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## **Parish Office Hours:**

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

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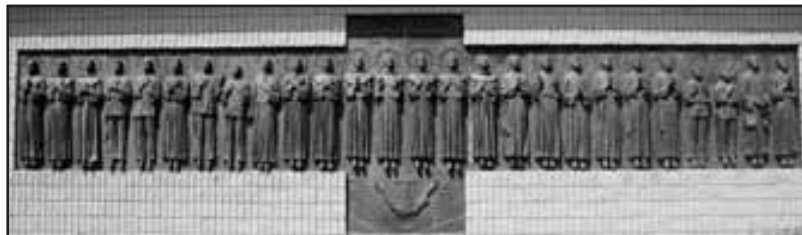
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

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- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

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- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
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- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
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## **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

## AROUND THE ALTAR OF THE LORD



**Liturgy of the Word – Profession of Faith  
and Prayers of the Faithful**

Following the homily, the priest leads the faithful in the Profession of Faith using the formula of either the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. The Creed summarizes and recalls the mysteries of the faith (GIRM 67) expressing the Church's faith in the work of the Redemption which the Holy Trinity accomplishes through the Church. The Apostles' Creed get its name because, by tradition it is said that each apostle wrote a part of it before most left for Jerusalem for the final time to take the message of Christ to the world. Only St. James, he was the first bishop of Jerusalem stayed. The Nicene Creed differs from the Apostles' Creed only in speaking more explicitly of these mysteries. The Creed is a strong expression of the real communion of faith that exists within the Church. Reciting it at this point in the Liturgy is appropriate because the mysteries of redemption are about to be celebrated in the Liturgy of the Eucharist and only those who believe in the mysteries are allowed to participate in them. If there are catechumens present at the Mass, they generally leave at this point because they have not made the profession of faith, nor have they been received sacramentally into the communion with the Church. The Prayers of the Faithful commend to God in union with the Sacrifice of the Mass various prayers and intentions for the living and the dead, the Church and the world. These prayers emphasize the Church's belief in the efficacy of the Sacrament. The merits of Christ in the Sacrifice of the Mass are such that there is no limit to what God the Father will do for us because of what Christ has done. Recalling the needs of the Church and the world further reminds the faithful of the need to live the liturgy beyond the context of the Mass. Strengthened by the liturgy, the faithful carry out their mission as God's instruments in the world to bring all to Christ, so that ultimately all may participate in the Heavenly Liturgy.

*Introduction to the Holy Mass*

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER BONIFACE**

Over the past year there has been the request to have a Ministry for young children on Sundays. While we recognize the need to have children participate in the Mass, there is great merit in providing a sense of welcome for our young children after or in between the Masses. So on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> (please note change of date) at 6:00pm we would like to invite interested parishioners to explore the possibility of starting such a ministry. If you would like to attend this meeting but would need someone to baby-sit your child at the parish, please let the office know in advance and we can provide this service for you. If you have any further questions, please contact Fr. Boniface at the Parish Office.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Sunday Offering Envelopes are now 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 contact the Parish Office Staff. After December 20<sup>th</sup> the envelopes can be picked up at the parish office.

If you are a new member, please fill out the information required on the envelopes so that your particulars can be entered in our database for income tax receipts.

# WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory Donation \$ 6825.00

Our Weekly Goal is \$ 6,000.00

Thank you very much for your wonderful support, with your help we provide a welcoming place of worship to all in our community.

## INTRODUCING

**Father Joseph Lam Tran**

Father Joseph will be joining Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish as the Associate Pastor. Father Joseph is originally from Viet Nam and was Associate Pastor at St. Bernadette's Parish in Ajax and at St. Michael's Cathedral. We are expecting Father Joseph to join us early in the New Year. We welcome him with open hearts to our parish.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 13, 09**

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## 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 or white only) to the church preferably on December 23<sup>rd</sup> or the weekend of December 19<sup>th</sup>. Labels will be supplied (at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered in the prayers for the deceased and the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

**CHURCH DECORATING**

We will be decorating the Church on **Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Everyone is invited to come help out and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Advent Parish Reconciliation at 7:00pm

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Concert & Pageant at 7:00pm

**Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm

8:00pm

12:00 midnight

**Christmas Day – Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

(please note that there will be no 8:30am or 6:30pm Mass)

10:00am

11:30am

**Holy Family – Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm

**Holy Family – Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:30pm

**Mary Mother of God– Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

6:00pm

**Mary Mother of God –Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

10:00am

7:00pm – Benediction & Adoration to follow Mass

## Quote from the Saint of the Week

He that seeks not the cross of Christ seeks not the glory of Christ.

