

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
Life Teen Mass—6:30pm
Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am

Saturdays: 9:15am

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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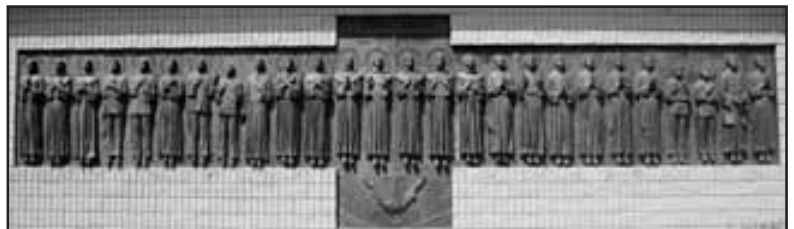
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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: A Time of Hope

The spirit of Advent largely consists in living close to Our Lady during this time when she is carrying Jesus in her womb. Mary imparts a great joy to our souls, because when we turn to her she leads us to Christ. *Mary teaches us to hope. 'All generations will call me blessed', she proclaimed. Humanly speaking, how could she hope for such a thing? Who was she, in the eyes of her contemporaries?* (J. Escriva, *Friend of God*, 286)

The ones who become discouraged are not those who undergo difficulties and feel pain. It is those, rather, who do not aspire to sanctity and eternal life, those who despair of ever reaching them, who buckle and give up. The attitude of the former is shaped by a lack of faith, by comfort-seeking, lukewarmness and an excessive attachment to earthly goods, which they consider to be the only good things worth having. Discouragement, if it is not remedied, paralyses any effort to do good and overcome difficulties.

In a few days' time we shall see Jesus in the Crib. The sight will be a proof of God's mercy and love. We will be able to say: *On this Christmas night everything inside me stops. I am face to face with Him; there is nothing but this Child in the whole of that huge white expanse. He does not say anything, but He is there. He is God loving me.* (J. Leclercq, *A Year with the Liturgy*) And if God becomes man and loves me, how am I going to refuse to seek Him? How am I going to give up hope of finding Him, if He is searching for me? Let us rid ourselves of any suggestion of discouragement. Neither external difficulties nor our personal failures can do anything to quell the joy of Christmas which is approaching and the hope it promises.

In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS...



We are still in need of Supporters for our Christmas Baskets Drive. If you would like to support a family, please call the Parish Office for details.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Fight all error but do it with good humour, patience, kindness and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

St. John of Kenty - Dec 23rd

St. Peter Canisius - Dec 21st

Pray for us!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offering donation was \$6,445.22

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass



All EDGE events start at 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall

Dec 18th - Christmas Social
Dec 25th - Merry Christmas
Jan 1st - Happy New Year

Dec 19th - Bowling
Dec 26th - Happy Boxing Day
Jan 2nd - No Edge

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2011**Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th**

- ❖ 6:00pm (10am Choir Members)
- ❖ 8:00pm (Youth Choir Members)
- ❖ 12:00 midnight (11:30am Choir Members)

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there will be no 6:30pm Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family - Friday, December 30th

- ❖ 7:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Saturday, December 31st

- ❖ 5:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Sunday, January 1st, 2012

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there is no 6:30pm Mass.)

The Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 8th 2012

Returning to normal Mass schedule

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 only) to the church preferably on December 22nd and December 23rd. Labels will be supplied

(at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Starting on Saturday, December 24th and from now on the **Saturday morning Masses will be at 9:30am** as well as Masses during the Civic Holidays.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 18th

+ Rafael Chavez Vazquez by McEvenue Family
 + Francisco Cunha, Otelinda & Bento Ferreira by Rosa Barroso & Family
 + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
 + Jose, Maria, & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
 + Paul Taucar Sr. by Sormilic Family
 + Miguel Gomes by Jack, Gina & Danny
 + Teresa Silva by Family
 + Gaspere, Paola, Anna & Paolo Gucciardo by Saverino Saracino & Family

Sunday, December 18th

8:30am + Jose Dias by Celeste Dias & Family
 10:00am + Antonio Francisco, Maria da Gloria, Maria de Jesus by Dias Family
 11:30am + Vito Ingoglia by Poula & Salvatore Cipponeri
 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 19th

+ Jose Barroso by Children
 + Judite Costa & Manuel Pinto Silva by Son
 + Claudino Neto & Maria Rosa de Jesus by David & Rosa Oliveira
 + Joao Botas & Herminio Marques by Piedade Janeiro
 + Eduardo & Joe Lancha by Connie Ferreira & Family
 + Steve & Mary Hnydczak by Lucinda Servo
 + Betty Hnydczak by Lucinda Servo
 + All Souls by Lucinda Servo

8:00am Tuesday, December 20th

+ Saint Jude & Saint Anthony by Dave, Laura & Manuel

7:00pm Wednesday, December 21st

+ All Faithful Departed

8:00am Thursday, December 22nd

* Special Intentions in Thanksgiving to St. Rita by a Parishioner

7:00pm Friday, December 23rd

+ Tony Toich by Wife & Family

9:30am Saturday, December 24th

+ Nancy Bova & Madeline Paget by Family

Saturday, December 24th – CHRISTMAS VIGIL

6:00pm Mass

8:00pm Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am

10:00am

11:30am

No 6:30pm Mass today

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

IMPORTANT NOTICES

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th from 12:00pm NOON to 4:00pm

The PARISH OFFICE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Monday, December 26th

Tuesday, December 27th

Monday, January 2nd

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 from the Parish Office Staff!*

Sunday to Sunday.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Mon Dec 19th – Parish Office Closed from 12 noon to 4:00pm

Mon Dec 19th – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wed Dec 21st – 7:00pm – All Faithful Departed Mass

Wed Dec 21st – 7:00pm – Al-Anon

Wed Dec 21st – 7:30pm – Youth Music Practice

Thur Dec 22nd – 4:00pm – Altar Servers Midnight Practice

Mon Dec 26th – Parish Office Closed

Tue Dec 27th – Parish Office Closed

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are 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 fill out the forms located on the Lobby counter and give to Father.



If you are a new member, please fill out the New Parishioner Form or fill out the information required on the envelopes so that we may enter your particulars in our data base for income tax receipts, and give form to Father.

If the address on the box is incorrect, please fill out the form for Change of Address in order for the Parish Office Staff to change your records accordingly as we have received several returned mail with incorrect address information. Add your envelope #.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Per-Authorized Giving Plan to assist in the support of our Parish through your regular Sunday offering. Sharing through the Pre-authorized Giving Plan means your Sunday offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will be deposited to the parish account. Forms available at the Lobby counter, please fill out and bring to the Parish Office during office hours.

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes to be held on Friday, January 27th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, January 28th from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on Friday, February 3rd from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, February 4th from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Cost of this course is \$50.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes as soon as possible.

Please call the Parish Office for registration.

905-775-2065.

MASSSES

For the sake of fairness and so that we do not appear to be trafficking in the sacred, starting Sunday, Nov 27th, all singularly Mass Intentions will be offered for a maximum of 2 people or 1 person and family. Any questions or concerns regarding this, please see Fr. Boniface.



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