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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World



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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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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

San Felipe de Jesus: 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 8, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna +All Deceased Pontes & Bastos Family Members +Manuel Marques & Maria Oliveira +Maria Lordes & Celia Gomes +Dominic & Paula Saniga +Peter Scotto + Diana Rogers *Special Intention for Father Edwin

TUESDAY, April 9, 9:00AM

+Michael & Gabriella Mongillo

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 7:00pm

+Liliana Marques

THURSDAY, April 11, 9:00AM

+Manuel Marques & Maria de Oliveira

FRIDAY, April 12, 7:00PM

+Manuel da Silva

SATURDAY, April 13, 9:00AM

+Assunta Colalillo

SATURDAY, April 13, 5:00PM

+Maria Dolores Vigario +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +All Deceased Hand & Jardine Family Members +Euclides Pinho & Carlos Bento +Margaret Dudo +Eduardo & Irma Lancha +Eduino Cabral & Fernando Paulino +Manuel Marques & Maria de Oliveira +Carlos Adelino & David Facao +Rosalia Galante +Daniel Viveiros *Special Intention for Roman Sakac & Family

SUNDAY, April 14, 8:00AM

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 14, 10:00AM

+Matthew & Maria Fic

SUNDAY, April 14, 12:00PM

+Antonio Murais Casto

SUNDAY, April 14, 4:30PM

Migrant Worker Ministry Spanish Mass

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 14, 6:30PM

*Chad Hurtubise

THANKS, AND BEST WISHES!

With sadness, we announce that Nancy, Edward and Nora have concluded their roles within our parish family. Nancy has served faithfully as our Coordinator for Migrant Ministries for more than ten years, Edward as our Lay Pastoral Assistant for more than two years, and Nora as our Coordinator of RCIA for the past twenty-five years. Their dedication, passion, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in the growth and development of our community. Each of them has played a unique and invaluable role in enriching the spiritual lives of our parishioners. While we are sad to see them go, we are also grateful for the indelible mark they have left on our parish. Their contributions will be remembered and cherished for years to come. As they embark on new journeys and opportunities, let us express our deepest gratitude for their service and commitment. Let us also keep them in our prayers as they transition into this new phase of their lives.

REFLECTION

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*:

“My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (Diary #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, “My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what's the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But “eternity” includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That's why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Sunday | April 7, 2024

Begin by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As you do, humble yourself through prayer by admitting to God and to yourself that His Mercy is beyond what you will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God's Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives. Catholic News Agency2021

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST SUNDAY Sunday April 21, 2024

The Knights of Columbus are planning another parish breakfast on Sunday April 21, 2024, after the 8:00am, 10:00am and noon Masses. We will serve a complete breakfast – eggs, bacon, sausage, toast and pancakes with all the trimmings. The cost is a voluntary donation to help support our charitable works.

VOCATIONS

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS APRIL 21, 2024



World Day of Prayer for vocations will be observed on Sunday April 21, 2024, 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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Sunday April 7, 2024, at 3:00pm (Livestream)
Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

SACRAMENTS

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.

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 months. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night: April 19 – Limited Edition

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ. 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!

Next Life Teen Night: April 12 – First Hand

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