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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



Pastor: Rev. Father Joshua Roldan
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Priest Celebrant Spanish Mass: Rev. Father Efren Alvarez-Pelayo
Deacons: Rev. Mr. David Langley
Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
6:30pm
Spanish Mass—4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am
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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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministers

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 17, 7:00 PM

+Salvatore Cipponeri +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues +Antonio & Regina Cece +Tayah Fairbrother +Teresa Silva +Tommaso Graceffa +Antonio J. Diogo

TUESDAY, December 18, 8:30AM

+Matthew Talarico

WEDNESDAY, December 19, 7:00 PM

+All Faithful Departed and Those Who Grieve Them

THURSDAY, December 20, 8:30 PM

+Antonio Martins

FRIDAY, December 21, 7:00 PM

+Pasquali Mirabelli

SATURDAY, December 22, 9:00 AM

+All Souls

SATURDAY, December 22, 5:00 PM

+Ignazio Polizzi +Jose & Rosa Barroso +Manuel Pinto Silva & Judite Costa +Silvina Vieira & Vitoria Miranda +Carlos Bento +Irma & Eduardo Lancha +Manuel Ferraz +Aleixo Domingues +Perpetua Barroso +Maria & Andreas Schmich

SUNDAY, December 23, 8:30 AM

+Tony Peter & Joe Toich

SUNDAY, December 23, 10:00 AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 23, 11:30 AM

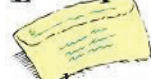
*Special Intention for David & Rosa Oliveira

SUNDAY, December 23, 6:30 PM

+Jose Rodrigues

2019 NEW PARISHIONER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



2019 Offering envelopes are available for pick up on December 1, 2018 until December 21, 2018. After this date, envelopes can be picked up at the parish office. ***Before you take a box of envelopes please ensure your name is on it. If you would like to start using envelopes again, please take a box with no name on it and complete the New Parishioner Registration form attached and include the completed form with your first envelope offering. If you did not find your envelope number, have moved, or would like to set up Pre-Authorized giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.***

CHURCH IS HOLY

“The Church...is held, as a matter of faith, to be unfailing holy. This is because Christ, the Son of God, who with the Father and the Spirit is hailed as “alone holy” loved the Church as his Bride, giving himself up for her so as to sanctify her; he joined her to himself as his body and endowed her with the gift of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.” The Church then is “the Holy People of God,” and her members are called “saints”. United with the Christ, the Church is sanctified by him; through him and with him she becomes sanctifying. It is in her that “by the grace of God we acquire holiness.”

The Church is therefore holy, though having sinners in her midst, because she herself has no other life but the life of grace. If they live her life, her members are sanctified; if they move away from her life, they fall into sins and disorders that prevent the radiation of her sanctity. This is why she suffers and does penance for those offenses, of which she has the power to free her children through the blood of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. CCC823-827

REMINDERS

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) are the two Days of Holy Obligation for Catholics in Canada.

CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION

Registration forms for both Sacraments are due on December 25th!! Registration forms are to be submitted to any one of the clergy after Saturday evening or Sunday Masses. **For those who registered for the confirmation program, Youth Alpha, the first session is Thursday January 10, 2019 from 6:45pm-8:45pm in the parish hall.**

A GENTLE REMINDER TO OUR ELDERS

Winter is upon us and it is time to once again caution you about trying to make it to Mass when everyone suggests that you should stay home where it is safe and warm. For an elder, severe winter weather is a good reason to miss Mass. Please remember it is not just snow but ice too which can be very dangerous and cause serious injury. The same rule applies to all parishioners based on their ability. Obviously, if you are going to be out and about in the weather it suggests that one obvious destination can be Mass.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Monday December 24, 2018

6:00pm, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Christmas Day - Tuesday December 25, 2018

10:00am, 11:30am - **No Adoration**

Boxing Day - Wednesday December 26, 2018

9:00am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

New Year's Eve - Monday December 31, 2018

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Vigil

5:00pm – **OFFICE CLOSED**



New Year's Day - Tuesday January 1, 2019

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10:00am, 11:30am – **OFFICE CLOSED**

No Adoration

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

GARDEN OF POINSETTIAS

We invite all parishioners to bring a red poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia garden. Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on **Wednesday December 19 through to Saturday December 22, at 9:00am**, in the Narthex of the Church. Labels will be provided (at the back of the church) for you to write the name of your loved ones.

CHURCH DECORATING INVITATION

We will be decorating our Church for Christmas on Saturday December 22, 2018 between 9:30am and 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come in fellowship and help out!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Please join us on Saturday December 22, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Church for Christmas caroling. For more information please contact Carol at 905 775 7068. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that adorned our altar this year. If you are free on Saturday January 12, 2019 after the 9:00am Mass, we would love your help! All are welcome.



ALPHA SERIES

Alpha is a program which seeks to introduce or hear a new, the basics of our Christian Catholic faith through a series of talks and interactive sessions and discussions. Each talk looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is a program that is run worldwide and EVERYONE is welcome! Centered around food, friends and discussion, we re-introduce ourselves and further explore our faith and the meaning of life. It is a chance to share thoughts and ideas with one another in an honest, friendly and welcoming environment. The first session commences Tuesday January 15, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the parish hall. Please register ASAP by contacting Ray Reitzel at 905 251 8151 as space is limited.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on Sunday January 13, 2019 in the parish hall. The cost for the breakfast is \$7.00/person or \$20.00/family of 4 and children under 6 are free. All proceeds will go to support Fr. Davis' Orphanage.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Dec 17 Go Forth – Service Night – Space limited contact Ray for details at 905 251 8151

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year! See you back on January 7, 2019 at 7:00pm!



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