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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

El Sembrador Spanish Mass 4th Saturday: 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

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

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Nossa Senhora De Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Santissima Divinidade

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 12, 7:00PM

+Stacie Gibson +Adam Macdonald

TUESDAY, September 13, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, September 14, 7:00PM

+Jerry McCarthy

THURSDAY, September 15, 9:00AM

+Leonardo Talarico

FRIDAY, September 16, 7:00PM

+Patrick & Margaret Connolly

SATURDAY, September 17, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 17, 5:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Victoria Rodrigues +Jose Miranda +Rosa Oliveira +Cila Abreu +All Deceased Abate & Lecoche Family Members +Aurora Goncalves Capela & Jose Correia +Manuel Pereira Correia +Augusto Balugas & Paulito Martins +Jose Correia Capela + Jan & Halina Woznica

SUNDAY, September 18, 8:00AM

+Mary Kohar & Mary Hess

SUNDAY, September 18, 10:00AM

+Samantha Diogo

SUNDAY, September 18, 12:00PM

+Abilio Soares & Herminia da Silveira

SUNDAY, September 18, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one"-

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The need to support our community food bank especially during this most difficult time of insecurity, is essential and needed more than ever. Let us not forget to share the blessings we have been given. Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this thanksgiving! For anyone wishing to contribute, we invite our parish community to drop off your food items in the crate at the back of the Church.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

For parents wishing to baptize their child, please contact the parish office via email with your request and we will forward you a baptismal package.

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

FOR MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASS, BLESSING OF A MILESTONE WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY: Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

REFLECTION

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." [Luke 15:1-2](#)

What a foolish and arrogant thing to say! Jesus was merciful, welcoming, forgiving and loving to those who were sinners. And the Pharisees and scribes complained about this as if Jesus were doing something wrong. On one level, it is understandable that the pride-filled scribes and Pharisees would look for anything they could to condemn Jesus. They were on a sort of "witch hunt," so to speak, seeking to find any fault they could with our Lord. So, out of the fullness of their malice, they attempted to make it look like Jesus was an awful sinner due to the fact that He spent time with sinners and welcomed them. From a perspective of the pure truth, however, the jealousy, envy, manipulation and deception of the scribes and Pharisees are clear. The "condemnation" they uttered against Jesus was no true condemnation at all. It was a fabrication and a twisting of the truth. The truth is that Jesus' kindness to those who were sinners was a living out of His countless virtues. He was understanding, merciful, compassionate, patient, forgiving and the like. He saw troubled hearts and reached out to them in their need, especially when He could tell they were sorry, open and humble.

We may all encounter those who are religiously "self-righteous" at times. This is an ugly sin and one that should not sit well with us. The problem is that those who are self-righteous are oftentimes also intimidating and oppressive. Those who condemn others in the name of God are hard to confront. Jesus' initial response was to ignore them and to go about His ministry of love and compassion, telling parables and helping those in need. But eventually He took these religious leaders on directly, condemning them for their pride and arrogance.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have in your heart to judge another, especially when you try to do so in the name of God. If you struggle with self-righteousness and pride, humble yourself now so that our Lord will not eventually be compelled to issue forth His justice on you! Catholic News Agency 2021

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

"The Church and the world have great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and contemplation full of faith. And let us be ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

- St. John Paul II

PARISH NEWS

COME SEE AND HEAR

Pope Francis made a pilgrimage to Canada from July 24-29. Were you able to follow his footsteps? Did you have the opportunity to hear or read his addresses to Indigenous Peoples? Do you have unanswered questions? Deacon Pedro worked on the organizing committee for the Papal Visit and was present at all the events. The Catholic Women's League of Holy Martyrs of Japan invite you to join us on **Tuesday September 13th, 2022, at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall to hear his experience. Refreshments will be served. In the meantime, go to www.papalvisit.ca to watch all the events of that historic week.

108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees- September 25th 2022

On this day, Catholics are called to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution. The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom. Indeed, The Lord says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:34-36)

OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd, 2022

A parish youth ministry fundraising event. Tickets will go on sale in September

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to help make Oktoberfest a great success! We cannot do this without your help. We are looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations, and cleaning. **Help Needed on the following days:**
Wednesday October 19 from 6pm-8pm and 8pm-10pm
Friday October 21 from 5-8pm and 8-10pm
Saturday October 22 from 10am-2pm, 2pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, 8pm-12 midnight.

If you are interested and available on the following dates, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email: youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30th, 2022, NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Please note the office will be closed for staff day of Reflection and Education and Mass will be at 9:00am

RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference 2022 Saturday November 5th, 2022, 10:00am to 9:30pm Canada Christian College (300 Water St., Whitby) Doors open at 9:00am Social ends at 11:00pm

RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults aged 19-39 with keynote, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community. **To register please visit: www.renewtoronto.org If you have any questions, contact youngadult@ocytoronto.org. The registration deadline is October 19th, 2022.**

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One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherd's Trust, Office for Refugees and many others. For further information, contact the Development office at 416 934 3400 Ext 519/561 or send an email to development@archtoronto.org.

ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE – FREE WEBINAR

Saturday September 17th, 2022, at 9:00am

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- ✓ How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will,
- ✓ How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected,
- ✓ About Powers of Attorney
- ✓ Estate Trustee selection,
- ✓ Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- ✓ Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funerals.

To Register, send an email to:

development@archtoronto.org Please include **"webinar September 17"** in the subject line and provide **your name in the body of the message**. Also, it would be helpful if, for statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member. You will receive a link closer to the webinar date.

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