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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.

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Please contact us one month or more in advance.

## MARRIAGE

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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.

## 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 you 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

## LENTEN MISSION

We will be having a 3 day Lenten Mission on March 31, April 1, and April 2, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Church. Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC, will be conducting the Mission. Fr. Ben is a priest with the order of Companions of the Cross. He has a great zeal for the "New Evangelization" and his parish missions are an opportunity to proclaim the basic Gospel truth and to invite people into a dynamic relationship with Jesus. **He is a spark the Lord uses to set hearts on fire!**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy Program will begin on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the 10:00 am Mass. This program is for children in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2 (ages 4-7).



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. 2 – Semi Formal	Mar. 3 – Mardi Gras
Mar. 9 – March Break	Mar. 10 – March Break
Mar. 16 – (Not So) Surprise Ending	Mar. 17 – Prayer Squared

## COMMUNITY DINNER

The Social Committee is planning a Community Dinner for Saturday May 3, 2014. The dinner will be a potluck, with everyone who is coming bringing their favourite dish to share. The dish should be enough to share with 5-6 others. The committee would like to have more volunteers to help with this event. If we do not have enough people to help, the dinner will not go ahead. Please consider helping with this event. It is always wonderful, when family, even Parish family, comes together to share good food and fellowship. There will be a meeting of those wishing to help, on March 18, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Small Meeting Room.

## Lenten Marriage Encounter

Come renew your marriage and learn what the Church teaches about love, marriage, sex and relationships. These marriage encounter sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann. Everyone is invited, but a special invitation to married or engaged couples. Sessions take place 7:00pm on Thursday evenings, March 6, 20, 27 and April 12, 2014. The first three sessions will be in the Parish Hall and the session on April 12, 2014 will take place in the Church.

## CHURCH RENOVATIONS

The next phase of our church renovations, the removal of the carpet, will start on February 24, 2014. It will take approximately 4-5 weeks. During this time the main body of the Church may not be accessible. We ask, when you enter the Church, that you be careful as there will be plastic on the floor and construction materials around. There will be no change to the Sunday schedule and on the weekends the Church should be accessible. Please also be careful when entering and exiting the pews as there may be a trip hazard that has to be rectified. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**5:00pm Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

+ Sidonio Marques by Gorette & John Carvalho  
 + Antonietta & Pasquale Baccileri by Family  
 + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana  
 + Jose Capela Correia by Jose & Virginia Correia & Family  
 + Francesca & Salvatore Galante by Sara & John Guicciardi  
 + Albina Barbosa & Rosa Oliveira by Virginia & Carlos Araujo  
 + Clarinda Barros Biar by Augusta Barros  
 + Augusto Balugas by Isaura Balugas & Family

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am All Souls & Sp. Int. by Dave & Laura Macdonell  
 10:00am Pro Populo  
 11:30am + Peggy Langley by Deacon David Langley  
 4:45pm Spanish Mass  
 6:30pm + Manuel & Maria Oliveira by Rosa & David Oliveira

**7:00pm Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

+ All Souls by E. Henriques  
 + Ramiro & Maria Rumar by Mario & Fatima Calisto  
 + Buster Trembley by Sylvia & Paul Castellano  
 + Greg MacIntyre by Gabriella & Family

**8:30am Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

+ All Souls

**8:30 am and 7:00pm Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**7:00pm Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>**

+ Joaquim Gonsalves & Emilia Barros by Family

**7:00pm Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

+ Greg MacIntyre by Helen & Ed Gres

**9:30am Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

+ All Souls by David & Rosa Oliveira

**5:00pm Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

+ John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira  
 + Jose Cardoso by Wife & Children  
 + Lino Andrade by Joe & Lucy Andrade  
 + Virgilio Domingues & Manuel Oliveira by Lurdes & Family  
 + Americo Correia & Inedina Araujo by Virginia & Carlos Araujo  
 + Teresa Silva by Silva Family  
 + Mary Chafe by Vilma LaRoche & Family  
 + Joao Fernandes Barradas by Rosalina Rodrigues

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother Ester

10:00am + Mary Mallette by Julia Robinson & Family

11:30am Pro Populo

4:45pm Spanish Mass

6:30pm Pro Populo

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

*"No one can serve two masters." Is God calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon or religious., contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416 968-0997 or e-mail vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca*

## World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 7, 2014 – 2:00pm

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Coulson's Hill

2516 11<sup>th</sup> Line, Bradford.

This year the theme for World Day of Prayer is "Streams in the Desert", written by the women of Egypt. The guest speaker will be Amal Gendi from Egypt.

ALL ARE WELCOME

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Mount Alverno Retreat Centre in Caledon is offering a Marriage Preparation Course the weekend of April 25-26, 2014, 7:00pm Friday to 7:00pm Saturday. For more information or to register contact Mary 519 941-7059.

Our Lady of Grace Church, Angus, is offering a Weekend Marriage Preparation Course, March 21-23, 2014. To register or for more information, Please call 705 424-1551.

## LENT IS COMING



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Tuesday, March 4, 2014, starting at 4:00 pm.

### ASH WEDNESDAY – March 5<sup>th</sup>

We remind everyone that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Mass, and distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 8:30am & 7:00pm.



## BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2014 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications as 1 800 268-2637.

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