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Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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Parish Social Ministry

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Baptisms: By appointment with at least one month's notice to provide for adequate preparation

Marriages:

By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

Holy Communion For Shut-Ins and Sick:

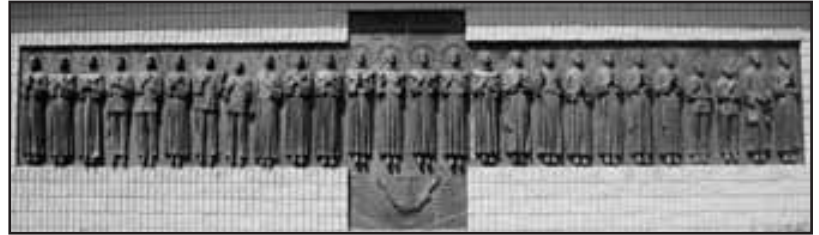
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

Support and Enrichment Ministries

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

Our Parish Catholic Schools:

- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
- Mother Teresa - 905-778-8653



Sunday Eucharist:

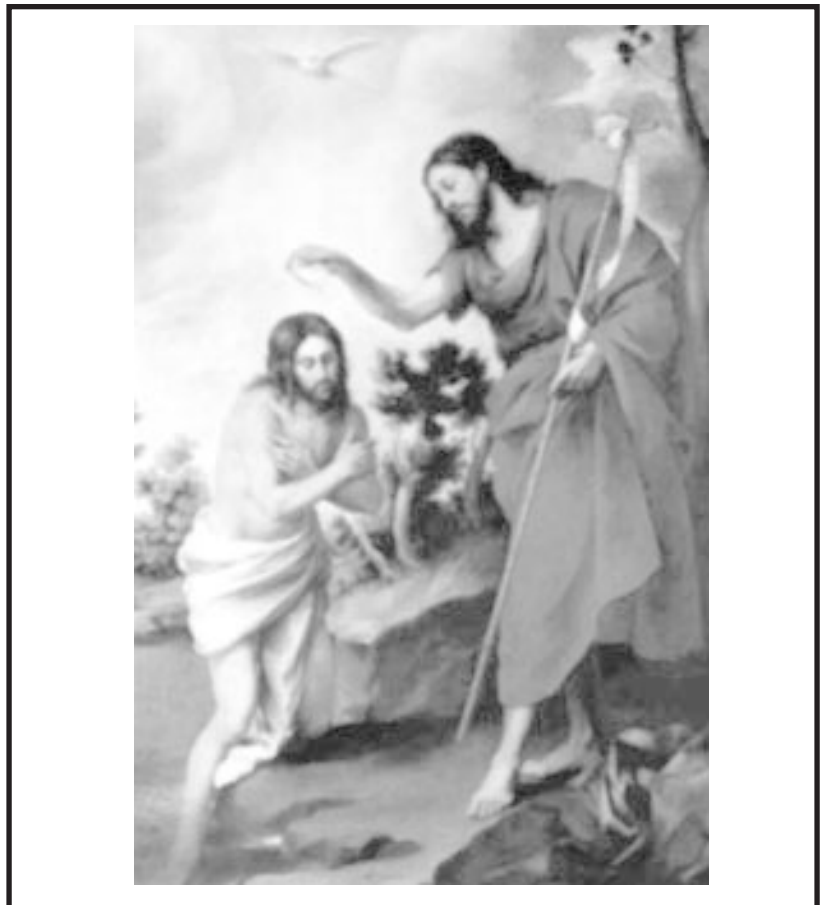
Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM
Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM
Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

New Parishioners: WELCOME! You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



Our Mission: We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

A Nossa Missao: Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus

The Lord's Baptism- Our Baptism

In today's feast we celebrate the baptism of Jesus by John in the waters of the Jordan. *"The Lord desired to be baptised, says St. Augustine, so that He might freely proclaim through His humility what for us was to be a necessity.* St. Augustine, Sermon 51, 33

In baptism we receive faith and grace. Today our prayer enables us to thank God for this and to rejoice in the countless good things He has so lavishly bestowed on us. *Thanksgiving is the very first emotion that should be born in us in response to our baptism: the second is joy. Never should we think of our baptism without deep feelings of interior gladness.* Abbott Marmion, Christ, the Life of the Soul.

