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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
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.

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

Bereavement Support Group	CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope	Development and Peace
Life Teen	Knights of Columbus
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.

Shepherd and Sheep Gate

Our Gospel passage today comes from the beginning of John, Chapter 10. Jesus is concluding a discourse with the Pharisees about the man born blind. For their refusal to believe, Jesus has just labeled them blind guides and leaders. He then concludes the discussion from Chapter 9 from today's passage. He introduces the good shepherd discourse.

God is frequently referred to in the Old Testament as a shepherd. Jacob in Genesis (48:15) declares that the Lord has been his shepherd from birth. And David in the 23rd Psalm says, *"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."* The prophet Isaiah promises that the Lord will lead the Jews from exile, like a shepherd carrying them on his shoulder (40:11).

As part of the Good Shepherd discourse, today we have two images that are presented to us. In Palestine the sheep of all the villagers are generally put in a communal pen at night for protection. Only when they hear the voice of their shepherd do they come forward and only when he calls them by name do they step out. All of us are in the world, with its cares and its concerns; with its values of greed and of thinking only of oneself. And yes to some extent all of us are influenced by this. But we are not of the world, we belong to Christ, and Christ calls us by name. We hear His voice calling us out of the world into one of love for God, and love for our neighbour. Today we celebrate in our Portuguese community, Our Lady of Fatima, we remember her core message, namely, to be holy, give yourself completely to her Son, pray for all people, especially those most in need of God's mercy and know that in His love He will provide for anyone who comes to Him.

Secondly, when out in the hills in search of pasture and unable to return to the village before nightfall, shepherds usually place their sheep in a cave for protection. They lie down across the entrance to prevent the sheep from wandering out or predators from wandering in. Those who try to enter the sheepfold by any way other than through the gate are not well-intentioned. They come to steal and slaughter. Anyone not going through Jesus is distracting from God's plan and trying to lead people away from God. In rejecting Jesus, the Pharisees were clearly working counter to God's plan and this text is directed at them.

What a profound image of Christ Jesus: indeed is our good shepherd, who by His grace, and by the readings He inspires in the Church, protects us from any influence that would try to remove us from the Father's love. He also assures us that through Him we will always have access to our Heavenly Father, to Heaven and to the love and peace that never ends.

Praise be to Jesus our Good Shepherd. For ever and ever. Amen!

Have You Heard the Good News? By Edward T. Dowling, SJ

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 23rd for the Victoria Day Holiday. Also note, that Mass for this day will be at 9:15am.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offering donation was \$7,305.12

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!



WANTED – CHOIR MUSICIAN

After many years of wonderful service, we are in need for a music minister. We are looking for a Liturgical Musician to play the organ or the piano at the 8:30am Sunday Masses for the Portuguese Choir starting on Sunday, June 26th. Portuguese language is an asset but not mandatory. The Portuguese Choir practices on Mondays after the 7pm Mass. St. Augustine said when you sing you pray twice, once with the words and once with the beauty of the music. Without it our Mass is severely diminished. Please be open to God's call. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass this message along or if you have any questions call the Parish office at 905-775-2065.

FIRST COMMUNION for students of ST. JEAN de BREBEUF School

We are happy to have students from St. Jean de Brebeuf school making their First Communion on

Sunday, May 15th at the 11:30am Mass

Let us keep these young people in our prayers as they are about to receive our Blessed Lord for the first time!

Our Lady of Fatima Festival

**Saturday, May 14th at 7:30pm followed by
Candlelight Procession**

and on Sunday, May 15th - 2:30pm Mass

Fr. Lester Mendosa is presiding.

The Bradford Italian Association is hosting their 3rd Annual Saint Antonio of Padova Feast

Come celebrate with us at Holy Martyrs of Japan on June 18th, 2011. Mass begins at 2:30pm

Dinner and dance to be held at 6:00pm at Roman Palace, 1096 Ringwell Drive, Newmarket.

DJ, Open Bar, Hot/Cold Buffet, Door Prizes

Adults - \$70 Children under 11 - \$35

For tickets and more information call

Rita (905) 775-9030 Jeanny (905) 778-9836 Nick (905) 775-2609



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her.

