

# We Welcome You To The Catholic Community of **HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN**

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## **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. David Langley

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**Pastoral Care** - Sr. Jean Doyle o.s.u.

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**Parish Social Ministry**

Jean Lashley (cell) 905-392-1909

**Baptisms:** By appointment with at least one month's notice to provide for adequate preparation

## **Marriages:**

By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

## **Holy Communion For Shut-Ins and Sick:**

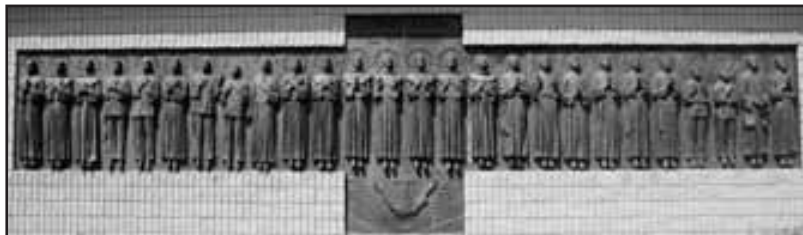
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

## **Support and Enrichment Ministries**

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

## **Our Parish Catholic Schools:**

- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
- Mother Teresa - 905-778-8653



## **Sunday Eucharist:**

Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM

Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

## **Weekday Masses:**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

**New Parishioners: WELCOME!** You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



**Our Mission:** We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

**A Nossa Missao:** Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus

### True Purity

Saint Mark who wrote his Gospel primarily for converts from Rome who had not visited Israel, so in various passages he explains for his readers' benefits the meaning of certain Jewish customs. He tells us then that the Jews and especially the Pharisees, *do not eat unless they wash their hands, observing the tradition of the elders; and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many other traditions which they observe, the washing of cups and pots and vessels of bronze.*

These purifications were not done simply for hygienic reasons or out of politeness; they had in fact a religious significance, symbolizing the moral purity needed in order to approach God. In Psalm 24, which was part of the liturgical rite of entry to the Jerusalem sanctuary, it says: *Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.* Cf PS 24:3-4 Purity of heart appears as a condition for approaching God, for taking part in His worship and being able to behold His face. But the Pharisees hadn't got beyond the purely external level and even added to the intricacy of the rites while neglecting their fundamental aspect, namely, cleanness of heart, of which all the rest was merely a sign and a symbol.

Cf John Paul II, (General Audience, Dec 10th, 1980)

But what then do we mean by interior purity or what does St. James mean about religion that is undefiled? We need not look at anything but what our faith teaches us as the fundamental theological virtues. Virtues of faith by which we have a sense of loyalty and innocence to our commitment to Christ, despite the scepticism that doubts everything except which it happens to like. Such scepticism is not purely 'rational' or 'scientific' as it claims to be. But we know Christ and we know that He cannot deceive or be deceived. We are called to a hope that knows that Christ's grace will always be there and to avoid the pessimism that sometimes meets our expectation and we must never cease in loving our neighbour and being charitable to them however we can. Interior purity also means not looking at our neighbours as means to our profit (only important if they do something for us) they too are God's creation and have a worth in simply being them. This also means that it would be wrong to use them to fulfil our own bodily needs, an aspect of purity of soul is purity of body and concentrate with our vocation in life. Humans are body and soul and what effects one affects the other.

All taken together, this means that we also need another virtue too, fortitude. Fortitude to lead us to avoid these near occasions of scepticism and doubt, it also means that we do not seek out places, situations or images that is injurious to our spiritual life. This also counts in our entertainment. We are always Christians regardless of what we are currently doing and so we act with virtue, modesty and decoration in all our activities. This does not limit us in the least to things which are dull and closed-minded. Much that the Lord gives us is good and joyful but a prudent person knows that not everything is of the Lord, and so this way of life frees us to be who we want to be first and foremost, a child of God.

Doing this we know will not protect us from everything that is not in keeping with the purity of life we want. It is not always easy to live in surroundings that may have lost their Christian outlook. But we know Christ's grace will be there for us not simply to avoid these situations but perhaps if possible even raise them in tone for the sake of our brothers and sisters.

## OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation \$4,917.21

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Help us to reach our weekly goal. Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week to carry us through the slower summer months.

### SENIORS GROUP

If you are retired or age 55 years or older and would like to come together for a bit of social time, then join our Seniors Group on Mondays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. If there is any interest, we will be introducing new venues for example: A Knitting Circle. And of course there is always Cards – (Bid Euchre), but other cards games if there an interest. The Seniors Group will start up again on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Come out and join one of our new clubs and support your parish in these new venues.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Catholic Parish of Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a 10 week Bereavement Support program. This ministry will provide individual and group bereavement support for those people who have experienced the death of one whom they have loved.

The sessions are every Thursday in the parish hall starting at 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The first session starts on September 17<sup>th</sup> and ends on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The cost of this program is \$20.00 per person for the 10 week course, and is payable at the first meeting.

If you require any further information, please call the parish office.

## Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an Altar Servers Meeting On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am. All current Altar Servers are asked to attend and must have served one year or more. Please come to this meeting as it will give us an opportunity to continue to aid you in performing this important ministry here at Holy Martyrs. If you cannot attend, please contact Fr. Boniface at 905-775-2065.