In the Church nobody is an isolated Christian. From the time of baptism each person is part of a people, and the Church presents itself to the world as the true family of the children of God. *It was the will of God to sanctify and save mankind, not in isolation, separated from one another or without forming a people that would acknowledge it in truth and serve it in holiness.* Second Vatican Council, Lumen gentium, 9

Indeed baptism is the door through which we enter the Church. idem, 14; Ad gentes, 7 And in the Church, precisely through Baptism, we are all called to holiness. idem, 11, 42 Each one in their own state of life. This holiness is seen in devotion to Christ's in the practice of virtue and in charity to all members of Christ's body, the Church.

Enrollment Mass

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on Jan 17th or Jan 24th and enroll in the program for immediate preparation for confirmation. In so doing, they publicly state that they wish to live an active Catholic life style. We will give them a cross to wear as a symbol of that commitment. Please pray for these young people that they may always be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Volunteer Appreciation Night - Tues, Feb. 2nd

You are invited to attend an Appreciation Evening to celebrate all volunteers who gave their time to support the mission of the Church. This includes EVERYONE who has volunteered from any ministry or group or any other help that you so generously give. Come and let us say thank you for all you do to enliven our community. There will be Mass that evening followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments starting at 7:00pm.



Volunteers Needed

We are in dire need of volunteers to help take down the decorations, flowers, etc from the Church.
Please come on Saturday, January 16th at 10:00am.

OFFERING UPDATE

Dec 20 was \$6,770

Christmas Collection \$13,526

Dec 27 was \$5,287

Jan 3 was \$4,755

Thank you for your generosity over the past few weeks.
This will help us meet our winter expenses.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin beginning January 25, 2010. The advertisements make our bulletin possible. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637

MESSAGE FROM FATHER BONIFACE

Over the past year there has been the request to have a Ministry for young children on Sundays. While we recognize the need to have children participate in the Mass, there is great merit in providing a sense of welcome for our young children after or in between the Masses. So on **Monday, January 11th** (please note change of date) **at 6:00pm** we would like to invite interested parishioners to explore the possibility of starting such a ministry. If you would like to attend this meeting but would need someone to baby-sit your child at the parish, please let the office know in advance and we can provide this service for you. If you have any further questions, please contact Fr. Boniface at the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 10, 2010

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email. vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Catholic Womens League NEWS

- All Members and interested New Members of the Catholic Women's League. The 2010 Membership is due on January 13th. To coordinate payment of \$20.00 please call Helen Harrison-Gres at 905-775-1619 before January 13th.
- The CWL will be hosting the Northern Region CWL Winter Social on Sunday, January 31st, at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. All members are welcome to attend.
- If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary this coming year, especially 25, 30, 40, or 50, you are welcome to attend a renewal of vows on Saturday, February 13th. Those couples interested, please call Imelda Santos 905-775-7819.

Quote of the Week

Our Lady's love is like a stream that has its source in the Eternal Fountains, quenches the thirst of all, can never be drained, and ever flows back to its Source.

