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Peace on Earth

THE PROPHETIC WORDS OF SIMEON

“Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel.”
(Lk 2:34)

These were prophetic words which Mary and Joseph did not understand then and there: The Child is a *sign that will be opposed*; Mary’s heart *shall be pierced with a sword*! And it all happened just as Simeon had foretold, according to the Gospels, which tell us of the many enemies Jesus had later on, and how He suffered and died with the Mother of Sorrows standing at the foot of His Cross.

Jesus was indeed “a sign that was opposed.” With words that were clear and emphatic, he condemned sin and many of the false practices of those days. Away with your philosophy – “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” Instead Jesus tells them: “But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also” (Mt. 5:39-40). Away with your bill of divorce. Jesus tells them: “What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder” (Mt. 19:6). Away with your avarice and greed. Jesus tells them: “You cannot serve God and mammon” (Lk.16:13). Correct your ways with the poor, the sick, the lepers, the elderly, the hungry, the lonely, the widows, the orphans. Instead remember the words of Jesus: “So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them” (Mt. 7:12). “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt. 25:40).

For the things He taught, for the virtues he extolled, and the vices He condemned, Jesus attracted some and alienated others. He gained followers, and He also made enemies. He was the sign that was opposed, according to the prophecy made in the temple.

All this is food for thought even in our days, even among Christians, the followers of Christ. Are we sincere and loyal in the practice of our holy religion? Do we really love Jesus not only in word, but in action as well? Do we have charity in our hearts towards all around us? Do we try to help those who turn to us for help? Or do we find Jesus a sign that is to be opposed or avoided or neglected?

One way or the other, this divine Child can be the uplifting of many, and the downfall of others. Let us always remember that the Son of Man “will repay for what they have done” (Mt. 16:27).

God’s Message by Rev. Msgr. Vito C. Mazzone

Wanted

We are in need of another facilitator, for each time, to conduct Confirmation Classes for 6 weeks on either Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30pm, Thursdays from 4:30 to 6pm, and 7:00 to 8:30pm or Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 1:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Boniface if interested in volunteering for this very important Sacrament.

OUR FAMILY OF SAINTS

A tree is known by its fruits. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy, reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness, gathers love.

St. Sylvester I – Dec 31
Mary Mother of God – Jan 1
St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory – Jan 2

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December Schedule

Please make note of these dates!

Sunday, Dec 30 – Regular Masses
Monday, Dec 31st – NO MORNING MASS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 30th

❖ REGULAR MASS TIMES for Saturday and Sunday

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Monday, December 31st, 2012

❖ 6:00pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Tuesday, January 1st, 2013

❖ 10:00am (Holy Day of Obligation)

❖ 11:30am (Holy Day of Obligation)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 6th 2013

Returning to normal Mass schedule

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekends of January 12/13 or January 19/20 and enroll in the program for immediate preparation for Confirmation. In so doing, they publicly state that they wish to live an active Catholic life style. We will give them a cross to wear as a symbol of that commitment. Confirmation Candidates are asked to bring in the Inscription Promise (yellow form) to any of these Masses. These will be given out at their schools the week of January 7th.

If you have not handed in a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate or purchased the Confirmation Book, you must come to the Parish Office during business hours to do so. These items are required before the start of the Confirmation Classes the first week of February.

Please pray for these young people that they may always be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Celebrations for the Months of October, November and December

We welcome into our parish those who have been Baptized.

Anthony Carvalho	Isaac Carvalho
Gabriel Dow	Siena Dow
Lucas Homem	Ava Ienco
Malacai Needs-Medeiros	Yuna Needs-Medeiros
Tristano Palleschi	Noah Tobin
Dante Bettencourt	Leah Edwards
Caterina Imeneo	Cameron Duraes
Gavin Beausoleil	Liam Cota-Macool
Gabriel Raimondo	Mackenzie Bevan
Nathan Covello	Angelina Gammicchia
Sofia Naso	Michael Turner
Liam Cavaco	Marissa Pereira
Matteo Petrozzi	Colin Skinner
Stefano Tamburello	Lucas Azevedo
Matias Hoyos-Agudelo	

Please pray for those who passed away.

