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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)
10:00 am, 12:00 pm
4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)
6:30 pm

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.

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha
Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)
Catholic Moms Group
Catholic Moms and Tots
CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope
EDGE Youth Ministry
El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers
Knights of Columbus
LifeTeen Youth Ministry
Liturgical Ministers
Nossa Senhora De Fatima
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Rosary Apostolate
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Santissima Divinidade
Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

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, March 27, 7:00PM

+Antonio Mirassol & Family +Isaura Melo +Bruce Davis +Nuno Azevedo +Margaret Twigg +Augusto & Sid Marques +Manuel & Rosa Manata *Special Intentions of Maria Silveira

TUESDAY, March 28, 9:00AM

+All Deceased Cong Family Members

WEDNESDAY, March 29, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions of Isabel Santos Domingues

THURSDAY, March 30, 9:00AM

+Vincenzo Pellegrini

FRIDAY, March 31, 7:00PM

+All Deceased Members of Pontes & Bastos Families

SATURDAY, April 1, 9:00AM – First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, April 1, 5:00PM - Palm Sunday

Vigil +ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 2, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM,

4:30pm El Sembrador, 6:30PM – Palm Sunday

+ProPopulo

***Please note that on Tuesday April 4, 2023, Mass will be at 7:00pm**

ShareLife Today is ShareLife Sunday!

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins:

“Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$53,000.00. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.” Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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

WITH HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

You have all answered a call. Thank you to everyone for all your support, time and dedication to the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Event for World Youth Day. We are incredibly blessed, grateful and humbled by the combined efforts of this parish community, and we want you to know that your gifts of kindness, donations, dedication and work were truly appreciated. Thank you to all our guests, major sponsors and donors who supported this fundraising event! A special thanks to our caterer Churrasqueira Martins and Novotel Hotels. May God Bless you all.

EASTER MONDAY APRIL 10, 2023 – No Mass

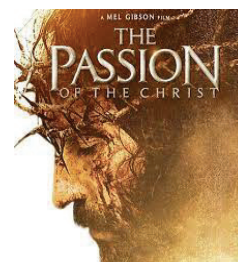
There will be **No Mass at 9:00am** and the parish office will be closed. We wish you a blessed Easter celebration.

REFLECTION

The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. For that reason, Jesus' initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, “he became perturbed and deeply troubled,” “Jesus wept,” He became “perturbed again” and He “cried out in a loud voice.” Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness.

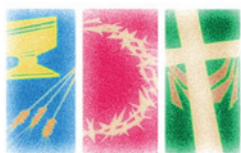
When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound “hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.” Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus' obedience to Jesus' command symbolizes the Christian's response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, “Untie him and let him go,” this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins.

Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called “temporal punishment” (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471–1473). This “punishment” is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, “Untie him and let him go.” This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue. Reflect, today, upon the rich symbolism found in this story. Catholic News Agency 2021



We will be showing the Movie “The Passion of The Christ” on Good Friday April 7 at 4:30pm in the parish hall. Rated “R” - Sequence of graphic violence. May not be appropriate for children.

TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 6, 2023, at 7:00pm (Livestream)

*Followed by Adoration from 8:00pm until 12:00 Midnight
in the Parish Hall*

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 7, 2023, at 12:00pm and 3:00pm (Livestream)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3:00pm Service

4:30pm Passion of the Christ Movie

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord

April 8, 2023, at 8:00pm (Livestream)

(No 9:00am and 5:00pm Mass and No Confessions)

Blessing of Food – Saturday at 10:00am

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023,

10:00am, (Livestream) & 12:00pm,

1:30pm El Sembrador Mass,

(No 8:00am or 6:30pm Mass)

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We invite our entire community to pray the Divine Mercy Starting on Good Friday after the 3:00pm Service and continues every day for 9 days at 3:00pm concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please note: The church is closed on Easter Monday, pray the Novena at home this day.

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. On Good Friday the stations will be at 7:00pm.

GARDEN OF LILIES

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honor of the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants can be dropped off on Monday April 3, to Wednesday April 5, 2023. Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put the names of your loved ones on your lilies.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 16, 2023, at 3:00pm (Livestream)

Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

“On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened.

Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

-Diary of Saint Faustina, 699




CWL SOUP NIGHT APRIL 1, 2023


Come out and join us on Saturday April 1st from 5:00pm – 7:00pm for our last Soup Night this year in support of CWL charities.

\$8.00/person; \$25.00/family (children 10yrs and under).
Take out available for \$15.00. Pre-Orders Only.

Come check out our “Celebrity Chef” and taste his two fabulous soups. Check the list in the church foyer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

 **EDGE** 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. April 7 – No Edge – Good Friday April 21 – Rise & Shine

 **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 31-Blind The conversion of St. Paul, April 14 – Easter Social

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