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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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.

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

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Club

Social Club

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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Fathers of the Church had no acquaintance with the relatively receiving theory of the "Rapture" which has never had any weight in Catholic teaching. In the Acts we read that the Apostles were left behind to continue the work of Jesus. That is our work today.

The second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians describes Christ as raised "far above every principality, authority, power and dominion." He is not to be identified with any political party. He is far above them. He is not to be identified with any administration or regime. He is far above them. He is not to be identified with any culture or generation. He is far above them. The Risen Christ is greater than each and all of these principalities, power and authorities put together.

In the Gospel account of the Ascension, Jesus tells the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all the nations beginning at Jerusalem. Throughout Israel's history, Jerusalem was the place to which people came. It was the spot where they gathered. It was the center of Jewish faith. Here, Jesus commissions the Apostles to gather in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit and then to go to all the nations with His message and grace. Early traditions describe the various places to which each of the Apostles were said to have gone. They did not remain in Jerusalem but went forward with their mission. Maybe we can become too introspective and preoccupied.

We need to take Jesus' words to heart and ensure that we are focused on preaching the Gospel, making Christ known, living His truth and inviting people to experience the life of the Church.

The Ascension of Jesus reminds us of some very important truths. First, we should not become preoccupied with identifying signs of Christ's return. We have work to do. Second, we do not possess Christ. He possesses us and we belong to him and His mission. Third, the Church is not an end in itself. Its purpose is to hold up Christ for the world to see.

The Ascension was not a departure ceremony but the being of a new way for the Apostles to be part of Christ and His work. Today, we too can be part of Christ and His work. That is the message and the majesty of the Ascension.

Excerpts from "Captured Fire" by S. Joseph Krempa

2013 Confirmation Celebrations

Mother Teresa – May 16th
St. Charles & other Catholic Schools – May 21st
Marie of the Incarnation – May 28th
St. Jean de Brebeuf – May 30th

PARENTS: Please take note that the Confirmation Candidates are to be at the Church Hall for **6:00pm** to get prepared.

MEETING

A meeting will be held on **May 22nd** for all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at Mass, Nursing Homes or to individual shut-ins at **6:00pm in the Church**. We ask for your presence to continue to help make our Ministry to the Lord the best it can be.

The Ascension of the Lord

The Lord said, "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca



A Mother's Prayer

Father in Heaven, Grant me the grace to appreciate the dignity which you have conferred on me. Let me realize that not even the angels have been blessed with such

a privilege, to share in your creative miracle and with your grace to bring new saints to heaven.

Make me a good mother to all my children after the example of Mary, the Mother of Your Son. Through the intercession of Jesus and Mary, I ask your continued blessing on my family and on me.

Let us all be dedicated to your service on earth and to reach the happiness of your kingdom in Heaven.

God Bless You.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for May 5th was \$7,300.50

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR AMAZING CONTRIBUTIONS

**MARYGROVE GIRLS CAMP and
CAMP OZANAM for BOYS**



We are currently accepting registrations for these camps which run throughout the summer months. This program is for families that are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. Please leave your contact information with the parish office at (905) 775-2065.



STEUBENVILLE EAST

Friday July 19-21, 2013

Inviting all teenagers to a summer

Catholic Youth Conference in Rhode Island. We have only 30 tickets for this conference. Students interested in attending should contact Ray asap!

Where: University of Rhode Island, Ryan Center
1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. RI

When: Friday, July 19-21

Transportation by Coach Bus.
Leaving Holy Martyrs parking lot at 6:00am Friday morning, returning to Bradford late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Cost: \$300.00.

Deposit: \$50.00 to reserve spot

Contact: Ray at 905-251-8151 or email

reitzel@hotmail.com for more information.



