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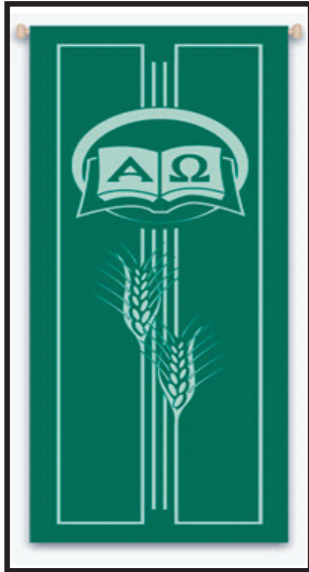
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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: 9:00am

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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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.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. A very black and white statement, no grey areas, no room for misinterpretation. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to believe and follow even in the "hard sayings".

How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word, even the hard sayings which are difficult to understand? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Paul the Apostle tells us that it is the work of the Holy Spirit who *enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind* to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God (Ephesians 1:17-18). Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. We can know God personally, and we grow in recognizing his voice as we listen to his word and obey his instruction.

"Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life. Help me to cast aside all doubt and fear so that I may freely embrace your word with complete trust and joy. I surrender all to you. Be the Lord of my life and the Ruler of my heart. May there be nothing which hinders me from trusting in your love and following your will." "

HOLY HOUR

Friday September 7th 2018 at 7:00pm

Come be present with the Lord!

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday September 3, 2018 and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Have a blessed Long Weekend!

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



I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

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 (i.e 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!

AUGUST 26, 2018



PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

A handful of Pastoral Care Ministers bring Communion to and pray with the sick and the elderly in Bradford Valley Care Community (Nursing and retirement home at 2656 Line 6, Bradford, ON) every Sunday following the 8:30AM Mass till 11:30AM throughout the year. There is a great need for more Pastoral Care Ministers to serve in this mission of nourishing our brothers and sisters with our Lord's spiritual food. If you can volunteer for at least 1 Sunday every month, please sign up to assist in this ministry of compassion. For more information, please contact holy martyrs@rogers.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FACILITATORS NEEDED

We need more volunteers to help continue this wonderful ministry for the youth. Please prayerfully consider journeying with our children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 in breaking open the word with them at the 10AM Mass from Oct. to June! Speak to Fr. Joshua if you're interested or email the office at holy martyrs@rogers.com.

"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 below with any questions or topics you wish to discuss about our faith. You may drop off the suggestion form in the yellow box at the back counter in the gathering space to be considered for the next session.

"RUN WITH IT" SUGGESTION FORM

An ongoing Process of Adult Catechesis

Are there any questions about the Catholic Faith that you would like answered? A topic that you would like to explore?

Please print your questions and /or topic in the space below:

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY AUGUST 27th 7:00PM

+ David & Donald Harrison +Connor Ramsay +Audrey Andrews & Rena Archer

TUESDAY AUGUST 28th 8:30AM

+Sandra & Jennifer

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29th 7:00PM

+Manuel & John da Silva

THURSDAY AUGUST 30th 8:30AM

+Maria Helena Oliveira

FRIDAY AUGUST 31st 7:00PM

+Mary Rita Jerome

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 9:00am

+All Souls

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 5:00pm

+LucyJoe & Tony Toich +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +John Ferreira +Irma Lancha +Julia Perri +All Souls In Purgatory

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd

+8:30am Stephen LaRoche
+10:00am ProPopulo
+11:30am Antonio Janeiro & All Souls
+4:45pm ProPopulo
+6:30pm Marie Singh

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



MARRIAGE RETREAT

NEWLY, YOUNG, OLD AND ENGAGED

Saturday September 15, 2018 from 9:30am to 4:30pm

It will be held at CatholicLand.com 21550 Bathurst St. Holland Landing Ontario (12 min from Holy Martyrs of Japan Church). Talks, snacks and lunch are included. Cost is \$25.00/couple or by donation. For details and to register go to CatholicLand.com or call: Marilyn/Victor at 647 834 2046. Facilitated by Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann.

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