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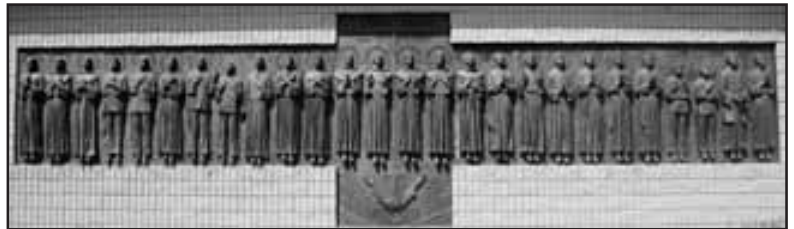
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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



**Pastor:** Rev. Father Boniface Perri  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Father Joseph Lam Tran  
**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. David Langley  
**Rev. Fr. Arthur Sequeira, S.A.C.:**  
Chaplain to Southlake Regional Health Centre



**St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!**

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am  
Life Teen Mass—6:30pm  
Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am

Saturdays: 9:15am

## 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

Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

Mother Teresa—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

## OFFICE STAFF

**Parish Secretary:**

Delia McEvenue

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## MINISTERS

**Ministry to Housebound/Shut-ins:**

Sister Jean Doyle O.S.U.

**Youth Ministry:**

Ray Reitzel

reitzel@hotmail.com

**Parish Social Ministry:**

Jean Lashley 905-392-1909

## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

Life Teen

EDGE Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

New Beginnings

Parish Library

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Development and Peace

Knights of Columbus

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Social Club

St. Vincent de Paul Society

## CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo

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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.

## THANK YOU from JEAN LASHLEY

After twelve and a half years working as the Parish Social Ministry Coordinator for St. John's, St. Elizabeth Seton and Holy Martyrs of Japan parishes, I am retiring at the end of this year to spend more time with my family and pursue other interests.

It has been a privilege to work in the parishes with such generous and dedicated volunteers. With your help we have established community meals, ministries of Consolation and Hope, Scripture studies and refugee sponsorship. We have reached out to the Mexican agricultural workers of the Holland Marsh area through El Sembrador and we have learned more about the social teachings of the Church and how to live it in many other ways as well.

I have learned a great deal from you in this time. I have shared your stories and witnessed your courage and strength in dealing with personal challenges and contributing to the community. I know that our parishes are in good hands.

I would like to thank the pastoral teams and staff at all three parishes for their support over the years and thank you to the people of St. John's, St. Elizabeth Seton and Holy Martyrs of Japan for responding to the challenges of the Parish Social Ministry. I will go with wonderful memories and joy at what we have done together.

Jean Lashley

*On behalf of everyone here, I want to wish Jean all blessings as she starts this new journey in her life. I have had a fun and wonderful time working with her and she will be sincerely missed but never forgotten as I am sure she will be back to visit.*

God Bless Jean.

Father Boniface Perri

## IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS...



We are still in need of Supporters for our Christmas Baskets Drive. If you would like to support a family, please call the Parish Office for details.

## OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Cares do not bother, the detached may.

St. John of the Cross - Dec 14th

St. Damasus I - Dec 11th

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Dec 12th

St. Lucy - Dec 13th

*Pray for us!*

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offering donation was \$6,420.00

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you!



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass

Dec 11th - What if?  
Dec 18th - TBA



All EDGE events start at 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall

Dec 12th - Magnify  
Dec 19th - Bowling

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2011

### Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 6:00pm (10am Choir Members)
- ❖ 8:00pm (Youth Choir Members)
- ❖ 12:00 midnight (11:30am Choir Members)

### Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there will be no 6:30pm Mass)

### Feast of the Holy Family - Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 7:00pm

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

- ❖ 5:00pm

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there is no 6:30pm Mass. The Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

### Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2012

Returning to normal Mass schedule

## GARDEN of POINSETTIA

Christmas is a sacred time to the faithful and people often celebrate by assembling and decorating their churches. Parishioners are invited to bring a poinsettia (red only) to the church preferably on December 22nd December 23rd. Labels will be supplied (at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.



## ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm

## WINNERS FROM THE CWL RAFFLE

1st Prize: Ring donated by Bradford Jewellery & Gems  
Ken Fagon of Bradford, Ticket # 2738

2nd Prize: \$150.00 Spa Certificate  
Judy Smith of Peterborough, Ticket #2795

3rd Prize: \$125.00 Cash  
Mary Simurda of Bradford, Ticket # 1865

Thank you to everyone who donated to the bazaar, helped out and came to the CWL Harvest bazaar. It was a huge success!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### 5:00pm Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Jose Fernandes
- + Assunta Gucciardi by Jack & Clara Gucciardi
- + John Ferreira by Connie Ferreira & Family
- + Teresa Silva by Poula & Salvatore Cipponeri
- + Santa Eufemia by Maria Sousa
- + Maria Marques by Fernando & Arminda Miranda

### Sunday, December 11th

- 8:30am + Gioacchino Ciztina & Pietro Asaro by Wife
- 10:00am + Antonio Santana, Vitorino Nazario & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana

### 11:30am + Pro Populo

- 6:30pm + Joseph Matys by Dolinski, Matys & Nanowski Families

### 7:00pm Monday, December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Joao Oliveira & Maria Rosa Ribeiro by David & Rosa Oliveira
- \* Special Intentions by Maria Da Silva
- + Teresa Silva by Maria Ceu & Manuel Miguelo
- \* Special Intentions in Thanksgiving to our Lady of Gualupe by a Parishioner
- + Gloria Camelo & Tony Toich by Lucinda Servo
- + Amelia de Jesus & Maria dos Santos by Lucinda Servo
- + Goao & Maria Servo by Lucinda Servo

### 8:00am Tuesday, December 13th

- + Vita & Stephanie Nalli by Mom & Dad

### 7:00pm Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

- + Candida Dinis by Paulo & Manuela Polonio

### 8:00am Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

- + Alziro Janeiro & Laurinda Milheirao by Piedade Janeiro & Family

### 7:00pm Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

- + Jose de Sousa by Wife & Family

### 9:15am Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

- + All Souls by a Parishioner

### 5:00pm Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

- + Rafael Chavez Vazquez by McEvenue Family
- + Francisco Cunha, Otelinda & Bento Ferreira by Rosa Barroso & Family
- + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
- + Jose, Maria, & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- + Paul Taucar Sr. by Sormilic Family
- + Miguel Gomes by Jack, Gina & Danny
- + Teresa Silva by Family
- + Gaspere, Paola, Anna & Paolo Gucciardo by Saverino Saracino & Family

### Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Jose Dias by Celeste Dias & Family
- 10:00am + Antonio Francisco, Maria da Gloria, Maria de Jesus by Dias Family
- 11:30am + Vito Ingoglia by Poula & Salvatore Cipponeri
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

## MASSES

For the sake of fairness and so that we do not appear to be trafficking in the sacred, starting Sunday, Nov 27th, all singularly Mass Intentions will be offered for a maximum of 2 people or 1 person and family. Any questions or concerns regarding this, please see Fr. Boniface.

## Sunday to Sunday.....

### UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Mon Dec 12th – 8:00pm – St.Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Tue Dec 13th – 7:00pm – First Reconciliation for St. Charles & Other Schools
- Wed Dec 14th – 7:00pm – Advent Mass for Marie of the Incarnation School
- Wed Dec 14th – 8:00pm – Youth Music Practice
- Wed Dec 14th – 8:00pm – Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- Thu Dec 15th – 7:00pm – Parish Reconciliation
- Fri Dec 16th – 10:00am – Advent Mass for Holy Trinity High School
- Fri Dec 16th – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant at 7:30pm
- Sat Dec 17th – 9:30am – 4:00pm – Church Decorating
- Sat Dec 17th – 7:00pm – Christmas Pageant
- Mon Dec 19th – Parish Office Closed from 12 noon to 4:00pm
- Mon Dec 19th – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

*Sunday Offering Envelopes* are available at the back of the Church. Please check and ensure that you have your right number on the box. If there are any changes to names or addresses, please fill out the forms located on the Lobby counter and give to Father.



If you are a new member, please fill out the New Parishioner Form or fill out the information required on the envelopes so that we may enter your particulars in our data base for income tax receipts, and give form to Father.

If the address on the box is incorrect, please fill out the form for Change of Address in order for the Parish Office Staff to change your records accordingly as we have received several returned mail with incorrect address information. Add your envelope #.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Per-Authorized Giving Plan to assist in the support of our Parish through your regular Sunday offering. Sharing through the Pre-authorized Giving Plan means your Sunday offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will be deposited to the parish account. Forms available at the Lobby counter, please fill out and bring to the Parish Office during office hours.

## Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes to be held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Cost of this course is \$50.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes as soon as possible.

Please call the Parish Office for registration. 905-775-2065.



**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm NOON to 4:00pm**



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