~ St. Marguerite Bourgeoys January 12th ~

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 9th	
+ Maria Sousa, Antonio Santana, Vitorino Nazario by Carolina Santana	
+ Joao & Hermina Botas by Piedade Janeiro & Family	
+ Virgilio Sr. & Virgilio Jr. Almeida by Cavaco Family	
Sunday, January 10th	
8:30am	+ Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester Barros
10:00am	+ Manuel Sarafin by Benvenida & Family
11:30pm	+ Pro Populo
5:00pm	No Spanish Mass until Feb 7 th , 2010
6:30pm	+ All Souls
7:00pm Monday, January 11th	
+ Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children	
+ Giuseppe Beninati by Wife – Francisca	
8:00am Tuesday, January 12th	
+ All Souls	
7:00pm Wednesday, January 13th	
+ Judy Tate & John McIntyre by Florence Szabo	
8:00am Thursday, January 14th	
+ All Souls	
7:00pm Friday, January 15th	
+ All Souls	
9:15am Saturday, January 16th	
+ All Souls	
5:00pm Saturday, January 16th	
+ Cecilia Santos by Zelma Fuller	
+ Jose De Sousa by Alfredina De Sousa & Family	
Sunday, January 17th	
8:30am	+ Manuel Dias by Celeste Dias
10:00am	+ John Gorzo Sr. by Elizabeth Schuller
11:30am	+ Nancy Bova by Family
5:00pm	No Spanish Mass till Feb 7, 2010
6:30pm	+ Pro Populo
<i>“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”</i>	



PARISH HALL RENTAL

Please be advised that the Parish Hall will be available for rental for Baptism celebrations once a month starting in January 2010. If you wish to book the hall for your child's Baptism party, please contact the Parish Office for bookings. Note, this is on a first come and first serve basis.

A SPECIAL GIFT for married family, friends or yourself this Christmas might be an inspiring, peaceful weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. The Centre offers privacy, comfort, excellent cuisine and a program that will enrich a marriage relationship. The next marriage enrichment program will be Jan 15-17. For information call 905-278-8879, or 416-694-1742 or register at Queen of Apostles – 905-278-5229.

Thanks to all the families that participated in the skating party on January 2nd. The turnout was excellent and enjoyed by all. Our thanks also goes out to the Social Committee Members who donated their time, and showed off their baking skills with loads of goodies and refreshments. Stayed tuned for the Social Committee's next event which will be announced soon in the Bulletin.



Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Jan 10th – 10:30am – Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Mon Jan 11th – 2:00pm – Seniors Group
- Mon Jan 11th – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Tue Jan 12th – 7:00pm – Confirmation Leaders Meeting
- Wed Jan 13th – 3:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Wed Jan 13th – 6:30pm – First Communion Classes for Public Schools
- Wed Jan 13th – 7:00pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Wed Jan 13th – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Sat Jan 16th – 5:00pm – Enrollment Mass for Confirmation
- Sun Jan 17th – at all Masses – Enrollment for Confirmation
- Sun Jan 17th – 10:30am – Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Jan 17th – 2:00pm – Life Teen



Monday January 18th
Why do I feel this way?
 This night will help the EDGER'S recognize that emotions are a natural part of us – We were created with them. This night begins our new semester **Emotional Rollercoaster's**

Monday January 25th
Sad, Glad, and Back Again
 This night will help EDGERS understand and include God in their own emotional lives!



January 17th – Christian Hope
January 24th – Ecumenism
January 31st – Skiing and Snowboarding
February 7th – Vocations

Parish Social Ministry Meeting

Just a brief reminder that the next parish social ministry meeting will be held on **Thursday January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Centre.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - ON WEDNESDAY, JAN 13th, IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 3:00PM TO 8:00PM

CONFIRMATION LEADERS MEETING ON TUESDAY, JAN 12th AT 7:00PM, IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM. COORDINATORS PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS IMPORTANT DATE AND TIME FOR THIS MEETING.

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes to be held on Friday, January 29th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, January 30th from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on Friday, February 5th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, February 6th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Cost of this course is \$25.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married this year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes. Please call the Office for registration.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available at the office. Please come downstairs to pick up your box of envelopes.

St. JEAN de BREBEUF SCHOOL – IS IN URGENT NEED OF NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

We are looking for energetic individual to supervise students during lunch hour from 11:50am to 12:50pm. Under the direction of the principal, the supervisor works within the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board policies and procedures. Pay is \$13.00 an hour, once individuals fulfill school board criteria. A recent criminal background check is a requirement. If interested, please contact the principal at 905-775-8460 to discuss this employment opportunity.

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