*St. John of the Cross (December 14<sup>th</sup>)*



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Ester Barros & Family
- + Joseph Matys by Joe & Nancy Matys & Family
- + Emi Chavez by McEvenue Family
- Special Intentions for Rafael Chavez by Sister and family
- + Cecilia Santos by McEvenue Family
- + John Gorzo Sr. by Dixon Family
- + Irene Arruda by Maria Arruda
- + Manuel Serafin by Fernanda & Family

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Maria Lucia & Mario Guglietti by Vince & Gina Guglietti
- 10:00am + Manuel & Maria Tarenta by Fernando Tarenta & Family
- 11:30am + Vita & Stephanie Nalli by Parents
- 5:00pm NO Spanish Mass until February 7, 2010
- 6:30pm + Pro Populo

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

- + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- + Joseph Matys by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Jose Dias by Celeste Dias & Family
- + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- + All Souls by Family
- + All Souls by Helena Peixoto and Family
- + Candida Dinis by Daughter and Grandson

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

- + Temar by Helena Peixoto and Family

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

- + Antonio & Cecilia by Braz Family

8:00am Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

- + Cecilia Santos by Santos Family

7:00pm Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

- + Maria Pugliese by Husband & Children

9:15am Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

- + Elizabeth Kovacs by Dudo Family

5:00pm Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

- + Maria Rosa Miranda, Manuel & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
- + All Souls by Maria Da Silva
- + Rosa & George Vernola by Family
- + Laurinda Milheirao & Alziro Janeiro by Antonio Janeiro & Family
- + Eugenio Arruda by Maria Arruda
- + Cecile Santos by Holy Martyrs of Japan Staff
- + Antonio Morois Castro by Conceicao Gonclaves & Family
- + Margaret Abate by Mother Teresa Staff

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Manuel Carvalho by Amavel Carvalho & Family
- 10:00am + Eugenio Arruda by Maria Arruda
- 11:30am + Elizabeth Kovacs by Gres Family
- 5:00pm NO Spanish Mass until February 7, 2010
- 6:30pm + Pro Populo

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00pm in the Church.

Come and join us to celebrate the Nativity with the pageant and with our choirs singing Joyful Christmas music.

### MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for all our faithful departed this past year will be on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 7:00pm Mass. Refreshments to follow after the Mass in the lobby of the Church.



### Parish Advent Reconciliation

Celebrate Forgiveness, multilingual priest confessors will be here on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Penance will be set at one "Our Father", one "Holy Mary" and one "Act of Charity" Please try not to leave things for the last minute.

Sunday to Sunday .....

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am – Choir Practice for the 11:30 Mass
- Mon Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Seniors Christmas Party
- Mon Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – EDGE "Christmas Social"
- Mon Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – Social Committee Meeting
- Mon Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul
- Tue Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Advent Parish Reconciliation
- Tue Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – New Beginnings
- Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – St. Charles School Visit
- Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Marie of the Incarnation Family Mass with reception to follow
- Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Al-Anon
- Sat Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-4:00pm – Christmas church decoration
- Sat Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Christmas Concert & Pageant



Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – SOCIAL WITH BRADFORD VALLEY  
We will be going Christmas Caroling at Bradford Valley Nursing Home

### Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

We are having a Life Teen Christmas party at Shoeless Joe's. If you are in high school come on out and join us as we pack the back room with good fellowship good food and Christmas cheer.



### Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

We are going Bowling at Bradford Bowl. Space is limited so confirm your spot early. We will meet at Bradford Bowl at 5:30pm.

### Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - No EDGE

We at the EDGE would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that you all enjoy the holidays with your families.

### Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Social Committee

Are proud to present 1 hour of free skating on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am to 12:00 noon at the Bob Fallis Arena. Free Hot Chocolate and Goodies for all that attend. So get your skates out and bring the kids for an enjoyable hour of fun, frivolity and fellowship.



### Bible Study

Bible study is canceled for the week of December 16, and December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:30 pm. We hope to see as many people as we can. Keep the incarnate word of God that we discover in scripture close to your heart this Christmas season.



Please note that due to lack of interest Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish is cancelling the New Years Eve party. Sorry for the inconvenience!

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