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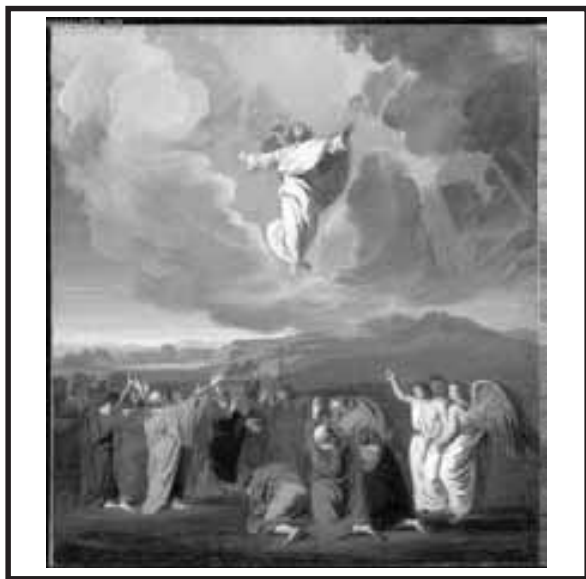
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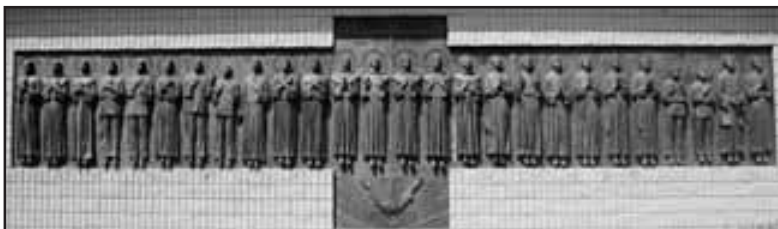
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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.

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Parish Library
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CULTURAL GROUPS

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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.

From the Desk of Father Boniface



ASCENSION

At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, before Jesus is lifted up to Heaven, He commands His apostles, "Go out and baptize all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey my commandments and know that I am with you always, yes, even to the end of time."

These are Jesus' last words to us before the ascension. Not only do they impart important truths for us, they also call forth in us a spirit of comfort and joy. Jesus came so that we may be saved. And that salvation is most importantly brought to us by baptism. Baptism is a Greek word and means literally "to wash". In baptism our sins, actual and original (which is that separation from God caused by our first parents) is removed, we are brought in full union with God and can call ourselves His Children for so indeed we are. Our union is so complete that we too can say that we are members of the Church, the mystical body of Christ, and in the fullness of the tradition that has been handed to us. This sacrament is prefigured at the Crucifixion. As Christ on the cross was pierced with a lance, water and blood flowed from His open heart. Water which is the cleansing water of baptism and His blood which we receive at Mass are the treasures from the Heart of Christ. Because this is so important like the Eucharist, Christ Himself taught us how to effect a true and valid baptism. He told His apostles literally 'baptize' wash-understood from the beginnings of the Church literally to be with water these - our new brothers and sisters with these words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit". Thus when this happens baptism is valid and the person can fully call themselves a Christian, but if the actions or the words are missing, then the baptism is invalid as it does not keep the command directly given us by the Lord.

But baptism is at times misunderstood. Baptism is not an end in itself it is the beginning. This can be seen by a simple analogy. I am related to my parents, this fact can never change, yet if I never call, or visit them, there will come a time when I will stop thinking of them and sadly fade from their company. Unless I wish to love, them, the act of my birth will not keep me close to them even though they are always my parents and always love me.

Holiness and salvation is closeness with Christ. Baptism opens wide the font of Christ's divine mercy. In union with Christ, we grow in charity and we can pray to Him, having access to all the graces in His Most Sacred Heart, and as full members of His body, the Church, can partake in the Eucharist and all the other Sacraments which unite us more and more closely to Him. This brings us a joy and comfort that the world cannot give and which grows deeper as we grow closer to Jesus until we too are with Him in Heaven and our joy is complete.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – MAY 16TH

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations of media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

A Blood Donor Clinic will be held at the Holy Martyrs Parish Hall from 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, May 19th.
Because you're the type to save a life!



In Celebration of the Year of the Priests

we will be celebrating the evening Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Saturday, June 5th at 5:00pm** with Archbishop Thomas Collins and all the priests that have served our parish in the past with a dinner in their honour. Please come out to the Mass and dinner afterwards to make this a very special occasion for our privileged guests. Limited seating for dinner. **Tickets will be on sale after Masses at \$35.00 each.** Please see Imelda Santos.

Celebracao do Ano do Sacerdote

Estamos todos convidados para celbrar no Sabado, 5 de Junho as 5pm. Na solenidade de Corpus Christi, Missa presidida pelo Arcebispo Thomas Collins e os Sacerdotes que ja foram parocos na Holy Martyrs of Japan. A nossa presenca e a melhor maneira de apoiar este evento.

