

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Life Teen Mass—6:30pm

Spanish Mass—4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

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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St. Charles—905-775-6762

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Life Teen

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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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

Please note that Daily Mass on December 24, 26, 27, & 31 will be celebrated at 9:30am

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00pm. Priests will be available to hear confessions in many languages. We invite everyone to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th

- ❖ 9:30am Weekday Mass
- ❖ 6:00pm Mass
- ❖ 8:00pm Mass
- ❖ 9:30pm Spanish Mass
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

Boxing Day – Thursday, December 26th

- ❖ 9:30am (Daily Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 28th & 29th

- ❖ REGULAR MASS TIMES for Saturday and Sunday

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Tuesday, December 31st, 2013

- ❖ 9:30am Weekday Mass
- ❖ 6:00pm (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

- ❖ 10:00am
 - ❖ 11:30am
- (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 5th 2014 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 12, 2014 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Midnight Mass will take place Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Church.

S is for Star

The Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is on Sunday, December 15th at 2:00pm.



This year will feature students from Mother Teresa School, (other schools will be involved in subsequent years) however, it is open to all who want to participate as angels or shepherds. Please call the Parish Office 905-775-2065.

CHURCH DECORATING



We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 21st starting at 9:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come help and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

GARDEN of POINSETTIA



Christmas is a sacred time for 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 in the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

ADORATION

TO ACCOMMODATE FIRST CONFESSIONS, BENEDICTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:00PM ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH. THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON DECEMBER 24TH AND DECEMBER 31ST. ADORATION WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7, 2014.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes will be available at the back of the Church December 1-20, 2013. For new parishioners, you may take a box with no name attached and please fill out the New Parishioner Form and include the number of the box of envelopes you have taken. If you are interested in Pre-authorized giving, please come to the Parish Office to sign up.



MASS INTENTIONS**5:00pm Saturday, December 14th**

- + Peter Ennamorato by Wife Joanne & Family
- + Bento Ferreira by Rosa Barroso & Family
- + Albina & Benedito Da Silva by Family
- + Antonio Martins by Wife Celeste & Family
- + All Souls in Purgatory by Rosa & David Oliveria
- + Sidonio Marques by Carvalho & Marques Families
- + Jose & Maria Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

Sunday, December 15th

- 8:30am + Guelhermina de Jesus Morais by Laura & Manuel Marques
- 10:00am + Pro Populo
- 11:30am + John Faria by Lourdes & Gerry
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm + Maria Jose Calquinhos by Husband & Family

7:00pm Monday, December 16th

- + Jose de Sousa by Wife & Children
- + Jose Dias by Daughter
- + Nuno Azevedo by Maria & Helio Sousa & Family
- + Manuel Ferraz by Maria Ferraz & Family
- + Emmanuel MacDonell by Family
- + Santo Mirabelli & Angelina Mirabelli Hamilton by Wife & Mother
- + Elisa Marques by Idalina & Carlos Correia
- + Robert Mogavero by Charles & Linda France

8:30am Tuesday, December 17th

- + Davide Goncalves do Paco e Filhos by Aida da Silva do Paco

7:00 pm Wednesday, December 18th with Mother Teresa School

- + All Souls

8:30am Thursday December 19th

- + Claudino Neto & Maria Rosa de Jesus by Rosa & David Oliveira

7:00pm Friday, December 20th

- + James Yeo by Delia McEvenue & Family

9:30am Saturday December 21st

- + Deceased Members of Faria Family by Fernanda Rodrigues & Family

5:00pm Saturday, December 21st

- + Brian Collier by Family
- + Teresa Silva by Family
- + Nello & Clara Del Bel Belluz by Daughter
- + Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
- + Antonietta & Pasquale Baccilieri by Family
- + Santo Mirabelli & Angelina Mirabelli Hamilton by Maria Mirabelli & Family
- + Fernando Gomes by Fernanda Gomes & Children
- + Stanley Bielak by Mary Fenech & Family

Sunday, December 22nd

- 8:30am + Guelhermina de Jesus Morais by Manuel & Deolinda Oliveira
 - 10:00am + Irene Arruda by Joe & Lucy Andrade
 - 11:30am + Gerard Eek by Vilma LaRoche & Family
 - 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 - 6:30pm Pro Populo
- "May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"**

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be sent as a priest or religious, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416 968-0997, email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

GAUDETE (REJOICE) SUNDAY

Today we light a rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath, a mark of *Gaudete* ("rejoice") Sunday. As we have now passed the mid-point of this penitential season, we breathe a little easier and our anticipation rises as we await the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Our scripture readings today are infused with both joy and encouragement. "Be strong, do not fear," says the prophet (Isaiah 35:4). James urges us to be patient and strengthen our hearts. The psalmist extolls our God, who loves us unconditionally, who is just and compassionate for the prisoner, the hungry and the sick. In the lives we lead at work or home, we begin to feel a certain intensity to this season. The grind lessens, the daily tasks seem somewhat beside the point. Almost unconsciously, people are kinder to one another. The mood lightens noticeably. We feel that Christmas is just around the corner. But still in Advent we pray, "*O Lord, fill us with courage and strength to stay on that straight path as we await your coming.*"



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass	All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.
Dec. 15 – Gimme A Break	Dec. 16 - Bowling
Dec. 22 – Christmas Party @ Don Cherry's	Dec. 23 - Christmas Break

Marriage Preparation

Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a Marriage Preparation Course for couples who are planning to be married in 2014. The course will take place over two weekends - January 24-25 2014 and January 31-February 1, 2014. The registration fee is \$100.00 per couple (includes lunch) and is due at the time of registration. Please come to the Parish Office to register.

School Advent Mass

Mother Teresa will be celebrating their Advent Mass on Wed. Dec. 18 at 7:00pm

Moving Forward Together – Special Collection for Aboriginal People

There will be a special collection in all parishes in the Diocese on December 15-16 in support of Aboriginal people in Canada. The Moving Forward Together Campaign collection will fund healing and education programs to help build a brighter future with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. For more information go to

www.movingforwardtogether.ca

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