its final weeks here, please carefully consider the commitment you can make to this historic campaign, if you haven't already made one. A pledge, redeemed over a five year period, will enable our parish to do so much! With the parish share, we plan to pay off our debt and to look at ministries and to look at improvements to the physical plant of the Church, especially expanding the bathroom in the narthex.

You set the terms on what your pledge will be, and how you would like to pay it. A pledge is a non-binding commitment...if you find that your circumstances change in the future, you can adjust your pledge accordingly.

If you have not yet made a pledge, Commitment Weekend cards were distributed at Mass last weekend, or you can contact the parish office for assistance.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the dedicated volunteers who have helped our parish with the campaign.

On behalf of the parish, thank you for your prayers, time talent, and treasure!

And thank you to each member of our parish family for your continued support of our mission! I am forever grateful, and you are in my prayers daily.

Stay in touch with the campaign at www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca
And follow on Twitter: @family_of_faith

Bradford Ministerial Lenten Series

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

Wednesday, Mar 18th – 7:30pm

St. John's Presbyterian Church, – 10th Sideroad
The Rev. Jim Keenan (Bradford United Church)

Wednesday, Mar. 25th – 7:30pm

Trinity Anglican Church, Church Street
The Rev. Richard Bodini (Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church)

Wednesday, Apr. 1st – 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.

Musicians' Retreat: Rest, Pray, Reflect, Discover

March 21 – 10am to 5:30pm

St. Isaac Jogues' Parish

1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering

Join us for a retreat which will rejuvenate and send you into the Easter season with a renewed spirit. You will be presented with different genres of music for Mass, some you may have never experienced before. Take home information on where to find free anthems, motets and Mass settings. For more information visit the St. Isaac Jogues website: www.stisaacjogueschurch.com or contact Anna Hughes at annashughes@yahoo.ca or 905 576-9398.

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