MORTGAGE PAYMENT

A Mortgage Payment has been made in the amount of \$5,000.00 which brings our current debt to **\$1,090,000.⁰⁰**
Thanks for your contributions.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**5:00pm Saturday, May 11th**

+ Jose Francisco & Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother – Ester
 + Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro by Wife
 + Paulo & Maria Amelia Medeiros by Lourdes & Gerry Dulyk
 * In Thanksgiving of 50th Wedding Anniversary by Family
 + Zeca Correia & Teresa Silva by Family
 + Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
 + Maria Arsenia Ferreira by Isabel & Family
 + Lonia Pontes by Gabriela Pontes

Sunday, May 12th

8:30am + Maria Fatima & Dennis Faria by Joe Faria & Family
 10:00am + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
 11:30am + Nancy Bova by Daughter – Patty & Family
 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 6:30 pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, May 13th

+ Antonio Martins by Wife – Celeste & Family
 + Rudolf Petrus Picavet by Vilma LaRoche & Family
 + All Souls & Special Intentions by Rosa & David Oliveira
 + Antonio Mirassol & Family by Wife & Children
 + Annie Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
 + Maria Arromba by Julie & Isabel
 + Lonia Pontes by Manuel & Fernanda Ferreira
 + Nuno Azevedo by Vilma LaRoche

8:30am Tuesday, May 14th

+ All Souls by Helena Peixoto

7:00pm Wednesday, May 15th

+ Nuno Azevedo & Victor Fernandes by Rosa & David Oliveira

8:30am Thursday, May 16th

+ Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family

7:00pm Friday, May 17th

+ Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family

9:30am Saturday, May 18th

+ Franco Trotta by Matilda Trotta & Family

5:00pm Saturday, May 18th

+ Sidonio Marques by Augusto & Laura Marques
 + Emmi Chavez by Family
 + Fernando Viaes by Carlos, Alison, Tiago & Niko
 + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
 + Teresa Silva by Family
 + Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
 + Souls of Faria Family by Fernanda Faria & Family
 + Robert Dixon by Wife & Family

Sunday, May 19th

8:30am + Daniel & Diolinda Viveiros by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
 10:00am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpa Sousa by Carolina Santana
 11:30am + Pro Populo
 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 6:30pm Sandra da Silva by Maria da Silva
 “May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY, MAY 20TH IS THE VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:30AM THAT DAY. Have a great long weekend!



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.
May 12 – The Family Bible	May 13 – A New Family
May 19 – Issue Night	May 20 – NO EDGE
May 26 – Vacation Bible School	May 27 – R.E.S.E.P.C.T.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

Papal Blessings can be ordered for the following occasions only:



- 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 75th Anniversaries for Wedding & Religious only
- 50th, 60th, 70th, 75th, 80th, 90th, & 100th Birthday Celebrations only
- Sacraments: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage & Priestly Ordination.

The cost associated with this order is as follows:

- 8x9" - \$45.00
- 10x15" - \$90.00
- 12x16" - \$110.00

Allow 12 weeks for processing time. To order, or for more information, please contact Delia at the Parish Office.

Please note under Vatican rules, a Papal Blessing cannot be issued to an institution, organization, group or association, etc. Also Papal Blessings cannot be ordered for Parishes outside the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Toronto or non-practicing Catholics.

ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF SCHOOL

Please join us to celebrate
**St. Jean de Brebeuf's
 25th Anniversary
 on Saturday, May 25,
 Mass at 10:30am at
 Holy Martyrs Parish.**

After the Mass, Reception and Refreshments will be served at St. Jean de Brebeuf's Gymnasium

All are welcome!

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Wednesday, May 15th, from 3pm to 8pm at Holy Martyrs Parish Hall

**El Sembrador**

El Sembrador is looking for volunteers with accounting or income tax knowledge to help migrant workers with filing their taxes. If you are able to help us one Saturday in June please call the Parish Office at 905 775-2065

RESTLESS HEART- MOVIE

Monday, May 20th at 2:00pm
 SilverCity Theatres, Newmarket

Restless Heart uses an historic backdrop to tell the true story of Augustine of Hippo, one of the Catholic Church's most beloved and well-known saints. A limited number of tickets are available at the Parish Office. Cost of the tickets is \$10.00



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