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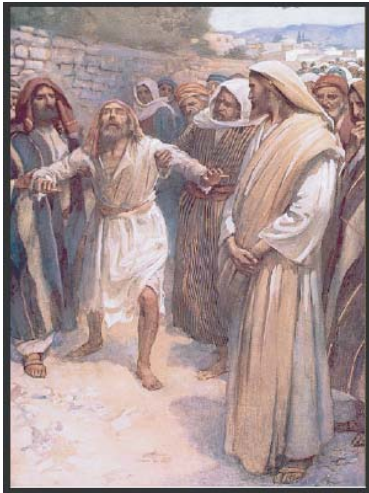
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



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Father Joshua Roldan

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Father Massillamani Zacharias

Deacons:

Deacon David Langley

Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am, 12:00pm &
6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & 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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

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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, December 14, 7:00PM

+Antonio Mirassol & Luis Sequeira +Bento Ferreira
+Julio Soares & Herminia Viegas +Lucille Rossel

TUESDAY, December 15, 9:00AM

+Euclides dos Santos Pinho

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 7:00PM

+Antonio Turco

THURSDAY, December 17, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, December 18, 7:00PM

+Matthew Talarico

SATURDAY, December 19, 9:00AM

+Lucy Dantas

SATURDAY, December 19, 5:00PM

+Miguel Gomes +Arlindo Araujo +Manuel Nuno
Rodrigues & Fatima Faria +Luis & Laura Andrade
+Ignazio Polizzi +Tony Toich & Toich Family +John
Bucko +Judite Costa & Manuel Pinto Silva +Manuel
Borges & Antonio Rocha +Barroso & Silva Families +Joe
Pais

SUNDAY, December 20, 8:30AM

+Kenneth Quinn & Special Intention for June Quinn

SUNDAY, December 20, 10:00AM

+Adele & Tony Caruso

SUNDAY, December 20, 11:30AM

+Eduino Cabral

SUNDAY, December 20, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo



2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Pre-Authorized Giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. You access a form by visiting our website and Click the "Covid 19" tab and click on Pre-authorized Giving or contact the parish office.

Envelope Pick up for Seniors:

A volunteer will be assisting our seniors at the 5:00pm Mass with envelope pick up. Upon entering please provide the usher with your name and box number and a volunteer will bring your offering box to your seat before the start of Mass.

New and Existing Parishioners:

Unfortunately, we had to reduce the number of boxes ordered this year as many were not in use. Anyone who was using box numbers from 800 and up will be assigned a new number. To pick up your new box contact the office. Envelopes will be made available December 7, 2020 after Sunday Masses at the back doors of the parish hall. Please come around the building. They can also be picked up during the week at the parish office during office hours. Please do not use these envelopes until January 1, 2021.

REFLECTION

When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. John had no doubt about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity, he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah. John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!* (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish – our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God our heavenly Father. John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah and Savior of the world. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? Do you point others to him by the example and witness of your life? Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

REMINDERS

DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS: The dispensation announced by Cardinal Collins, regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and holydays of obligation by parishioners during the time of the pandemic, is not a blanket dispensation, but one that applies when the faithful encounter certain life circumstances which physically or morally impede them from attending Mass. Physical and moral impediments include: Closure of one's parish church or reduction of number of Masses on Sunday or holy days of obligation due to Covid-19 conditions, closure of all parishes in an area or region due to Covid-19, being ill or caring for someone who is ill, and being home-bound or hospital-bound; feeling symptomatic with the Covid-19 virus; needing to self-isolate due to a Covid-19 related contact; attempting to register for Mass, but the registration is full; arriving at a parish and being told that the church is at capacity; being of a certain age and/or having an underlying health condition and feeling vulnerable to the virus because of known and serious consequences, despite an otherwise healthy disposition; having a genuine grave fear of the Covid-19 virus and not desiring to be at any place where people gather.

Christmas Mass Schedule

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH

Registration Required for all Masses

Important: If you are unable to register for Christmas & New Year Masses online, and would like some help to do so, a volunteer will be available to register you for the Mass you would like to attend after any of the weekend Masses during the Advent Season.

Under Covid-19 restrictions and in anticipation of an increase number in attendance for Christmas Masses, we are offering Mass celebrations both in the Church and Parish Hall. Upon registering, you will have the option to choose which Mass location you wish to attend, providing availability.

Holy Day of Obligation December 24th or 25th

Christmas Eve - Thursday December 24, 2020

4:00pm, 6:00pm – Livestreamed, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day - Friday December 25, 2020

10:00am, 12:00pm

Bosning Day - Saturday December 26, 2020

NO Morning Mass

Sunday Masses remain as scheduled

New Year's Eve - Thursday December 31, 2020

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Vigil
5:00pm

New Year's Day - Friday January 1, 2021

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10:00am-Livestreamed, 12:00pm

Saturday January 2, 2021

NO Morning Mass

Sunday Masses remain as scheduled

Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday & Friday December 24 & 25 2020, Monday December 28, 2020, Thursday December 31, 2020 & Friday January 1, 2021. If there is anything you need during this time please do not hesitate to call the office.

ON-LINE DONATIONS

Thank you to all of you who continue to support us with your donations as you come to Mass each week. Our beautiful parish is open for Mass and we have worked diligently following guidance from public health authorities to make the environment safe for you and all who visit. It is with much gratitude and thanks to ALL our volunteers that make this possible.

We have benefited greatly from the Canada Wage Subsidy, but that support is scheduled to stop after September.

Our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) These are funded through the generosity of our parish community. It continues to be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection. We are most thankful for your continued and anticipated support during this difficult time.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptism Packages can be picked up after attending any Mass. Take the package home, complete the forms and return it after attending any Mass to clergy. A clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details and to confirm a date.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Emails were sent out back in August to book a date and time through Eventbrite for those who pre-registered to receive the Sacrament of Communion (our current grade 3's). Due to the lack of interest, as the dates and times offered did not fill, no additional dates for Communion were released. Those still waiting to receive the sacrament (current grade 3's), who did not register for the dates that were made available via Eventbrite, please come to any of our Masses, weekday or weekend, and speak to Fr. Joshua or any of the clergy, regarding the Sacrament.

We have completed the Sacrament of Confirmation for those students who pre-registered last year (our now grade 8's). Two sets of Confirmation dates have been released via email along with a link to register for your date through Eventbrite. Congratulations to our confirmandi and families.

For our current grade 2's and 7's, wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the plan is to have a parent meeting in January, so that we can carefully plan and prepare the materials needed to assist you and your family on this journey. All will be communicated to you through whatever means we have. We invite you to come to Mass, watch it on youtube, or go to our website for any further updates or announcements.

CONFESSIONS: Can be heard a half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment by calling the parish office to arrange a date and time.

FUNERALS: Are resumed. Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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