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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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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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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 26, 7:00PM

+Helen Szabo

TUESDAY, August 27, 8:30AM

+Borges & Da Silva Deceased Family Members

WEDNESDAY, August 28, 7:00PM

+Jennifer & Sandra Da Silva

THURSDAY, August 29, 8:30AM

+Fernando & Joe Pereira

FRIDAY, August 30, 7:00PM

+Maria Helena Oliveira

SATURDAY, August 31, 9:00AM

+ProPoulo

SATURDAY, August 31, 5:00PM

+Tony & Broders Toich +Teresa Moniz +Jose Cardoso
+Leo Mallet +Manuel Paulo & Emilia Paulo +Manuel
Miranda Oliveira & Maria Rosa Miranda +Marjorie
Filippone & Special Intention for John Filippone +John &
Helen Szabo +All Souls & Special Intention +Eduardo &
Irma Lancha

SUNDAY, September 1, 8:30 AM

+Lucyjoe & Tony Toich

SUNDAY September 1, 10:00AM

+Mario & Mary Oliver

SUNDAY, September 1, 11:30AM

+Marjorie Filippone & Special Intention for John Filippone

SUNDAY, September 1, 6:30PM

+ProPoulo

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

Who will be invited to enter God's kingdom?

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven – to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life. Many rabbis held that all Israel would be saved and gain entry into God's kingdom, except for a few blatant sinners who excluded themselves! After all, they were specially chosen by God when he established a covenant relationship with them. Jesus surprised his listeners by saying that one's membership as a people who have entered into a covenant relationship with God does not automatically mean entry into the everlasting kingdom of God. Second, Jesus asserts that many from the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike. But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not *strive to enter by the narrow door*. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. "I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved (John 10:9). God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace (favor and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and Citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve – the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system or society of people who are opposed to God and his laws.

Following the Lord requires effort and commitment on our part. If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance which is stored up for us in heaven, then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will – our own life for his life – our own way for his way. Why did Jesus say we must *strive* to enter his kingdom of righteousness and peace? The word *strive* can also be translated as *agony*. To enter the kingdom of God we must struggle against every force or power of opposition – even the temptation to remain indifferent, apathetic or compromising in our faith and personal trust in Jesus, and our uncompromising love for God above all else.

The Lord reminds us that when we face difficulties, trials, temptations, and even failures, we do not struggle alone. He knows our weaknesses even better than we know them, and he is always ready to help us in our struggle to overcome sin and wrong-doing. God's grace is Sufficient! As we strive side by side for the faith of the Gospel (Philippians 1:27) Jesus assures us of complete victory!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 25, 2019

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 it's 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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