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## **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. David Langley

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## **Marriages:**

By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

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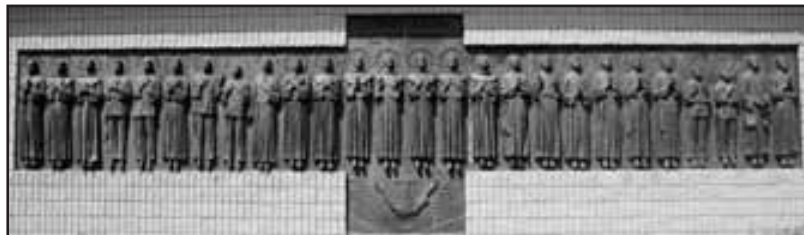
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

## **Support and Enrichment Ministries**

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

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- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
- Mother Teresa - 905-778-8653



## **Sunday Eucharist:**

Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM

Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

## **Weekday Masses:**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

**New Parishioners: WELCOME!** You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



**Our Mission:** We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

**A Nossa Missao:** Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus

**Mary in Scripture**

As we honour Mary, the Mother of God today, it might be good to go back to the most well known scriptural references that support such belief and veneration.

**The Annunciation** (Lk 1:26-38). The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her she has found favour with God and will bear a son who will rule over His people Israel. She who is to be great because of her Son says simply, "*Be it done unto me according to thy word.*" Hers is a perfect response to God and a perfect prayer. Mary accepts God at His word and gives herself in humility over to Him completely.

**The Visitation** (Lk 1:39-45) In response to the angel's message that her elderly kinswoman Elizabeth is in her sixth month, Mary leaves immediately to assist her despite the fact she herself is pregnant. While Elizabeth is self-professedly stunned that the mother of her Lord should come to her, Mary thinks not in terms of her own importance or her own needs but simply of going to help someone else in need of assistance. Mary thus puts into practice from the start the words Jesus will later say of Himself, "*I have not come to be served, but to serve*" (Mk 10:45).

**The Birth of Jesus** (Lk 2:1-20) Although chosen to be the mother of God, at the emperor's whim she is forced to take a four day journey on the back of a mule in the final days of her pregnancy and give birth to her Son in a stable because there is no room for them in the inn. Without question or complaint, she accepts God's will.

**The Miracle at Cana** (Jn 2:1-12) Having sheltered Jesus through many years, Mary launches Jesus on His public mission when she intercedes on behalf of a couple of newlyweds to spare them the embarrassment of having the wine run out at their wedding reception. This reveals her concern for others even in relatively minor matters. Her words to the waiters that day remain perfect advice for us today and every day: "*Do whatever he tells you*" (Jn 2:5).

**REMINDER**

**A REMINDER THAT January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of Mary; the Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligations.**

**Mass times are: 10:00am and 7:00pm. The 7:00pm Mass will be followed by Holy Hour.**

*A Heartfelt Thank You to all who volunteered their time so generously to help decorate our Church. It looks beautiful. Also to Bradford Greenhouse and to all who donated plants and flowers. You certainly helped to put us in the Christmas spirit!*

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – DECEMBER 27, 09**

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**Feast of the Holy Family**

The Holy Family is the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live as the Holy Family did. St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church" this is called the "domestic church", in doing so, we sanctify the family.

Often in difficult events husband and wives are called to think of the common good and what is truly best for the other. They become like Christ in His love for the Church. Christ gives everything He has and to the Church and she's reciprocates in love by giving all she has to Him. In this, a life of prayers is essential. Praying as spouses together and yes vocally for one another and then as a family. Like the people of their own time, the Holy Family would recite prayers together and this kept them close to God and through God to one another as we see the devotions and tenderness of the others come alive in prayer.

By living out the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, of being open to God's will whatever it may be, we grow in sanctity and provide an example to our children, that a noble and holy life possible. In our joy and solidarity in good times and in bad we rekindle our faith in God and in one another and reforge anew the bonds of love in our family, in our wider family and society as these gifts touch all who we meet.

**INTRODUCING****Father Joseph Lam Tran**

Father Joseph will be joining Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish as the Associate Pastor. Father Joseph is originally from Viet Nam and was Associate Pastor at St. Bernadette's Parish in Ajax and at St. Michael's Cathedral. We are expecting Father Joseph to join us early in the New Year. We welcome him with open hearts to our parish.

**CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE****Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ 9:15am Mass for St Stephen
- ❖ 5:00 pm Mass of the Holy Family

**Holy Family - Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:30pm

**Mary Mother of God – Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

- ❖ 6:00pm

**Mary Mother of God -Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 7:00pm – Eucharistic, Adoration & Benediction to follow Mass

**Quote of the Week**

**"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."**

*(Words of Mary found in the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 1:47)*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

- + Maria Rosa Miranda, Manuel & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
- + All Souls by Maria Da Silva
- + Mark Oliveira by Parents and Family
- + Noel McGivern by Margaret & Brendan McGivern
- + Fernando Gomes by Wife and Children
- + Cecila Santos by Marla & Joe Ewart
- + Antonio Lanno by Geraldina & Joe Lanno
- + John German by Wife Monica Heron German
- + Joao & Maria Rosa Oliveira by David & Rosa Oliveira

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Family

- 8:30am + Manuel Dias by Wife & Family
- 10:00am + Gerard Eek by Mae Eek and Family
- 11:30am + Celeste Henriques by Alzirina and Family
- 5:00pm NO Spanish Mass until February 7, 2010
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

- + Gerald Eek by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Holy Innocents by Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish
- + Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Joaquim Neto
- + Imilia Santos, Joao Vieira by Lucilia Sergio
- + Isaura Domingues & Grandparents by Cei Perdiz
- + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- + All Souls by Helena Peixoto & Family
- + Margaret McDonald by Tom Samson & Family

8:00am Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

- + All Souls by Helena Peixoto

7:00pm Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Special Intentions – Manuel Santos Domingues by Celso & Maria Domingues

5:00pm Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>,

- + St. Clair McEvenue by Family
- + Cecila Santos by Dominic & Donna Ferragine
- + Jim Gardine by Mae Eek & Family
- + Maria Da Silva by Husband Luis Da Silva
- + Salvatore Severino by Maria Severino & Family

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 8:30am + Manuel Dias by Wife & Family
- 10:00am + Pro Populo
- 11:30am + Celeste Henriques by Alzirina & Family
- 5:00pm No Spanish Mass until February 7, 2010
- 6:30pm + All Souls

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

## OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on the following days.

Closed

- Monday, December 28

Open

- Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Closed

- Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Open

- Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*From all the parish staff here at Holy Martyrs we wish you a wonderful NEW YEAR and that the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.*

*We hope to share this joy with you all year round.*

## Sunday to Sunday .....

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Sunday after each Mass
- Sun Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Life Teen
- Mon Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Mon Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Seniors Club
- Mon Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – C&H – Mass for Holy Innocents
- Mon Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – CWL Executive Meeting
- Mon Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – St. Vincent De Paul
- Wed Dec 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Fri Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00pm – Holy Hour followed by Benediction & Adoration after Mass
- Sat Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00am – Skating Party at Bob Fallis Arena
- Sun Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30am – Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2:00pm – Life Teen



Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> - No events

Monday, December 28<sup>st</sup> - No events

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Life Teen and EDGE will be conducting a **LOVE IS WHO WE ARE CONCERT**

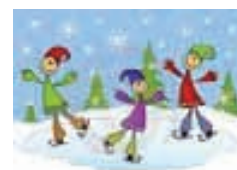
We would like to send an invitation to all parishioners and friends to attend our New Year's ministry kick off concert event, featuring our parish's own Christian singer song writer

Chris Taucar as he releases his new EP album

**Who We Are.** Admission is free and the concert starts at 7:00 pm followed with a meet and mingle.

### Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Social Committee

Are proud to present 1 hour of free skating on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am to 12:00 noon at the Bob Fallis Arena. Free Hot Chocolate and Goodies for all that attend. So get your skates out and bring the kids for an enjoyable hour of fun, frivolity and fellowship.



## PRAYER at the END of the YEAR

All praise and glory are yours,

Father of heaven and earth, Lord of all ages: you have brought us to the end of another year in your service.

We praise you for the gifts you have given us, and for the ways we have been led to use them for your people and for your world.

Forgive us, Father, for our failures this year:

For neglecting your word.

For failing to listen to your Spirit,

For refusing to love you in others.

As we begin a new year in your service, let your Son be our leader and your spirit our guide, your word a lamp for our feet and strength for our hearts.

Help us to work for your honour and glory and for the salvation of all your people.

Praise and honour and glory are yours, Father, through your Son, our Lord in the love and unity of your Holy Spirit now and evermore.

Amen.



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