Our Lady of Fatima to Jacinta

Friendly Reminder

**Confirmation Celebrations will take place during the
7:00pm Mass on the following dates.**

Mother Teresa	May 26
St. Charles	May 31
Marie of the Incarnation	June 2 nd
St. Jean de Brebeuf	June 7 th
All other Schools	May 31 st

**TAKE NOTE THAT THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ARE
TO BE AT THE CHURCH AT 6:30pm TO GET PREPARED.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, May 14th

- + Annie Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife – Ester
- + Fernando Vias by Jack & Rosa Afonzo & Family
- + Sophia Adamek by the CWL Northern Region
- + Maria Natalia Rodrigues by Daughter & Family
- * Our Lady of Fatima by Elizabeth Ferreira
- * Special Intentions by Maria Dinis
- * Special Intentions for Michael by Family

Sunday, May 15th

- 8:30am + Donnie Adams by Doug & Judy Adams
- 10:00am + Sandra & Jennifer Da Silva by Maria Da Silva
- 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, May 16th

- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Claudino Neto & Maria Rosa de Jesus by David & Rosa Oliveria
- + Jose de Sousa by Wife & Family
- + Stella Scuderi by Saverio & Enza Saracino
- + Fernando Vias by Rosa & Jack Afonzo & Family
- + Gloria Camelo by Walter & Family
- + Jozefa Pindel by Balon Family

8:00am Tuesday, May 17th

- + All Souls

7:00pm Wednesday, May 18th

- + All Souls

8:00am Thursday, May 19th

- + Alziro & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio & Piedade Janeiro

7:00pm Friday, May 20th

- + Brian Collier by Parents

9:15am Saturday, May 21st

- + All Souls

5:00pm Saturday, May 22nd

- + Rafael Chavez & Emmi Chavez by McEvenue Family
- + Jose Barroso by Children
- + Robert Dixon by Wife Gabriella & Family
- + Fernando Vias by Rosa & Jack Afonzo & Family
- + Manuel Borba by Eduarda & Family
- + Maria Natalia Rodrigues by Husband & Family
- + Bernice Thacker by Rev. David Langley
- + Perfecto Rico by Melgar Family

Sunday, May 22nd

- 8:30am + Jose & Lucinda Sousa & Daniel & Diolinda Viveiros by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
- 10:00am + Joao Gomes Faria Jr. by Augusta Barros
- 11:30am + Joseph Kurasz by Daughter & Family
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

The Shepherds' Trust is about caring for those who always cared for us – our priests. They were with us to celebrate our marriage and blessed the exchanging of our vows. They baptized our children and welcomed them into the faith. They were by our side to console and provide strength, during periods of uncertainty and great sadness. This is why thousands of parishioners give to the Shepherds' Trust. They have a personal story. And a donation is one way to give thanks for making a life-long commitment to others. How has a priest played a meaningful role in your life? The Shepherds' Trust wants you to share your story. Submit your story by emailing mrogucki@archtoronto.org or by visiting the website at www.shepherdstrust.org or mail them to: The Shepherds' Trust c/o Marisa Rogucki, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario. M4T 1W2

Sunday to Sunday.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun May 15th – 11:30am – First Communion for St. Jean Brebeuf
- Sun May 15th – 2:30pm – Our Lady of Fatima Mass
- Sun May 15th – 3:30pm – El Sembrador Meeting
- Mon May 16th – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Wed May 18th – 3:30pm – 8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Mon May 23rd – Victoria Day – Office Closed



May 15th – Mixed Messages

May 16th – Second Chance Friends



RCIA

R.C.I.A. WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE...

The R.C.I.A. (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) is for any adults (18 years old or older) who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. In it we journey with you in a discovery of who Christ is, the Church He founded and

His love for you. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr. Boniface at the Parish Office.

PICNIC

Well you know summer's coming when we announce that Holy Martyrs is having a picnic. We are hoping to have good weather and a great turn-out. The picnic will be held on **Saturday, June 18th at noon at the Scanlon Creek Park – Pavillion 4 (D).**



Lots of parking available and the Knights of Columbus will be helping us with a BBQ of hotdogs, hamburgers, & soft drinks for sale. We would ask that if you are joining us this day that you bring a salad or dessert or whatever the ants can't get into in order to share with the rest of the picnickers. More

details to come about

games and races for the kids.

Watch the bulletin!

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.



Vita and Stephanie's

11th Annual CUT-A-THON

Sunday, May 15th from 10am to 5pm at
Mary & Vita's Hair Design, 118 Holland St. East

HAIR CUTS BY DONATION benefiting
The Hospital for Sick Children – Cochlear Implant Program
Contest Draw

- 1st Prize – LG 42" LCD 1080P HD Television
(Donated by A & T Homes)
- 2nd Prize – 1 week accommodation at True Blue Golf & Racket Club in Pawley's Island, S.C.
(Donated by Cathy & David Turner)
- 3rd Prize – Nintendo Wii Game System
(Donated by Chiara Ferragine)

For more info or purchase of tickets, please call 907-775-8775

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