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



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: 9:30am

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.

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we enter the 2nd half of Advent, we turn our focus onto the Lord's first Coming at Christmas. In the second half, the Gospels will turn to John the Baptist this week, and Our Blessed Mother next week – both of whom are important in proclaiming the arrival of the Lord.

John the Baptist knew exactly who he was recognized that his calling was from God, not from man. John had no doubt and no mistaken identity 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 acts as the bridge between the Old and the New Testament – as the last prophet for the Messiah of the Old, and the first witness and martyr of the New. John points to all people where the Christ is and calls us to look towards Him as citizens of heaven.

Do we do the same as John? Do we point others to Christ as he does? Do you point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of your life? Lord... make me a herald of the Gospel... help me be your faithful witness.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

REMINDER: ALL ENROLMENT FORMS ARE DUE BEFORE JANUARY 14, 2018

Please ensure you have completed and submitted an enrolment form along with your child's baptismal certificate to any one of the priests or deacons after the Saturday evening or any one of the Sunday Masses by January 14th 2018. There will be two meetings in January of which we will ask parents and confirmation candidates to attend so that you understand the process of confirmation. The information meeting dates are:

Thursday January 18th 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church
OR

Saturday January 20th 2018 at 10:00am in the Church
Please attend ONE!

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

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Thursday January 25th 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church
OR

Saturday January 27th 2018 at 11:00am in the Church
Please attend ONE!

**Offering
Envelopes**



IMPORTANT NOTICE ENVELOPES

New envelopes will be available for pick up again during the month of January in the Narthex (back of the Church). After this date, envelopes can be picked up at the parish office.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent-Saturday December 23,

2017

5:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Sunday December 24,

2017

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

Christmas Eve - Sunday December 24, 2017

6:00pm, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Monday December 25, 2017

10:00am, 11:30am – No Evening Mass

Tuesday December 26, 2017 – Boxing Day

9:30am Daily Mass – OFFICE CLOSED

No Adoration

Wednesday December 27, 2017

Resume Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday December 30, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00pm Mass

Sunday December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

New Year's Eve - Sunday December 31, 2017

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

6:30pm Only-No Mass 4:45pm

New Year's Day - Monday January 1, 2018

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10:00am, 11:30am - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday January 2, 2018

Resume Regular Mass Schedule - Adoration

Sunday January 7, 2018

Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Regular Mass Schedule Applies

Monday January 8, 2018

Baptism of Our Lord

7:00pm Daily Mass

Garden of Poinsettias

Christmas is a most sacred time for the faithful to come together in the celebration of renewed hope and divine love. A time for family and to remember those we have lost along the way until we see them again. 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 **Thursday December 21 and Friday December 22, 2017** 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 one so that they will be remembered in the Eucharist Prayer at all Masses during this Christmas season.

XLT : "RESOLVE"

January 2, 2018 at the Flato Markham Theatre 7-9pm
XLT "Resolve" seeks to help teens and young adults today answer the question that many people have during this season, it's 2018, how will I grow in faith? XLT offers an evening of prayer, praise, witness and Eucharist Adoration in a profoundly fun, spiritual and engaging way. For more information please go to www.stjustin.com

Parish Decoration Takedown

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that have adorned our altar this year. If you are free on **Saturday Januray 13th 2018** after the 9:30am Mass we would love your help! All are welcome. *"Many hands make light work"* -John Heywood



WHAT: EDGE is a youth ministry program designed to help youth learn more about their Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship!

WHO: Grades 6-8

WHEN: Mondays 7- 8:30pm

WHERE: Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall

COST: FREE FREE FREE

DEC 18 Christmas Social – Christmas Party

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year. See you all on January 8!



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE March 9 – 18, 2018

Under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Fr. Massillamani Zacharias. Come journey in the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Deposit: \$1500.00 per person **Deadline:** December 10, 2017

Cost: \$3145.00 per person (Incl. taxes & tips)

Final Balance Deadline: January 10, 2017

Please confirm your spot as soon as possible by completing your registration from along with a payment of \$1500.00.

Please note: \$175.00 of which is non-refundable if cancelled.

Please contact Rollback Travel for payment details.

For further details and registration, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex of the church or at the Parish Office.



COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on **Sunday January 14, 2018**. The cost for the breakfast is \$7.00/person. Come and enjoy some good food and great company! All proceeds raised from this event will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A ministry whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 16th 5:00pm

+**Manuel Nuno Rodrigues** by Wife & Children
+**Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana** by Carolina Santana
+**Albina Barbosa & Benedito da Silva** by Lucia & Orlando Araujo

+**Bento Ferreira** by Rosa Barroso & Family
+**Jose De Sousa** by Wife & Children
+**Delia Mendez** by McEvenue Family
+**Perpetua Barroso** by Family
+**Silvano & Victor Fernandes** by Silva & Dias Family
+**Victoria Miranda & Silvina Vieira** by Fernando & Maria
+**All Souls** by Maria & Family

Sunday December 17th

8:30am +ProPopulo

10:00am +John Howard McCardle by Kevin & Sharon McCardle & Family

11:30am +Maria Moniz by Brinkos Family

4:45pm + ProPopulo

6:30pm + Teresa Moniz by Family

Monday December 18th 7:00pm

+**Gerard Eek & All Souls** by Vilma La Roche & Family

+**Matthew Talarico** by Family

+**Jose & Rosa Barroso** by Children

***Spec. Int. to the Divine Mercy** by Joe

+**Fatima & John Faria** by Joe Faria & Family

***Spec. Int.** by Joaquim Neto

+**Fernando Pereira** by Lurdes Medeiros & Family

+**Fr. Davis Manadan** by K of C Bradford Council 4915

+**Doreen Bruyns** by Laddie

+**Luis Soares** by Silvina & Ramiro Verdadeiro

Tuesday December 19th 8:30am

***Spec. Int. & All Souls** by David & Rosa Oliveira

Wednesday December 20th 7:00pm

+**All Faithful Departed Parishioners and Those Who Grieve for Them**

Thursday December 21st 8:30am

+**All Souls**

Friday December 22nd 7:00pm

+**William & Anna Yaszczyszyn** by Family Taucar

Saturday December 23rd 9:30am

+**All Souls**

Saturday December 23rd 5:00pm

+**Salvatore Cipponeri** by Wife

+**Tony Peter & Joe Toich** by Family

+**All Souls** by Carolina Santana

+**Ignazio Polizzi** by Wife

+**Manuel Silva & Judite Costa** by Son & Family

+**Jose Rodrigues** by Wife & Children

+**Deceased Members of Family** by Jack & Gina Gomes & Family

+**Fernando Gomes** by Wife & Children

+**Victoria Miranda & Silvina Vieira** by Fernando & Maria

+**Fernando & Celeste Domingues** by Tony & Rosa Neto

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