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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, April 24, 7:00PM

+Antonio Mirassol & Family +Rudolf & Zofia Saniga
+Julia Brinkos +Manuel Marques & Maria Oliveira
+Margaret Twigg +Maria Resendes +Sean Leahy
+Antonella Vernola *Special Intentions of Maria Silveira

TUESDAY, April 25, 9:00AM

+Manuel & Glorinda da Silva

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 7:00PM

+Augusto Bertocchi

THURSDAY, April 27, 9:00AM

+All Deceased Members of the Marques Family

FRIDAY, April 28, 7:00PM

+Francesco & Antonino Gammicchia

SATURDAY, April 29, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 29, 5:00PM

+Manuel da Silva +Ida & Luigi Moro +Manuel
Laranjeiro & Palmira Clementinha +Julia
Brinkos +Angelo Canestraro +Kenneth Patrick
Burns * Special Intentions for Lucy Douglas &
Family

SUNDAY, April 30, 8:00AM,

+Julie Brinkos

SUNDAY, April 30, 10:00AM,

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 30, 12:00PM,

+Jan & Halina Woznica

SUNDAY, April 30, 4:30PM – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 30, 6:30PM

+Marian Yanek

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday May 5, 2023

ShareLife

A ShareLife Campaign

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Savio Antonio Bruto Da Costa is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 13, 2023, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto. Please Remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes can be picked in the foyer of the Church. Pre-authorized Giving (PAG) is also an option. Please contact the parish office or email:

holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus' Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: "but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them."

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they traveled, they were "conversing and debating" about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Jesus' death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn't bring themselves to believe. Thus, they traveled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting.

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God's will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives. If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed to understand the divine plan for our lives correctly. We have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Do you have perfect hope in God and His plan for your life?

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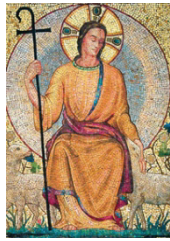
ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Sunday of Easter | April 23, 2023

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 30, 2023

2023 Marks the 60th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations



World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday April 30, 2023 also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38 Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday May 5, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass



Mother's Day BRUNCH

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Sunday May 14, 2023, at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall after the 10:00am and 12:00 noon Mass.

Tickets will be available to purchase after all weekend Masses or at the parish office.

Adults \$15.00 - Children 12yrs and under \$10.00 -

Children 2yrs and under are free

EMT (Electronic Money Transfer) is available and can be made to gerrycalderon@yahoo.ca

Proceeds will go to the Worth Youth Day Delegates

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

May 13th & 14th 2023

More information to follow

SACRAMENTS

A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are now going to be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

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



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. May 5 – Binoculars May 19 – Edge Idol

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:
April 28 – Zealous: St. Paul’s Journey
May 12 – Fearless: St. Paul’s Suffering. Imprisonment, death

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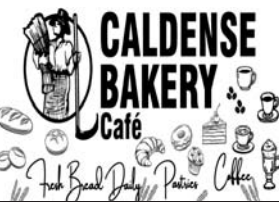
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