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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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CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

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Life Teen

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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 5:

There are several important liturgical objects that draw one's attention when entering a church and each has its own significance. In most churches, the nearest of these objects to the entrance is Holy water font into which the faithful each dip a finger and make the Sign of the Cross. Making the Sign of the Cross with holy water before Mass is a reminder of the Sacrament of Baptism. In Baptism, through water and the invocation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit people become members of the Church. Only once a person has been baptized can they participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass and receive Holy Communion as one truly in communion with Christ and the Church. So it is particularly appropriate to recall and renew one's Baptism before Mass. The next act one should perform on entering a church is genuflecting towards the tabernacle where Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist is reserved. The genuflection towards Christ in the Eucharist expresses worship and obedience to Christ our God and King of kings. The traditional practice of placing the tabernacle centrally in the sanctuary reflects the arrangements of royal courts where the king sits in the central place and his subjects approach him and pay him homage. The genuflection towards the tabernacle emphasizes the truth that Christ is our ultimate ruler to whom we owe complete service. Furthermore, it reminds us that the liturgical act that we are about to perform, the Sacrifice of the Mass, takes place before the throne of God, the Father Himself, in whose service God the Son came to perform His work of Redemption. A lit red candle near the tabernacle indicates that it does in fact contain the Eucharist. If the candle is not lit and the door of the tabernacle is open, then the tabernacle is empty and one should not genuflect towards it. The holy water and the tabernacle are signs that remind the faithful that they enter the church as members of the Church come to worship their God and King.

When Blessing yourself with holy water, here is a good prayer
 "During this mass Father may you be in my mind that I may know you, Jesus in my heart that I may love you and Holy Spirit be on my shoulders to support me. Amen"

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 4 video session will take place, **Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.**

Why Do I Need the Church?

The Mystery of the Catholic Church

Some people say, "I'm spiritual, but not religious" or "I like Jesus, but don't need a Church." Yet, one can't fully love the King and reject his Kingdom. Jesus didn't save us as isolated individuals, He calls us to enter the communion of the Church.

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. 22 - Death	Mar. 23 - Movie Night
Mar. 29 - Love	Mar. 30 - An Unlikely Leader
Apr. 5 - No Lifeteen - Happy Easter	Apr. 6 - No Edge - Happy Easter

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.

Executive Meeting - Monday, March 30 - After 7pm Mass
General Meeting - Monday April 13 - After 7pm Mass

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 21st	
+ 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	
+ Maria Domingues by Family	
Sunday, March 22nd	
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	
7:00pm Monday, March 23rd	
+ Claudino Neto & Maria Rosa de Jesus by Rosa & David Oliveira	
+ Pietro Gioachino & Cristina Asaro by Family	
+ Fatima Almeida by Jose & Lucy Viveiros	
+ Jose Rodrigues by Wife & Children	
+ Joao B. Barros & Augusta da Conceicao Faria by Henriques Family	
+ Maria dos Anjos da Ceuz by Isabel, Julia & Families	
+ Maria dos Anjos da Ceuz Capeloa Isabel, Julia & Families	
+ Emilia Laranjeiro by Luiza Nazario	
8:30am Tuesday, March 24th	
+ Jose de Sousa by Maria Da Silva	
7:00pm Wednesday, March 25th	
+ Paul & Elizabeth Gres by Family	
8:30am Thursday March 26th	
+ Nuno Azevedo by Wife & Children	
7:00pm Friday, March 27th	
* Sp. Int. Isabel Santos Domingues by Celso & Maria Domingues	
9:30am Saturday March 28th	
+ Antonio & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family	
5:00pm Saturday, March 28th	
Palm Sunday	
Sunday, March 29th	
Palm Sunday	
<i>"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"</i>	

Retiro de Cuaresma

Retiro de Cuaresma para los Trabajadores Agrícolas y la Comunidad Hispana. El tema "Sube al Monte a Orar". "Vengan a llenarse del Espíritu antes de la Semana Santa y profundicemos nuestra vida de oración. Terminaremos la tarde con Adoración del Santísimo."

En el salón de la parroquia, Sabado, Marzo 28, 2015, de 4-7 de la tarde. Dirigido por el Deacono Pedro Guevara-Mann.

ADORATION

Please note that we will not have Adoration on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 4, 2015 between 9:00am & 1:00pm. If you would like to bring a lily in memory of a loved one, you may bring it during those times. There will be labels in the gathering space to put the names of your loved ones on the lilies. We will also have a sheet so everyone can pray for those remembered in our Garden of Lilies.

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total
\$ 490,000.00	\$122,500.00	\$376,700.00

Thank you for your support of the Family of Faith campaign! With your commitments, our parish has met the challenge and has raised 77 % 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 a couple of weeks ago, 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. 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.

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.

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