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



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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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: 9:30am

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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
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St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

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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.

If you wished to be Loved, Love

In the Second Reading, John emphasizes once more the importance of loving God and neighbour, and corrects any false ideas about Christ and His moral teachings. *"In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins".* (1 Jn 4:10).

The Gospel for today is also from St. John, and the concept is joyful love that is complete, because it is centered on Christ Himself, on His heavenly Father, and on our neighbours. We live in the love of Jesus, if we keep His commandments and follow His example. We live in the love of our heavenly Father, if we keep the commandments, even as Christ has kept them. We live in the love of our neighbours, if we love them as much as we love ourselves. Love is the great moving power in heaven and on earth. Out of love, God created the world and everything and everyone in it. Out of love, God provides all that is necessary for the world's continued existence. Out of love, God sent His only-begotten Son to make adequate expiation for fallen mankind. Out of love, God offers countless graces that lead us all the way to heaven. Yes, God is love, and all His works are works of love.

The commandments are the keynote of love. *"I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love."* And Jesus tells us: *"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love."* (Jn 15:10) If we wish joy that is complete, Jesus adds this other commandment: *"Love one another as I have loved you."* (Jn 15:12) How have I loved you? By laying down my life for you: *"Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."* (Jn 15:13)

God is, indeed, love that is without limits, and He has shown His love countless ways. We must show knowledge and appreciation for all God's benefits, by loving God in return.

Our love for God is not as difficult as some might imagine. St. Bonaventure tells us that this is something easy to do. To give alms might be hard for some people who are poor; to fast might be out of the question for the sick or elderly; but to love God is within the power of all. And the more we practice this love for God, the more detached our hearts become from the things of the earth.

The message today: love God, keep His commandments; love His only-begotten Son because He laid down His life for us; love your neighbour as yourself. Love, which is so often misunderstood, *"is the fulfilling of the law"* (Rom. 13:10). Love God, for He has first loved you.

from God's Message by Rev. Msgr. Vito C. Mazzone

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with Him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: **If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.** (Col 3.1-4)

Ascension – May 17th

St. Matthias – May 14th
St. John I – May 18th

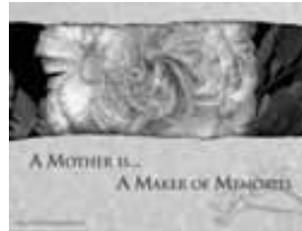
Pray for us!

PARISH KEYS

Please be advised due to thefts, the Sacristy Key has been changed. Anyone absolutely requiring keys are to see Fr. Boniface or Delia during Office hours (9am-4pm)



WEEKLY COLLECTION
Offertory donation for May 6th – 6,091.00
Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00
 Thank you for your generosity!



Mother's Day Tribute
May 13th

Loving Father, as a Mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian Mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Mary Our Mother

Beloved Mother, I come to you with prayers for healing of mind, body and spirit. I ask you to hear my special concern and to place my needs before your Son who you nurtured and cared for with all your heart. Help me to release all fears and doubts that cause me anxiety and bring me peace and comfort through your blessed intercession.

Let me be receptive of God's will and help me to learn compassion through my suffering. Teach me to love others as brothers and sisters in Christ. Give me the strength and understanding to forgive and to receive others' forgiveness. Blessed Mother, help me to grow closer to your Son in everything I do. Renew my spirit and restore my soul through your intercession.

I seek your guidance and protection, remembering these words: "Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me". All this I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

2012 Confirmation Celebrations

St. Charles & Other Schools – May 22nd
 Mother Teresa – May 24th
 Marie of the Incarnation – May 29th
 St. Jean de Brebeuf – May 31st

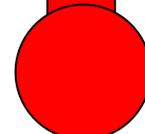
PARENTS: Please take note that the Confirmation Candidates are to be at the Church Hall for **6:00pm** to get prepared.



ROOF REPORT
 We have saved and collected \$104,575. towards our new roof and repairs to the water damage in the Church.

\$35,425 to go!!!