## Altar Servers Needed

### To All Children and Youth:

We need your help to make our Mass truly beautiful. Altar Servers not only help the priest in leading the community in prayer, but add a sense of solemnity and dignity to the Mass. If you have received your First Communion and are interested in serving at the altar, please let Fr. Boniface know. There will be 2 training meetings to which your child must attend. October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00am in the church. Your presence at these meetings will be welcomed.

## Quote from the Saint of the Week

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes can be endless.

I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### 5:00pm Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

+ **Francisco & Victoria Rodrigues** by Ester Barros & Family  
 + **Jose, Maria, Luis, Irene Ferreira** by Maria Fernandes  
 + **Joao & Hirminia Botas** by Peidade Janeiro & Family  
 + **Our Lady of Fatima** by Elizabeth Ferreira

### Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30am + **Robert Koch** by Cecile & Adam Koch  
 10:00am + **St. Anthony** by Maria Perna  
 11:30am + **Celeste Henriques** by Alzirina & Family  
 5:00pm + **Spanish Mass**  
 6:30pm + **Pro Populo**

### 7:00pm Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

+ **Celeste Henriques** by Filomena Mazeda & Family  
 + **Antonio Mirassol** by Wife & Children  
 + **Joao Barros Riar, Augusta Jesus Faria** by Augusta Barros  
 + **Alice Fernandes** by Silva Family  
 + **For All Souls** by Bernardete Ferriera  
 + **Francisco & Vito Cipponeri** by Ana Naso & Family

### 8:00am Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

+ **All Souls**

### 7:00pm Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

+ **All Souls**

### 8:00am Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

+ **All Souls**

### 7:00pm Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

+ **All Souls & Special Intentions** by Rosa & David Oliveira  
 + **Special Intentions** by Maria Rosa Fernandes

### 9:15am Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

+ **All Souls**

### 5:00pm Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

+ **Pasquale Baccilieri** by Wife Antonietta & Family  
 + **Julio Barroso** by Anesia Barroso & Sons  
 + **Paola Gucciardo** by Sister & Saracino Family

### Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30am **All Souls**  
 10:00am **Pro Populo**  
 11:30am **William Yaszczyszyn** by Taucar Family  
 5:00pm **Spanish mass**  
 6:30pm **All Souls**

**PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO THE LABOUR DAY  
 HOLIDAY, MASS FOR MONDAY SEPT 7<sup>TH</sup>  
 WILL BE AT 9:15AM**

*“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”*

### RCIA · WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

Each year individuals approach our Church to inquire about becoming a full member of the Catholic faith. The rite of Christian initiation is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. It is the grace of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives as they seek to learn to fully know the lord and live fully the life he has given us.

If you are interested, please see Father Boniface or call the parish office.

### ATTENTION:

#### LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be sign up sheets in the Sacristy for the following ministries:-

- Workbooks for the Lectors for 2010
- Visiting the Sick & Homebound for the Eucharistic Ministers

Please sign your name to the list so we can order books accordingly. Any concerns or questions, please contact the parish office.

## ITALIA BELLA DAY

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

All day festival and picnic

9:30am to 9:30pm

Fairy Lake Park, Newmarket

Free Admission

Official opening with Town officials and Italian Consulate. There will be Food Vendors, Traditional games, Mini Soccer tournament, Spaghetti eating contest, Dancing under the stars.

Registration for children's games, soccer & bocce – 9:00am

For more information please phone:

Maria DeSimone 905-895-9665

Angela Tangreda 905-898-5944

## SOCIAL GROUP



Holy Martyrs of Japan would like to start up a social group to offer events to bring the parish together. Events may include pilgrimages social nights, and outings. But we need help to arrange these events. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact

Fr. Boniface or the Parish office.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Sunday

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon - onwards

at Martyrs Shrine, Midland, Ont.

The day will start out with an outdoor Mass celebrated at the Polish Altar by Rev. Alex Kirsten, S.J., Director of the Shrine. After Mass, at 2:00pm, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Living Rosary, with Homily preached by Archbishop Thomas Collins, and Benediction at the Papal Altar.

- Bring your rosary, lawn chair and blanket
- Bring your voice and sing Marian Hymns with the choir
- Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic, then take time to visit Canada's National Shrine to the Canada Martyrs
- For more information, please call 705-435-3406, 705-428-3540 or email [rosary-Sunday@rogers.com](mailto:rosary-Sunday@rogers.com)

For those interested in attending this outdoor Mass, please be advised that the CWL and Knights of Columbus have sponsored a bus to the Martyrs Shrine. The cost is \$10.00 per person and the bus leaves at 12:30pm from Holy Martyrs of Japan parking lot. Please contact Avia at 905-775-7059 or Manual at 905-775-9149 to reserve a seat.

## What is New Beginnings?

It is a ministry to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a NEW BEGINNING in life. We hold retreat weekends, monthly meetings and parish support groups.

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be holding the NEW BEGINNING MEETINGS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00pm in the parish meeting rooms. The first meeting is on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.



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