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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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.



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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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 13, 7:00PM

+ For all Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters in Syria & Turkey +Margaret Connolly +Casamir Madyda

TUESDAY, March 14, 9:00AM

+Luis & Maria Borges

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena

THURSDAY, March 16, 9:00AM

+Manuel Humberto da Silva

FRIDAY, March 17, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions in Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, March 18, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, March 18, 5:00PM

+Dan Paul Kostov & Grandparents +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Dennis Faria +Manuel da Silva +Eduardo Lancha & Joao Ferreira +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Arlindo Araujo + Abilio Soares & Carlos Soares +Maria dos Anjos & Rosa Miranda + Maria Helena Oliveira +Olivie Fern Cooper *Special Intentions of the Mongillo Family

SATURDAY, March 18, 4:30PM

Mass for Migrant Workers – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, March 19, 8:00AM

+Jose Pereira Dias & Wife

SUNDAY, March 19, 10:00AM

+Lucia Margarido Direito

SUNDAY, March 19, 12:00PM

+Eduino Cabral & Fernando Paulino

SUNDAY, March 19, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – No Requiem Mass of April

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes can be picked in the foyer of the Church. Pre- authorized Giving (PAG) is also an option. This allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. Please contact the parish office or email:

holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org

VOCATIONS

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

The Gospel story we read today it is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob’s Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholy custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, “Give me a drink.” Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn’t dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

Reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

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“Bless those who curse you, and pray for your enemies, and fast for those who persecute you.”

– The Didache

 **ShareLife Sunday is March 26.** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at Sharelife.org/donate.



PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

March 16, 2023
From 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Confessions will be heard in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us EVERY FRIDAY during the season of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

AN INVITATION TO LENTEN PRAYER



We invite each of you to place a “Praying Hands” card on the board with a prayer request. We ask that during Lent, your REMOVE “Praying Hands” card and include that prayer request in your prayers during Lent.

What a great way to help our sisters and brothers in Christ

HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

On the weekend of March 11-12 in the parish hall, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing “Handicraft Holy Land Christians” who will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, and cheques will be accepted.

AMONG FRIENDS MINISTRIES

Among friends is a ministry supporting grieving women of all ages through social interaction and activities. This group meets once a month. The next meeting is Tuesday March 14 at 6:30pm downstairs in the small meeting room. If interested in attending, please contact Cecilia Podger at 416 710 3155 or email ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER / DANCE FUNDRAISER Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall



Music 🍀 Food 🍀 Raffle Prizes 🍀 Cash Bar
Doors Open: at 6:30pm

This year the World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon Portugal. We have several young adults who wish to explore and deepen their faith by participating in this WYD event under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Baal. These delegates will be representatives of Holy Martyrs of Japan parish. The cost per delegate is approximately \$5000.00. HMJ will be organizing several fund-raising events to assist the delegates with the cost of the pilgrimage. Please help support these delegates on this journey by attending and participating in these fundraising events.

Tickets: Adults \$50.00/person, Child (2-12) \$25.00/child, Children under 2 are free. Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in the church foyer until March 12, 2023. Tickets can also be purchased in person from the parish office until March 12, 2023. **Attire: Green, White & Gold**

Please join us for a night of delicious food, good music and a fun time. Volunteers are needed to help make this celebration a success. If you are interested in helping, donating desserts or items for our silent auction, please contact Fr. Joseph at the parish office 905 775 2065.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP

A 5-day Catholic adventure camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship, & fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

Who: Students currently in grades 6-8 who attend EDGE
When: August 27th -31st 2023

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Cost: \$475.00 (before April 30-early bird deadline) / \$525.00 from May 1st – 31st (last day to register) All inclusive (food, transportation, accommodations, Camp T-shirt, Water Bottle) Space limited to a first come, first register basis. For questions and to register contact: Ray Reitzel, youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com



EDGE
 Catholic Middle School Ministry

Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 every other Friday from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith March 10 – X-Ray, March 24 – St. Joseph



LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! No registration required. The next Life night is: March 17 – No Life Night

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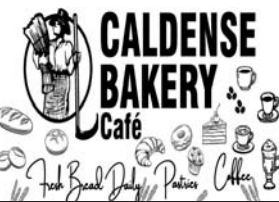
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