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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

6:30pm

Spanish Mass—4:45pm

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

#### **CONFESSIONS**

1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Please contact us one month or more in advance.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

#### **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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

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#### **PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES**

Alpha

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**EDGE Youth Ministry** 

El Sembrador

**Knights of Columbus** 

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### **CULTURAL GROUPS**

Divino Espirito Santo Nossa Senhora De Fatima Santissima Trindade

# NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish Office or in the gathering space at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.



Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness.

Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life- giving word. Fill me

with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection."



#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Sunday in the presence of the Holy Sacrament in Song Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

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CWL General Meeting will be held on Monday April 9, 2018 at 7:30pm in the St. Joseph's meeting room. April 30, 2018 at 7:30 CWL Executive Meeting



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost for the breakfast is \$7.00/person. Come and enjoy some good food and fun. All proceeds raised from this event will go to support Brother Ignatius Pramod a seminarian from Fr. Mani's Diocese in India.

#### A PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Please join us in praying for our grade two students who are preparing to receive 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.

#### **SANTISSIMA TRINIDADE**

Santissima Trinidade of Bradford invites everyone to come celebrate the Feast of Santissima Trinidade an event filled with traditions from the homeland and many surprises. The first crowning will be on Sunday April 15 at the 8:30am Mass, and each consecutive crown celebrated every Sunday at 8:30am Mass thereafter. We invite all to come and join in fellowship. The ceremony will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Eduardo Rensendes on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

Vai celebrar as famosas Festas de Santissima Trinidade no Domingo Maio 27 2018. Os dios días serao preenchidos com muitas surpresas e tradicoes da nossa terra natal. Nos convidamos a todos os irmaos, familiares, e amigos a vir fazer parte da Festa. A nossa Missa será celebrada pelo Sr. Pardre Eduardo Resendes no Domingo dia 27 de Maio as 2:00pm.



#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

#### SAVE THE DATE

July 23, 2018 to July 27, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a program which incorporates themed activities that entertain kids with the chance to learn about God. This Year's theme is "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus". Children must be in Sr. Kindergarten through to Grade 5 to register. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out with this ministry may contact the Parish Office at 905 775 2065 for more information.



#### **REGISTRATION**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registration applications for this year's children's summer camps. **Camp Ozanam**, for boys ages 7-12 and **Marygrove Camp** for girls 5-13. The camps are fully subsidized for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a camp adventure because their families are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. For more info visit <a href="www.ssvptorotno.ca">www.ssvptorotno.ca</a> click "what we do" Please contact Parish Office at 905 775-2065 to register.

**WHAT:** EDGE is a youth ministry program designed to help youth learn more

about their Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and

fellowship!

WHO: Grades 6-8

Mondays 7-8:30pm WHEN:

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall WHERE:

FREE FREE FREE COST: **Triumphant – Catechesis** APR 9 **APR 16** Life Size Games - Social

**INTRODUCING... ALPHA YOUTH SERIES** The brand new Alpha YOUTH Series has been reimagined for today's youth culture, giving young people all around the world the chance to explore faith through Alpha. The Alpha Youth Series will be held on Sunday Evenings in the St. Joseph's Meeting Room every Sunday from 7:45p.m.-9:15pm. Alpha Series Dates: April 8, 15, 22, and 29. All high school aged students are invited to join us in the St. Joseph's meeting room for a small meal, video presentation and friendly conversation. If you have any questions please contact Ray Reitzel at 905-251-8151 or the office at 905-775-2065.

**ALPHA** Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting the Alpha Series on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the parish hall. The series dates are as follows: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22. If you have any questions please contact Ray Reitzel at 905-251-8151 or the office at 905-775-2065.

#### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

The parish confirmation program of preparation is called "Decision Point". The program will run on Thursday evenings in the parish hall downstairs from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The participation of all candidates is anticipated. For those in public or private schools your attendance is particularly understood as part of your catechesis in preparation for Confirmation. You can access the program by visiting the website

https://dvnamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view or download the app on Google Play or at the App Store for **FREE.** There is a textbook you can purchase or download the workbook onto your PC or mobile device.

Program dates are as follows:

Thursday April 12 "The Church" Thursday April 19 "Confirmation Thursday April 26 "Made for Mission Thursday May 3 "Holiness is Possible" Thursday May 10 "Wrap up"

We strongly encourage full participation in the program.

### UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday April 9th 7:00pm

- +Antonio Castro Murais by Conceicao Castro
- +Manuel Marques & Maria Oliveira by Dinis Family
- +Antonio Manuel Diogo by Wife & Daughter
- +Francisco & Otelinda Ferreira by Rosa Barroso & Family
- +Antonio Perna by Nazario Family
- +Joao & Luciana Angelino by A Friend
- +Maria Albina Costa by Lucy Miguelo & Family
- +Augusto Marques by David & Rosa Oliveira

#### Tuesday April 10th 8:30am

+Kyle Lee by Campbell Family

#### Wednesday April 11th 7:00pm

+Manuel Marques & Maria de Oliveira by John & Maria

Conceicao

#### Thursday April 12th 8:30am

+Carmelina Batista by Claudina Crisostomo

#### Friday April 13th 7:00pm

- +Pietro Asaro & Gioachino Cristina by Wife
  - Saturday April 14th 5:00pm
- +Francisco Rodrigues & Francisco Jose Rodrigues by Wife &
- +Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati by Sclafani Family
- +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
- +Walter Andrade by Maria Ramos
- +Antonio Diogo by Family
- +Maria Rosa Miranda & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
- +Antonio Manuel Diogo by Portuguese Choir
- +Mateo Peri & John Peri by Family
- +John Hembrook & Jose Romeiro by Emilia Rego & Children
- +Manuel Marques & Maria de Oliveira by Fernanda Miranda Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>
- +8:30am Scott Vieira & Lucinda Sousa by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
- +10:00am Virgilio Pinho by Wife & Children
- +11:30am ProPopulo
- +4:45pm ProPopulo
- +6:30pm Rudolph Spek & Robert Spek by Helen & Family

#### **RUN WITH IT**

Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall with Deacon Dave. Is there one God for all religions? Do we all go to heaven regardless of our religion? What is purgatory? Is it real? How do I teach this to my kids?

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday May 12 - 11:00am Confirmation - St. Angela Merici - 2:00pm Confirmation - St. Marie of the Incarnation

Sunday May 12 & 13 - Our Lady of Fatima Wednesday May 16 - Blood Donor Clinic

Saturday May 26 -11:00am Confirmation St. Charles, St. Jean de Brebeuf, Public, Private and other

schools

Saturday May 26 - 2:00pm Confirmation St. Mother Teresa



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