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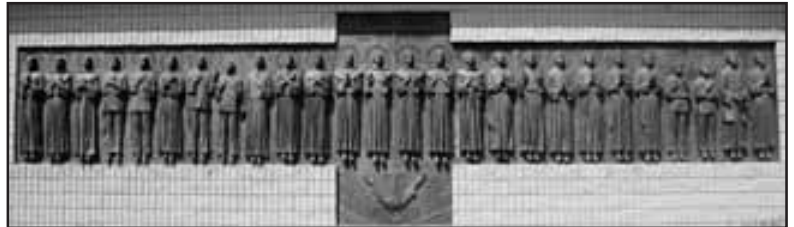
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

OFFICE STAFF

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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.

Christ Founded One Church

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about His imminent departure: *"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many rooms...You know the way where I am going."* The Apostles though do not understand Him, and Thomas asks: *"Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"* Jesus answers him; *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."* (Jn 14:1, 2,4,5,6)

"I am the way" that you must follow; *"I am the truth"* that you must believe; *"I am the life"* – life eternal which you must work for. Last Sunday He told them: *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* (Jn 10:10)

Today He continues along the same lines. *"No one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also."* (Jn 14:6-7)

Christ is really the perfect expression of the Father, because He also said: *"I am in the Father and the Father is in me"* (Jn 14:10). Therefore, to know Christ, to believe in all that He taught, and to walk after Him, we shall definitely learn more about the Father. A knowledge of Christ, a participation in His work, and a open and docile acceptance of His message are most important and indispensable in every one's journey to our heavenly homeland. Our Lord's words today should be impressed deeply upon our hearts: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."*

If these words of Christ are the *only* way, the *only* truth and the *only* life, how then do we explain the existence of so many other religious organizations which also claim to be founded by Christ? Is it ever possible to find a common bond between all these denominations which will foster love and respect among all? This is what we must hope and pray for, that some day there will be *"one flock and one shepherd"*. (Jn 10:16). This is what Jesus prayed for at the Last Supper; *"Father let them be one as I and you are one"*.

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



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a communion breakfast after each Mass on Sunday, May 29th. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE:

Mass for Monday, May 23rd will be at 9:15am.



Also note: the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 23rd for the Victoria Day Holiday.

Have a safe and wonderful long weekend!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offering donation was \$5,780.00

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Help us to reach our weekly Goal!

Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week. Thank you!



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 Mother Teresa School

We are happy to have students from Mother Teresa school making their First Communion on

Sunday, May 29th 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!

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



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.

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher???

It is critical 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, are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, contact with the pastor before Thanksgiving is highly recommended. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at a time when applications are to be submitted.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits.

St. Philip Neri – May 26th

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, May 22nd

- + Rafael Chavez & Emmi Chavez by McEvenue Family
- + Jose Barroso by Children
- + Robert Dixon by Wife Gabriella & Family
- + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonso & 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

VICTORIA DAY

9:15am Monday, May 23rd

- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Lurdes & Manuel Augusto Dinis by Dinis Family
- + Maria Purifica dos Santos by Miranda Family

8:00am Tuesday, May 24th

- + Mark Oliveira by Parents & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, May 25th

- + Ignazio Perri by Wife

8:00am Thursday, May 26th

- + Florina Reda by Family

7:00pm Friday, May 27th

- + Joseph Wismayer by Family

9:15am Saturday, May 28th

- + All Souls by Parishioner

5:00pm Saturday, May 28th

- + Celeste Oliveira Simiao by Sarafina Ingoglia
- + Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Jack Neto & Family
- + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
- + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- + Josefa Barrera by McEvenue Family
- + Rafael Chavez, Ryan Vanderpost & Robert Beauchamp by Carol Sargeant & Bea Purcell
- + Catherine Sargeant by Carol Sargeant & Bea Purcell

Sunday, May 29th

- 8:30am + Donald Hillis by Joyce Hillis & Family
- 10:00am + Joao Barros & Augusta Jesus Faria by Augusta Barros
- 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

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

- Mon May 23rd – Victoria Day – Office Closed
- Thur May 26th – 7:00pm - Confirmation – Mother Teresa School
- Sun May 29th – 11:30am - First Communion – Mother Teresa School
- Sun May 29th – 11:30am - Knight of Columbus Communion Breakfast



May 22nd ... NO LIFE TEEN

May 23rd ... NO EDGE

Have a safe and happy Victoria Day!

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!



OUTSIDE EVENTS

Men's "ACTS" Retreat – June 2-5, at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. A powerful new and exciting retreat experience helping us to grow in a personal relationship with God. "ACTS" Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Call 905-278-5229 for further information or reservations.

16th ANNUAL SHARELIFE CORPORATE GOLF TOURNEY

June 6th - Lionhead Golf and Country Club

Join community and business representatives from across the diocese for day of golf on one of Ontario's premier golf courses, followed by an evening reception and a silent auction – all in support of ShareLife and it's family of Catholic agencies. Register on-line at

www.sharelife.org/golf or contact Daniela Acerra 416-934-3411 ext 567 dacerra@archtoronto.org



Widows and Widowers – Day of Retreat

Saturday, June 11th – 9:00am to 3:00pm

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

The theme of the retreat is "the mystery of Jesus in our loss". Lunch is included. The day concludes with Mass. For more information and to register, please call 905-278-5229

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