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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



Pastor: Father Joshua Roldan
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am
Saturdays: 9:00am

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.

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Alpha
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El Sembrador
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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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 19, 7:00PM

+Honora & Ceu Correia *Special Intention * Special Intention for the Zimmermann Family +Helen & John Szabo +Regina Cece +Brandon Horwood

TUESDAY, August 20, 8:30AM

+Glen & Vincenza

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 7:00PM

+Patrick Connolly

THURSDAY, August 22, 8:30AM

+Virgilio Conceicao & Jose Conceicao

FRIDAY, August 23, 7:00PM

+Virgilio Conceicao & Jose Conceicao

SATURDAY, August 24, 9:00AM

+ProPoulo

SATURDAY, August 24, 5:00PM

+Ignazio Polizzi +Francesca & Giuseppe Beninati
+Arsenio Pacheco +Adelino Oliveira +Leo & Michael Mallet +Victoria Rivera Zeledon +Fatima Cabral
+Manuel Ferreirinha +Nick Gasko +Franco Trotta
+Antonio Julio Diogo +Joaquim Afonso & Carlos Bento

SUNDAY, August 25, 8:30 AM

+Arlindo Araujo & Parents

SUNDAY August 25, 10:00AM

+Joe & Fernando Pereira

SUNDAY, August 25, 11:30AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 25, 6:30PM

*Special Intention for Lucy Dantas & Family

NEW PARISHIONER – OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering
Envelopes



If you are new to the community, Welcome to Holy Martyrs of Japan! If you would like to register, please feel free to pick up a

Sunday Offering box and/or complete a registration form located in the narthex of the Church on the credenza.

You can either drop off your completed form at the office, or include it with your first envelope offering. Pre-Authorization and Offering Envelopes will also be made available to you.

If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database 905 775 2067.

EL SEMBRADOR



Helpers needed to store and repair bicycle donations for Migrant workers as part of the El Sembrador Ministry. If anyone has

bikes in good working condition that you would like to donate, please contact the parish office at 905 755 2065.

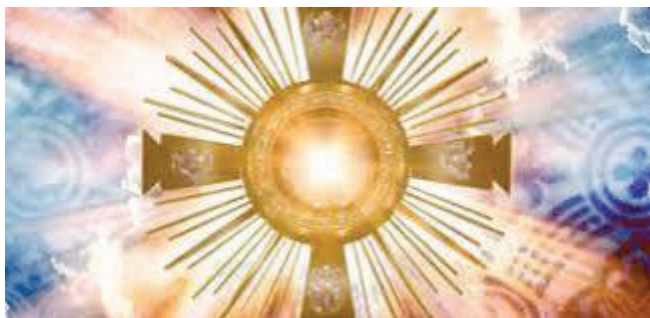
REFLECTION

Do you want to be on fire for God? Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here? **The fire of God's purifying love and cleansing word.** The image of fire in biblical times was often associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people, God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush (Exodus 3:2). God assured the Hebrew people of his continual presence, guidance and protection for them through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exodus 13:21-22). The prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven to reveal God's presence and power and to purify the people of false idols (1 King 18:36-39). The image of fire was also used as a sign of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13) and holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), and his righteous judgment and holy wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). Fire is also a sign and symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as with the disciples at Pentecost. We can see from both the Old and New Testament Scriptures that God's fire purifies and cleanses to make us clean (sins washed away) and holy (fit to offer him acceptable praise and worship), and it inspires a reverent fear (awe in God's presence) and respect (obeying and giving God his due) for God and for his holy word.

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice of following him above all else? When Jesus spoke about division within families he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micha: *a man's enemies are the men of his own household* (Micha 7:6) the essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ – a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry.

Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager

WELCOME TO OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



*"COME LET US ADORE HIM"
Welcome to Our Adoration Chapel!*

You Are Invited ...

to come be with our Lord in awe of his presence, to know His peace, joy, blessings and mercies. It is time to draw near to His heart and you will be filled with His strength and power.

REMINDERS



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Joshua, Fr. Mani or the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.

RUN WITH IT

Questioning your faith is not a sign of weakness but one of strength, validating that your faith is alive and well! Due to its success, we are going to continue with our "Run with it" series again this coming fall. Please complete the suggestion form with any questions or topics you wish to discuss about our faith. You may pick up and drop off the suggestion form in the yellow box at the back counter in the gathering space to be considered for the upcoming session.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday September 2, 2019 and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. Have a blessed long weekend!

PASTORAL TEACHER REFERENCE

If you or one of your children are planning on attending Teacher's College in the Fall to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly and be an intentional disciple to the mission of the church (ie being involved in parish ministry or programs) before such a recommendation can be given.

If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College who does not attend this parish (because they are away at school) and intends to use Holy Martyrs of Japan as the parish from which they will request a letter of reference, they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school. Let us pray for our Catholic teachers, students, schools and future Catholic educators!



HOLY HOUR

Friday September 6, 2019 after the 7:00pm

Come be present with the Lord!

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children and our teachers prepare to start a new year, may YOU be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope and faith be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as you love. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things! In Jesus' Name. Amen

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