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*prepare the way...*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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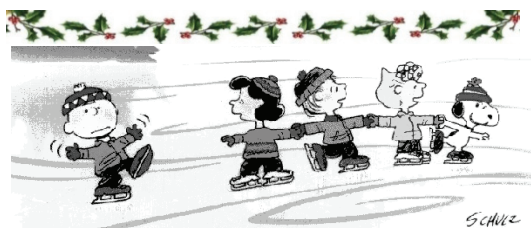


*"Drop down dew from above you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just one. Let the earth be open and bring forth a Savior." Isaiah 45:8*

#### PARISH OUTREACH TO SENIOR

Do you want to make a difference in a senior's life? We have started a pilot project Parish Outreach Ministry to seniors designed to provide social visits to isolated and lonely seniors in the parish community. Six parishes located in Simcoe County and Region of Peel are participating to make a difference.

What does it mean to be a volunteer with this Parish Outreach Project? It would require providing 3 to 4 one hour visits monthly, with another volunteer to a senior. Visits may include activities such as conversation, games or prayer. All volunteers will be matched according to their interests and availability with a senior and will have ongoing professional development and support from their local coordinator. If you are interested in this new pilot project ministry, please contact the parish office 905-775-2065.



#### Family Skate Event - FREE FOR ALL

Lace up your skates and come enjoy an hour of free skating on January 7, 2017 from 11:30am - 12:30pm at the BWG Leisure Center – Green Arena



#### Church Decoration Takedown

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that have adorned our altar this year. If you are free on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after the 9:30am Mass we would love your help! All are welcome. "Many hands make light work" - John Heywood



#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage is the intimate union and equal partnership of a man and a woman. It comes to us from the hand of God, who gives to each person their vocation in life. It is important then to prepare oneself fully for this very sacred vocation. If you are thinking of being married please allow for sufficient time (roughly a year) to meet with one of our clergy and to have enough time for marriage preparation course. Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a marriage preparation course over two weekends, Friday and Saturday January 20/21 and Friday and Saturday January 27/28, 2017. The cost per couple is \$120.00 and covers lunch both Saturdays. Please contact the parish office to register.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Saturday December 24, 2016**

9:30 am Daily Mass

**Christmas Eve – Saturday December 24, 2016**

6:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm Spanish Mass, **12:00 Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day – Sunday December 25, 2016**

8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, **4:45pm No Mass, 6:30pm No Mass**

**Monday December 26, 2016**

9:30am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday December 27, 2016**

9:30am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**  
**No Adoration**

**Thursday December 29, 2016**

9:30am Daily Mass

**Friday December 30, 2016**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:00pm Daily Mass

**Saturday December 31, 2016**

9:30am Daily Mass

**New Year's Eve - Saturday December 31, 2016**

**Holy Day of Obligation – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

5:00pm Anticipatory Mass

**New Year's Day - Sunday January 1, 2017**

**Holy Day of Obligation – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, **4:45pm No Mass, 6:30pm**

**Monday January 2, 2017**

9:30 am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday January 7, 2017**

9:30am Daily Mass

**Saturday January 7, 2017**

**Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord**

5:00pm Anticipatory Mass

**Sunday January 8, 2017**

**Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord**

Regular Mass Schedule Applies

**Monday January 9, 2017**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

7:00pm Daily Mass



## PARISH CALENDAR

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Sat Dec 17  | - 9:30am Daily Mass<br>- 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass  |
| Sun Dec 18  | - 8:30am Sunday Mass<br>- 10:00am Sunday Mass<br>- 11:30am Sunday Mass<br>- 1:00pm Baptism<br>- 4:45pm Spanish Mass<br>- 6:30pm Sunday Mass |
| Mon Dec 19  | - 7:00pm Daily Mass   |
| Tues Dec 20 | - 8:30am Daily Mass<br>- 9:30am Adoration Chapel<br>- 7:00pm Benediction  |
| Wed Dec 21  | - 7:00pm Daily Mass   |
| Thur Dec 22 | - 8:30am Daily Mass   |
| Fri Dec 23  | - 7:00pm Daily Mass   |

**See Christmas Mass Schedule**



We invite our youth (grades 6-8) to join us on Mondays at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall for Edge Night! ALL ARE WELCOME! **December 19** – Christmas Social - Bowling  
**January 9** – Just Visiting



## OFFERING ENVELOPES

*Sunday Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Please come and pick them up. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.*



## RUN WITH IT

Come join in the next "Run With It" series discussion of Faith and Current Events in Today's Church on January 18, 2017 at 7:00pm with Deacon Dave.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 2 – Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Feb 3 – Blessing of the Throats
- Feb 6 – Holy Martyrs of Japan Feast Day
- Feb 11 – Anointing of the Sick
- Feb 12 – Marriage Sunday



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

+All Faithful Departed of the Parish

### Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm

+All Faithful Departed by McEvenue Family  
+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues by Fernanda Rodrigues & Children  
+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana  
+Tayah Fairbrother by Opa, Oma & Family  
+Antonio Janeiro by Wife & Children  
+Stephen LaRoche by Carolina Santana  
+Bento Ferreira by Rosa Barroso & Family  
+Jose & Rosa Barroso by Children  
+Virgilio Sr., Jr. & Arminda Almeida by Modesto & Lurdes Cavaco & Family

### Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30am +Tony Toich & Matthew Zic by Mary & Family  
10:00am +Albina Barbosa & Benedito DaSilva by Lucia & Orlando Araujo  
11:30am +Gerard Eek by Vilma LaRoche & Family  
6:30pm + ProPopulo

### Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>

+Joao Oliveira & Maria Rosa Ribeiro by David & Rosa Oliveira  
+Pasquale Mirabelli by Family  
+Judite Costa & Manuel Silva by Son & Family  
+Joao & Aleixo Domingues by Angelino & Lourdes Marques  
+All Souls & Joao Ferreira by Fernandes Family  
+Nuno Azevedo by Wife & Children  
\*Spec. Int. for Jose Correia by Adriana Avelar  
+Salvatore Cipponeri by Wife

### Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>

+Virgilio Pinho by Wife & Children

### Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>

+All the Faithful Departed of Our Parish

### Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>

+Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana

### Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>

+Ignazio Polizzi by Wife

### Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

+ProPopulo

**"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"**



## HOLY FAMILY PRAYER VIGIL

The Knight of Columbus will have the icon of the Holy Family here at Holy Martyrs on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm. A Mass will be offered in honor of the Holy Family on that day on behalf of ALL of our families in the parish with prayers of devotion before and after the Mass. You are all invited to participate in this most solemn event.



CWL General Meeting will be held on Monday January 9, 2017 at 7:30pm





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