Jose Duarte Raposo	Walter Szczepanik
Jose Francisco Figueira Rodrigues	Franco Trotta
Antonio Martins	Mihaly Solti
Manuel Borges	Angelina Hamilton

Attention: Confirmation Facilitators

Please be advised that there will be a meeting with Fr. Boniface on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 29th

+ Celeste Joaquina & Jose Marques by Laura & Manuel Marques
 + Manuel Ferreira & Filomena de Jesus by Bernardette Ferreira
 + Jose Raposo by Wife – Maria & Family
 + Walter Szczepanik by Rak Family
 + Quintino Cavallo by Wife- Assunta & Family
 + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Children
 + Teresa Silva & Aurora Gonsalves by Family
 + Manuel Borges & Joe Paz by Rosa & David Oliveira
 + Manuel Borges by Jose & Maria Viveiros

Sunday, December 30th

8:30am + Manuel Dias by Wife & Children
 10:00am + Carl Berndt & Laurence Mainville by Brenda Dainton & Family
 11:30am + Joao & Manuel Laranjeiro by Emilia Laranjeiro & Family
 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 6:30pm Pro Populo

Please note: there are no Mass Intentions for December 31st and January 1st

7:00pm Wednesday, January 2nd

+ Jose Romeiro by Emidio Romeiro & Family

8:00am Thursday, January 3rd

+ Beloved Son – Michael Mallet by Mom & Dad

7:00pm Friday, January 4th

+ All Souls by Lourdes Marques

9:30am Saturday, January 5th

+ Manuel & Maria Caseira & Nazare Carvalhais by Joaquim Neto

5:00pm Saturday, January 5th

+ John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
 + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife – Francesca Beninati
 + St. Clair McEvenue by Family
 + Franco Trotta by Saverino & Enza Saracino
 + Teresa Silva by Jose Fernanda & Carminda Ferreira
 + Romolo Cellitti by Family
 + Manuel Borges by Fernando & Gabriela Angelino
 + Della Englehart by Elfrieda & Ron Humenchuk

Sunday, January 6th

8:30am + Helen Cartney Kibsey by Husband – William & Family
 10:00am + Sidonio Marques by John & Gorette Carvalho
 11:30am + Pro Populo
 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 6:30pm George Robson by Paul & Sylvia Castellani

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes on Friday, January 25th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, January 26th from 10am to 4pm and on Friday, February 1st from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 2nd from 10am to 4pm. Cost of this course is \$80.00 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. Please call the Parish Office for registration 905-775-2065 or drop by the Office to fill out the Registration Forms.



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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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Sunday to Sunday...

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYRS

Mon Dec 31 - Office Closed and will reopen on Thursday, Jan 3, 2013

Fri Jan 4 – 7:00pm – First Friday – Holy Hour

Sat Jan 5 – 11:30-12:30pm – Christmas Skating Party

Sun Jan 6 – 12:30pm - RCIC

NOTICES

Please note that there will be NO Adoration on Tuesday, December 25th, or Tuesday, January 1st. Adoration will resume again on Tuesday, January 8th 2013.



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on the following dates:

December 31 and also January 1 & 2

Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Social Committee

Are proud to present 1 hour of free skating on Saturday, January 5th from 11:30am to 12:30am at the New Leisure Centre – Green 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.

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 one of the Clergy. If you are unsure of your envelopes number, please ask one of the Clergy to look up your number in the binder located in the Sacristy.



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 #.

NEW BEGINNINGS:

For those who have lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce. Come and join us for an informative evening. The Topic: Demystifying Anger. January 8th, 2013 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge Street, 4th Floor, Toronto. (North East corner of Yonge & Shaftebury). Free underground parking off Shaftebury. Pre-registration is not required. For future info, Call Deacon James Shaughnessy 416-921-1163.

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