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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Life Teen Mass—6:30pm

Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

#### **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.

#### **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 Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492 Mother Teresa—905-778-8653 St. Charles—905-775-6762

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#### OFFICE STAFF MINISTERS

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#### **PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES**

Bereavement Support Group CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope Development and Peace

Life Teen Knights of Columbus

EDGE Youth Ministry Seniors Club Liturgical Ministers Social Club

New Beginnings St. Vincent de Paul Society

Parish Library

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

#### **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.

#### **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

#### The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

"The Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord puts before our eyes the glory of Christ, which anticipates the resurrection and announces the divinization of man. The Christian community becomes aware that Jesus leads it, like the Apostles Peter, James and John "up a high mountain by themselves" (Mt 17:1), to receive once again in Christ, as sons and daughters in the Son, the gift of the Grace of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved; He enjoys my favour. Listen to Him". (Mt. 17:5). It is the invitation to take a distance from the noisiness of everyday life in order to immerse oneself in God's presence. He desires to hand down to us, each day, a Word that penetrates the depths of our spirit, where we discern good from evil (cf Heb 4:12), reinforcing our will to follow the Lord."

So during the entire Lenten period, the Church offers us God's Word with particular abundance. By meditating and internalizing the Word in order to live it every day, we learn a precious and irreplaceable form of *prayer*, by attentively listening to God, who continues to speak to our hearts, we nourish the itinerary of faith initiated on the day of our Baptism. Prayer also allows us to gain a new concept of time: without the perspective eternity and transcendence, in fact, time simply directs our steps towards a horizon without a future. Instead, when we pray, we find time for God, to understand that His "words will not pass away" (of Mk 13:31), to enter into that intimate communion with Him "that no one shall take from you" (In 16:22), opening us to the hope that does not disappoint, eternal life.

From His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

### The Annunciation of the Lord

On March 25th the Church celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation and, at the same time, the vocation of Our Lady. It was her faithful response to the angel's message, her fiat, that began the work of Redemption. "When the Blessed Virgin said Yes, freely, to the plans revealed to her by the Creator, the divine Word assumed a human nature: a rational soul and a body, which was formed in the most pure womb of Mary. The divine nature and the human were united in a single Person: Jesus Christ, true God and, thenceforth, true Man; the onlybegotten and eternal Son of the Father and, from that moment on, as man, the true son of Mary. This is why Our Lady is the Mother of the Incarnate Word, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity who has united our human nature to Himself for ever, without any confusion of the two natures. The greatest praise we can give to the Blessed Virgin is to address her loud and clear by that name that expresses her very highest dignity: Mother of God". J. Escriva, Friends of God, 274

In conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

# Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation for was \$5,624.50

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Help us to reach our weekly goal.

Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week to carry us through the winter months!

# Lenten Practice

Holy Martyrs Parish will be offering a Lenten Mission on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> 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**, (from March 18 to April 15<sup>th</sup>) we will be having the

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm followed by Mass

### LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION

MULTILINGUAL PRIESTS WILL BE HEARING CONFESSIONS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM

Palm Sunday
Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>
Regularly scheduled Masses



#### MASS JNTENTJONS FOR THJS WEEK

#### 5:00pm Saturday, March 19th

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Rafael Chavez by McEvenue Family
- + Manuel Moniz by Conceicao Moniz
- + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonzo & 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

#### 7:00pm Monday, March 21st

- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + Lurdes & Manuel Augusto Dinis by Dinis Family
- + All Souls & Special Intentions by Rosa & David Oliveira
- + Lucia & Margarido Direito & Lenia Amelia Pereira by Joe & Sisi Ferreira & Family
- + Dr. John Douglas Newman by Newman Family
- + Scott Vieira by Jose & Lucy Viveiros

#### 8:00am Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

+ Jamie Meneses by Manuel Family

#### 7:00pm Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

- + Claudino Neto & Maria Rosa de Jesus by Joaquim Neto 8:00am Thursday, March 24th
- + All Souls in Purgatory by Helena Peixoto

#### 7:00pm Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

+ Ignazio Polizzi by Wife

#### 9:15am Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

+ All Souls by a Parishioner

#### 5:00pm Saturday, March 26th

- + Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Jack Neto & Family
- + Timothy John Klimas by Helen & Greg Beauchamp
- + Amilcar Miranda by Emilia, Julia & Isabel
- + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonzo & Family
- + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family

#### Sunday, March 27th

8:30am + Maria da Conceicao Loureiro (Duraes) by the

Portuguese Choir

10:00am + John Da Silva by Maria Da Silva

11:30am + Celeste Oliveira Simiao by Sarafina Ingoglia

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.

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-pm to 10:00pm When:

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:45am to 6:00pm and on

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

Cost: \$175.00 per couple

To register or for more info, please call their Parish Office at

705-424-1551.

#### WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND

April 8-10 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga God touches and heals hearts through talks, private reflection, prayer, sharing, reconciliation and Eucharist. Let God love you! For reservations or information, call 905-278-5229.

#### Sunday to Sunday.....

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH**

Mon Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA Tue Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA

Wed Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
Wed Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00pm – Lenten Mission
Thur Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Lenten Mission
Fri Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am to 12:00pm - Thinkfast
Fri Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Lenten Mission
Sat Mar 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – RCIA – First Scrutiny

Sat Mar 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – Taize Prayers





Mar 20<sup>th</sup> - Gals night in, **Guys night out**  Mar 21<sup>st</sup> - Living with Imperfect Parents

#### WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XIV

has appointed **BISHOP PETER HUNDT** 

as the new Bishop for the Diocese of Corner Brook (Newfoundland) and Labrador. Bishop Hundt has been involved in our parish life and we know that the people of Corner Brook and Labrador will be gaining a wonderful pastor. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell for Bishop Hundt on Wed, March 30th at 1:30pm to be held at the St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Woodbridge. All are welcome.

Collection of non-perishable food for the Food Bank will be accepted on Holy Thursday.





#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church for Easter. Please come on Saturday April 23rd at 9:00am to 11:00am and meet in the Church. Your help is appreciated.

#### THE EDGE ADVENTURE CAMP - August 25th

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 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please contact Ray at the Parish Office - 905-775-2065 or email at reitzel@hotmail.com



The Co-Ordinators of THINKFAST would like to thank Florence Szabo for her continuous donation of juices. To the Skwarchuk Funeral Home for the cookies and apples and also to all the ladies who made sandwiches and goodies and for their help in the kitchen. It is very gratifying to be a part of this experience with all the grade eight students of our community. Thanks again!



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