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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER MONDAY, April 5, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

TUESDAY, April 6, 9:00AM

+Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 7:00PM

+Rui Santos Domingues

THURSDAY, April 8, 9:00PM

+Lou Sebastiano

FRIDAY, April 9, 7:00PM

+Jamie Meneses

SATURDAY, April 10, 9:00AM

+Salvatore Tassone

SATURDAY, April 10, 5:00PM

+Maria Leonardo +Kyle Lee & Gary Lee

+Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati +Maria &

Eugenio Arruda +Abilio Soares +Antonio

Martins & Clara Gomes +Augusta Barros +Gil

Viveiros +Gerry Goodyear +Manuel Marques &

Maria Oliveira +Helen Rak

SUNDAY, April 11, 10:00AM

+Manuel Maria Marques & Maria de Oliveira

SUNDAY, April 11, 12:00PM

+Anna Matys

SUNDAY, April 11, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Pre-Authorized Giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid-19, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. You access a form by visiting our website and Click the "Covid 19" tab and click on Pre-authorized Giving or contact the office. New and Existing Parishioners: Unfortunately, we had to reduce the number of boxes ordered this year as many were not in use. Anyone who was using box numbers from 800 and up will be assigned a new number. To pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, please contact the office.

Please note that tax receipts for 2020 were mailed out in the second week of February

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

REFLECTION

Early Sunday morning the women went to the tomb to pay their last tribute to a dead body. The disciples thought that everything had finished in tragedy. Neither were ready to see an empty tomb and hear the angel's message, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." (Mark 16:6-7). The angel urged them to believe that Jesus had indeed risen just as he had promised. In joy then went to share the good news with the other disciples. Is it any small wonder that it was the women, that it was the women, rather than the apostles, who first witnessed the empty tomb and the resurrected Lord? Isidore of Seville, a 7th century church father comments on this: "As a woman (Eve) was first to taste death, so a woman (Mary Magdalene) was first to taste life. As a woman was prescient in the fall, so a woman was prescient in beholding the dawning of redemption, thus reversing the curse upon Eve. "The first to testify to the risen Lord was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons. What is the significance of the stone being rolled away? It would have taken several people to move such a stone. And besides, the sealed tomb had been guarded by soldiers! This is clearly the first sign of the resurrection. Bede, a church father from the 8th century, comments: "The angel rolled back the stone not to throw open a way for our Lord to come forth, but to provide evidence to people that he had already come forth. As the virgin's womb was closed, so the sepulcher was closed, yet he entered the world through her closed womb, and so he left the world through the closed sepulcher." (From homilies on the Gospels 2,7,24).

It is significant that the disciples had to first deal with the empty tomb before they could come to grips with the fact that scripture had foretold that Jesus would die for our sins and then rise triumphant. They disbelieved until they saw the empty tomb.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have had of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is central to the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of the resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We invite our entire community to join in the Divine Mercy Novena this year. Recite it together as a family or on your own.

**Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is on
Sunday April 11th 3:00pm**

**To be sure we do not exceed capacity, you Must register
for this Mass**



WEEKDAY MASS: WALK IN

**Monday Wednesday & Friday – 7:00pm
Tuesday Thursdays & Saturday – 9:00am**
Holidays: Masses are at 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturdays – 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Seniors)
Walk In - No Registration Required.**
Doors open 4:00pm

**Sundays – 10:00am & 12:00pm Mass
Registration Required Online – Eventbrite**
Doors open 1 hour before Mass

**Sundays – 6:30pm Mass (All Age Groups)
Walk In - No Registration Required.**
Doors open 6:00pm

**EVENTBRITE Online Registration
Go to Holy Martyrs of Japan Website and
click “Register for Mass” to order tickets**

**Please bring electronic or printed ticket
for admission**

**The Sunday 10:00am Mass will continue
to be livestreamed on youtube**

2021 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

**Our Parish’s ShareLife Campaign is now underway
ShareLife Sunday is April 18th**

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped and rely on your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. Please give generously.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptism Packages can be picked up after attending any Mass. Take the package home, complete the forms and return it after attending any Mass to clergy. A clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details and to confirm a date. (To resume after lockdown restrictions)

FIRST COMMUNION/CONFESSIONS

To all communion candidates and families who have registered for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament. After the two and a half month on line registration process we are now ready to proceed to the next step. For those who registered on line, you should have received an email from Fr. Joshua on Sacramental Preparation and the How to Register for Communion dates, along with links for each. Please note, that the Eventbrite link will be live on Wednesday March 17, 2021 at 10:00am for you to choose the date you wish to celebrate your child’s Communion. Please choose ONE date. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office and speak to Anna. We hope to see you and your families at Mass.

CONFIRMATION:

We have been accepting registrations for Confirmation for several months for students in grades 7 (class of 2021) and grade 8 (Class of 2020) and for all candidates who wish to receive their Sacrament who registered last year and did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD BEFORE MARCH 19, 2021 to make sure we include everyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament.

A March 11, 2021 Confirmation update was sent out which outlines the “next step”. Once registration is closed and we have our numbers, we will be contacting families who registered ON LINE, via email to provide them with Eventbrite links in which to choose their date of Confirmation. As well, there is a home based and Parish based preparation program in which to assist you to prepare your child for the Sacrament. Please note: that the Parish based program, Alpha Youth Virtual has limited spots and will be designated on a first come first serve basis. Please refer to the letter posted on our website for further instruction. It is perfectly appropriate to put the Sacraments on the back burner for the time being. We are currently in Red which means the Church is open for Mass. We look forward to seeing you.

CONFESSIONS: By appointment at this time.

Please contact the parish office for further information

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