Our Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation was \$4,998.50
When we all work together we can reach our goals!

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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 16, 2010

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. email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

COFFEE HOUSE hosted by the Ministry for Development and Peace

on Sunday, May 23rd following all morning Masses in the Church Hall. Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate will be available for sale. Chris Taucar and his Band will play an assortment of tunes at 12:30pm in the Hall. Please come and join us for this special performance.

A Big Thank You goes to all of the **Communion and Confirmation Catechists and Facilitators** for preparing the participants these past few weeks. **Congratulations to all the Children** who received their **Holy Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation.**



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, May 15th

- + Emi Chavez by Family
- + Alzirio & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio Janeiro & Family
- + Miguel Gomes by Gina, Jack and Danny
- + Mercelina DeRosa by her Children
- + Alice Fernandes by Silva Family
- + Manuel Ferraz by Wife & Family
- + Donnie Adams by Doug & Judy Adams
- + Fatima Maria Pais by Husband Tony Pais & Family

Sunday, May 16th

- 8:30am + Jose & Lucinda Sousa & Daniel & Diolinda Viveiros by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
- 10:00am + Maria Gutta by Nick Gutta & Family
- 11:30am + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, May 17th

- + Guiseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Jose & Maria Luis, Irene Ferreira by Maria Fernandes
- + Jose Barroso by his Children
- + Celeste Henriques by Husband & Family
- + All Souls by Maria Da Silva
- + Robert Dixon by Wife & Family
- + Stella Scuderia by Giovanna, Carlo & Family
- + Ema Chavez by McEvenue Family

8:00am Tuesday, May 18th

- + Special Intentions by Claudina & Anibal Crisostomo & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, May 19th

- + Anna Rajkovitch by Laddie

8:00am Thursday, May 20th

- + Margaret Whitten by Nora & Ron English

7:00pm Friday, May 21st

- + Fatima Pais & Marita Fafias by Isaura Balugas

9:15am Saturday, May 22nd

- + All Souls by Helena Peixoto

5:00pm Saturday, May 22nd

- + Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Joaquim Neto
- + Augusto DoPrado by Paulina Ferreira
- + Maria Amtao Pereira & Manuel Festa by Maria & Silveiro Mauca
- + Julio Barroso by Silva Family
- + Marita Fafias & Fatima Pais by Julia & Virgilio Grego

Sunday, May 23rd

- 8:30am + Manuel Dias by Wife & Children
- 10:00am + Joao Gomes Faria & Maria Jesus Bras by Augusta Barros
- 11:30am + Manuel Marques by Fernando & Armi Miranda & Family
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

PLEASE NOTE – MONDAY, MAY 24th Mass will be at 9:15am in the morning!

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun May 16th – 1:00pm – Holy Spirit Festival
- Mon May 17th – 2:00pm – Seniors Group
- Mon May 17th – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Tue May 18th – 7:00pm – New Beginnings
- Wed May 19th – 3:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Wed May 19th – 8:00pm – AI-Anon
- Thu May 20th – 7:00pm – Bereavement Group
- Sun May 23rd – Coffee Sunday after each Mass



Sunday, May 16th - Ultimate Frisbee	Monday, May 17th - Movie Night
Sunday, May 23rd - NO Lifeteen – Long Weekend	Monday, May 24th NO EDGE – Long weekend

EDGE GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Where: Mayfield Golf Club
12552 Torbram Road,
Caledon East.

Date: Friday, June 18, 2010

Cost: \$80.00/per person

For more information, please call or email Ray at the Office 905-775-2065 or reitzel@hotmail.com

Prize Donations and Hole Sponsorship is welcomed.



Important Notice Regarding Cemetery Plot Sales

Please notice that legislation to enact the harmonized sales tax (HST) has been passed by the Governments of Ontario. As we currently understand the legislation it will apply to cemetery plots and services as well at a rate of 13%. The Province of Ontario has agreed to implement the HST, beginning July 1st, 2010. Cemetery plots prices will increase to include the new sales tax on that day.

If you are planning to buy a plot in our cemetery, now is the time. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and ask for Delia. 905-775-2065.

Calling all Singers



You are invited to a Choir Rehearsal for the Year of the Priest Mass on June 5th. Practices will be held on May 26th and June 2nd at 7:30pm in the Church. All are choir members are welcome!

SAINT ANTHONY of PADOUA

Bradford's Italian Community is organizing a feast in honour of Saint Anthony of Padoua. Come celebrate with us at Holy Martyrs of Japan on Saturday, June 12th. The Mass begins at 6:15pm in Italian followed by a dinner and dance in the Church Hall. Door prizes and draws to be won. Adults are \$45.00 each, children under 12 are \$20.00 each, toddlers under 2 are free. For tickets and more information, please call Rita at 905-775-8930 or Nick at 905-775-2609.

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