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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**

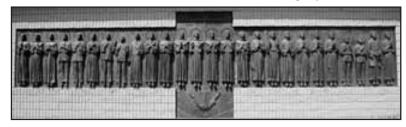
If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

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

Bereavement Support Group CWL (Catholic Women's League)

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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.

#### **BUILT UPON ROCK**

Our Lord shows a special love for those who put their heart into serving Him in everything, every day, thereby expressing in deeds the words and desires of their conversation with God. This is true prayer. For Jesus declares, in the Gospel of today's Mass: *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the Will of my Father.*Matt 7:21-27 On that occasion He was speaking to many who had turned prayer into a mere recital of words and formulae totally unrelated to their behaviour. Our conversation with Christ has got to be different.

Your prayer, your call of 'Lord, Lord' should be linked in a thousand different ways throughout the day to a desire and an effective effort to fulfill the Will of God. J. Escriva, The Forge, 358

In Sacred Scripture we see how God loves and blessed the person who seeks to be identified in everything they do with the divine Will: *I have found in David the Son of Jesse a man after my hearts, who will do all my Will.*Acts 13:22 And Saint John writes: *The world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the Will of God abides forever.*1 John 2:17 Jesus Himself declares that His food is to do the Will of His Father and finish the work He gave Him to do.

John 4:34 This is what matters; this is what the sanctification of our duties means: doing His Will, becoming what He wants us to be. St. Therese of Lisieux, Autobiography of a Soul.

What is His Will then: to be charitable and truthful to people we meet that day and to approach them with a hopeful and faithful disposition. Also we pray to the Lord saying to Him, "What do you wish me to do in this situation?" Lord, I want to do only what you want me to do and wish that my life were to be the fulfillment of your Will in everything, so that I could say, as you said, in big things and in small: my food, what gives meaning to my life, is to do the Will of my Father God.

In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting
Pancake Tuesday on March 8th.

The pancake dinner is from 5pm to 7pm.
\$5.00per person or \$20.00 per family.

Kids under 12 are free!

#### ASH WEDNESDAY - March 9th

Masses are at 8:00am and 7:00pm. We remind everyone that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

#### TAIZE PRAYER

# Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Living Lent**

<u>Purpose of Lent today</u>: 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)

<u>Christians</u>: 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.

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.

<u>Praying</u>: 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.

<u>Giving alms</u>: 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 \$5,628.50 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!

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.

#### Quote of the week

Just as water extinguishes a fire, so love wipes away sin.

St. John of the Cross - March 8th

#### MASS JNTENTJONS FOR THJS WEEK

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

- + Maria, Manuel, & Gabriel Oliveira & Virgilio Domingues by Lurdes & Family
- + Joao Ferreira by Mrs. Beninati
- + Maria Natalia Rodrigues by Rosa Afonzo
- + Fernando Viaes by Wife & Son
- + Laura Vieira Garcia, Antonio Goncalves Vieira, Luis & Lino

Vieira Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade

- + Purificao Moreira & John Sergio by Christina Verissimo & Family and Sao Almeida & Family
- + Louis Tomazic by Ivan & Iva Udavic
- + Louis Tomazic by Matilda Tomazic

#### Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30am + Maria Da Conceicao Loureiro (Duraes) by the Portuguese Choir

10:00am + Antonio Santana, Vitorina Nazario & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana

11:00am + Yaroslava Lorenc by Son – Eugene & Family

5:00pm Spanish Mass 6:30pm Pro Populo

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

- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Family
- + Manuel Aderito Oliveira by Rosa & David Oliveira
- + Liberal Perreira by Jose & Maria Viveiros & Family

#### 8:00am Tuesday, March 8th

+ All Souls

#### ASH WEDNESDAY, March 9th

8:00am - Ash Wednesday Parish Mass

7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Parish Mass

#### 8:00am Thursday, March 10th

+ Jamie Meneses by Manuel & Family

#### 7:00pm Friday, March 11th

- + Gioacchino, Czistina & Pietro Asaro by Wife
  - 9:15am Saturday, March 12th
- + All Souls by a Parishioner

#### 5:00pm Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

- + Stella Scuderi by Saverio & Enza Saracino
- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Joe Lancha by Irma Lancha & Family
- + Gracinda Alves & Joao Afonzo by Maria Dourado & Family
- + Laura Vieira Garcia, Antonio Goncalves Vieira, Luis & Lino

Vieira Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade

- + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonzo & 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

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



#### MORTGAGE PAYMENT

A Mortgage Payment has been made in the amount of \$20,000.00 which brings our current debt to \$1,169,000.00

Thanks for your contributions.

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

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

Sun Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm – CWL – Regional Public Speaking Sun Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – Spanish Mass

Mon Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA – Pre-Lent Retreat

Mon Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – CWL – General Meeting Tue Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm – Knights of Columbus – Pancake Tuesday Supper

Wed Mar 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am - Ash Wednesday Mass Wed Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Mass

Wed Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fri Mar 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross
Sun Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.....Yea!!!





Mar 6<sup>th</sup> - Dead Strength

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Lent for Dummies



#### **PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The Parish Offering Envelopes will be moved upstairs to the Church Lobby for the next few weeks as a lot of parishioners can't make it to the Parish

Office during office hours. There are still a lot of envelopes to be picked up. If you do not know or remember your envelope number ask for one of the clergy for assistance as there is a binder in the Sacristy which is in alphabetical order by name. Look up your name and locate your box number. If you do not have a box of offering envelopes, there are new numbers available. Please fill out the New Parishioner Form at the counter in the Lobby with the new number indicated on form and give to one of the parish staff members or place information card in your first envelope you use.

Thank You from Father Boniface and the Office Staff.

#### RCIA.... We Celebrate, We Believe

We Welcome the following young children who were baptised or received into the Church last Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue to walk with Jesus our Good Shepherd. Congratulations to:-

#### Matthew Samuel Joshua Hunter

Aidan James Mobbs Julia Marie Mobbs Maggie Anne Tavares Rian William Tavares Alyssa Paige Walsh Mitchell Kyle Nagy-Walsh

CONGRATULATIONS to the following participants who celebrated their WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on Saturday, February 26th

Joao and Pasqualina Ferreira	25 year
Andrzej and Teresa Woznica	26
Emidio and Eduarda Romeiro	32
Wilfrido and Erlinda Villegas	32
Victor and Marilyn Carvalho	34
Joseph and Irene Abate	39
Steve and Barbara Kanyo	40
Santo and Maria Mirabelli	57
Giuseppe and Philomena Troiano	62



Our special Thanks goes to the committee of Imelda Santos, Carol Sargeant, Laura McDonell, Stephanie Bobalo, and May Eek for their help in organizing this special event.

#### THE EDGE ADVENTURE CAMP – August 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>



Located at the beautiful Camp White Pine in Haliburton. We are currently taking reservations as space is limited. Registration deadline is April 1th 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



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