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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE



Our Advent finale and Christmas beginning focuses on the role of Our Lady – the one who heard the message of God through the Angel Gabriel, and humbly accepted it as the Lord's handmaiden. This message filled her with great joy, but more importantly she never lost hope or faith that the Lord will bring salvation to the world. Our Lady is a true hearer of the Word, as not only does she respond with wonderment, but accepts the mission with her whole heart with faith and trust.

By saying "yes" or "fiat" to the divine message, Mary becomes the model of faith for all Christians. Even when things seem like it is impossible, nothing is impossible for God. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb.

When we imitate her, when we put our trust in God just as Our Lady did, we welcome Christ into our lives just as fully as she did. The celebration of Christmas is reminding us every year to do just that – to open our hearts to the will of God, but more importantly, to give God permission to become one of us. And when He does, like Our Lady, like all the Angels and Saints, we are able to sing with great confidence and joy, **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL.**

On behalf of Fr. Mani, Deacon Dave, Deacon Pedro, and the Parish Staff of Holy Martyrs of Japan, we would like to wish all of you a very holy and blessed Christmas. May God continue to shower down His graces upon you and may He come to dwell with you and your family, not just in this glorious season, but all the days of your life.

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!**

**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

**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 January 13th 2018** after the 9:30am Mass we would love your help! All are welcome.

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.

Before you take a box of envelopes make sure 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 Envelope User* form attached and include the completed form with your first envelope. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

HOLY HOUR

Friday January 5th 2018 at 7:00pm
Come be present with the Lord!

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



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** in the parish hall. 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. We look forward to seeing you there.

CWL MEETING

General Meeting Monday January 8, 2018 at 7:30pm

Executive Meeting Monday January 29 2018 at 7:30pm



Blood Donor Clinic Wednesday January 10, 2017 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday December 24th

+ProPopulo

Monday December 25th

+ProPopulo

Tuesday December 26th 9:30am

+All Souls by Maria & Family

Wednesday December 27th 7:00pm

+Aleixo Domingues by Angelino & Lourdes Marques

Thursday December 28th 8:30am

+Margaret Connolly by Daughter Lynn & Family

Friday December 29th 7:00pm

*Spec. Int. for Victor Santos Domingues by Celso & Maria Domingues

Saturday December 30th 9:30am

+All Souls

Saturday December 30th 5:00pm

+Joao Gomes by Family
+Teresa Moniz by Family
+Charles & Margaret Langley by Children
+Cornelius Vanderhulst by Vilma La Roche
+Tobias Rego by Wife and Children
+Annalynn Martinez by Martinez Family
*Spec. Int. Our Lady of Fatima by Elizabeth Ferreira
+Joe De Foe by Mae Eek & Family
+Luis Soares by Silvina & Ramiro Verdadeiro
*Spec. Int. For All Parishioners & Clergy of HMJ by The Mongillo Family

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

January 31, 2018 "Run with it"

February 3, 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Night

February 4, 2018 Holy Martyrs of Japan Feast Day

February 13, 2018 Pancake Tuesday

February 14, 2018 ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

February 19, 2018 FAMILY DAY

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