Please give if you haven't already done so. We are asking for \$150. per family. Thanks to all of those who have already donated.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, May 12th

- + Annie Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Gloria Mendes & Antonio Francisco by Fatima & Children
- + Teresa Silva by Family
- + All Souls by Calisto Family
- + Michael Mallet by Lorraine & Louie Prevost
- + Mary Louise Carnova by Marie & Leo Mallet
- + Valentim Marques by Grandchildren

Sunday, May 13th – Mother’s Day

- 8:30am + Jose & Lucinda Sousa, Daniel & Diolinda Vivieros by Jose & Lucia Vivieros
- 10:00am + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + Nancy Bova & Madeline Paget by Patty Hofland
- 1:00pm Our Lady of Fatima Mass
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, May 14th

- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Maria Victoria Miranda by Daughter & Family

8:00am Tuesday, May 15th

- + Ester & Luca Ciciarelli by Ersilia Sorgini

7:00pm Wednesday, May 16th

- + Jose de Sousa by Wife & Family

8:00am Thursday, May 17th

- + Anna Scarella by Ersilia Sorgini

7:00pm Friday, May 18th

- + Albino Marques & Angelina Oliveira by Maximina Gomes

9:30am Saturday, May 19th

- * Special Intentions by Giulio & Maria Di Fonzo

5:00pm Saturday, May 19th

- + Emmy Chavez Hermosillo by Family
- + Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Joaquim Neto
- + Robert Dixon by Wife & Family
- + Victor Latoszek by Wife & Children
- + Perfecto Pico by Family
- + All Souls by Calisto Family
- + Gloria Camelo by Gualter Camelo
- + Maria de Jesus Oliveira by Fernando & Arminda Miranda

Sunday, May 20th

- 8:30am + Fernando Vias by Carlos, Alison, Tiago & Niko
- 10:00am + Brian Collier by Family
- 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

PLEASE NOTE that on Monday, May 21st – Mass at 9:30am
“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

Holy Trinity High School is looking for MATURE ADULTS TO WORK IN THE SCHOOL’S CAFETERIA

3 hours per day from 10:30am to 1:30pm at \$10.25 per hour.
Contact Mr. Babie at 905-775-4841 ext 184 if interested.



OFFICE CLOSED

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, May 21st** for the Victoria Day Holiday. Also note, that the **Mass will be said at 9:30am** on that day.



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass

May 13th – TBA
May 20th – TBA



All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall. Questions or Concerns – Call Diane at 705-737-5260 ext 79203

May 14th – Body Language
May 21st – NO EDGE

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 or for further info and camp dates, call the office at (905) 775-2065.

SUNDAY to SUNDAY.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR’S PARISH

- May 12th – 7:00pm – Our Lady of Fatima Mass
- May 13th – 1:00pm – Our Lady of Fatima Mass
- Sun May 13th – 3:30pm El Sembrador – “English Second Language” program – Small Meeting Room
- Mon May 14th – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Wed May 16th – 3:00pm-8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Sun May 20th – 3:30pm El Sembrador – “English Second Language” program – Small Meeting Room

Volunteers Needed

The Bradford Community Meal is seeking volunteers to cook, prepare and serve meals. Full training and ongoing support is provided by our experienced team members. To inquire about becoming a volunteer, please contact Pierrette Grondin at 905-775-3660 or pgrondin3@gmail.com



The Community Meal has been operating since 2004 and is funded by donations. Every Friday evening at 5:30pm a hot, nutritious meal is prepared and served by volunteers from our community at the Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie Street.

The meals are prepared by seven teams of dedicated volunteers on a seven week rotation. The meal is free and open to anyone seeking to stretch a tight food budget. Pensioners, persons on disability allowance and anyone who has need of a good meal are welcome.

“By love serve one another” Galatians 5:13

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher!



It is important for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment, there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, a contact with the pastor before Thanksgiving is highly recommended. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process, well before applications are to be submitted.



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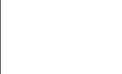


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