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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:00am

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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Alpha

Consolation and Hope

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EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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Seniors Outreach

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 9, 7:00PM

+Tom Coles +Aurelia Tactay Lavarias +Deolinda Oliveira *Special Intention for Joseph Mendrek

TUESDAY, March 10, 8:30AM

+Scott Vieira & Lucinda Sousa

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 7:00PM

+Margaret & Lambert Foley

THURSDAY, March 12, 8:30AM

+Margaret Connolly

FRIDAY, March 13, 7:00PM

+Lucy Dantas

SATURDAY, March 14, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, March 14, 5:00PM

+Leo Mallet +Maria Kostov & Dan Kostov +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Mario Di Re +Joseph Balon +Hafet Meneses +Heather Raczynski +Antonetta Orlandi +Luis Alza +Isobelle Fischer +Ana Leticia Cuellar +Deolinda Oliveira & Maria dos Anjos

SUNDAY, March 15, 8:30 AM

+Baby Nixon Kowalski

SUNDAY March 15, 10:00AM

+Joao Sergio

SUNDAY, March 15, 11:30AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, March 15, 6:30PM

+Miranda Di Lorenzo

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE® Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship.

Monday Nights in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

Mar 7 -Lift Jesus Higher Rally (Toronto) Event

Mar 9 -TBA

Mar 16 – March Break



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

High school teens in grades 9-12 are invited to gather and enjoy the gift of friendship with food and fun while growing in faith and virtue. Sundays at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall.

Mar 7 -Lift Jesus Higher Rally (Toronto) Event

Mar 8 -No Life Night

March 15 – March Break

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REFLECTION

Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? God made a promise to Abraham that he would make him a channel of great blessing not only to his own family and future descendants but to all the families of the earth as well (Genesis 12:3)! The condition for the fulfillment of this promise was simple and straightforward – “Go from your family and country to the land that I will show you” (Genesis 12:1). Abraham not only believed in God’s promise, he promptly obeyed and did as the Lord commanded him. God chose Abraham as his instrument of blessing – that through him and his descendants would come the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ who would reveal the glory and blessing of God’s kingdom and bring salvation for all who would call upon his name.

The Lord Jesus came to fulfill all that Moses and the prophets spoke. In all that Jesus did and said he sought to please his Father in heaven and to bring him glory. Like Abraham, he was ready to part with anything that might stand in the way of doing the will of God. He knew that the success of his mission would depend on his willingness to embrace his Father’s will no matter what it might cost him personally. Jesus on three occasions told his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on across to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice on the cross, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain. Just as Moses and Elijah were led to the mountain of God to discern their ultimate call and mission, so Jesus now appears with Moses and Elijah on the highest mountain overlooking the summit of the promised land. Jesus, likewise, appears in glory with Moses and Elijah, as if to confirm with them that he too, is ready to fulfill the mission which the Father has sent him to accomplish. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion.

Luke’s Gospel tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God’s glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the “unexamined life” can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Are you spiritually awake? Peter James and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We too as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

LENTEN PREPARATION

LENTEN FAST and RECONCILIATION

- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2020 7:00-9:00PM

SEARCH ME,

O God *Try me* AND KNOW MY HEART;
AND KNOW MY ANXIETIES;

AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY WICKED WAY
IN ME,
AND

lead me IN THE WAY
EVERLASTING. *Psalms 139:23-24*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent beginning with adoration at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.



RECLAIMING LOVE 2020 – GUEST SPEAKER Theology of the Body for Everyone

The realities of masculinity, femininity, gender, and the relation of these to our identity, are being questioned like never before. Jason Evert, internationally known Catholic speaker, author will be leading the discussion to help us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. **TUESDAY MAY 19, 2020 7:30-9:30PM at St. Mary's Church in Barrie.** Tickets are \$20.00/person and can be purchased at the parish office on a first come first serve basis or by contacting Ray at 905-251-8151.

REMINDERS

STATION OF THE CROSS – SCHEDULE

Each team is assigned a date to lead the Stations of the Cross. Schedule is as follows:

Friday March 13, 2020 – Stations led by Lectors

Friday March 20, 2020 – Stations led by CWL

Friday March 27, 2020 – Stations led by Musicians/Choirs

Friday April 3, 2020 – Stations led by Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



ALPHA IS BACK

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting our 5th Alpha Series, beginning Tuesday March 24th 2020. Alpha is a chance to explore your faith in an open, welcoming, non-judgmental environment. Each evening begins with a meal, followed by a video presentation and small group discussions. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers and EVERYONE is welcome. If you have ever been curious about God, your Faith and life as a Christian this is a great place to start. Series Dates: March 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2 and 9. Doors open at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and done by 8:30pm sharp. There are also many other ways to get involved with Alpha. People who have completed the sessions are often moved to volunteer themselves as a table host or helper. We are also looking for people to help with greeting, set-up food preparations and clean up. If you are interested please contact Peter at: alpha.hmoj@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

COMMUNION SACRAMENTS

Please join us in praying for our grade two students who are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion over the next several months. May Jesus come to bless you as you prepare to take your seat at the Lord's table to celebrate in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENT

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2020 FROM 7:00-9:00PM

Confirmation Dates

Saturday April 25, 2020 at 11:00am

St. Charles, St. Jean de Brebeuf, Public, Private, Other

Saturday April 25, 2020 at 2:00pm

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Saturday May 2, 2020 at 11:00am

St. Angela Merici

Saturday May 2, 2020 at 2:00pm (Correction of date from previous bulletin) St. Marie of the Incarnation

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