

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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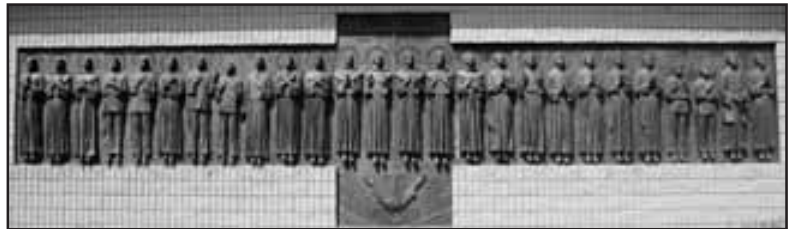
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NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME !

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.

PREPARE THE WAY

In the Gospel the power of John the Baptist brings judgment and purification to work within us. *"Prepare the way of the Lord, straighten out His paths,"* the Baptist tells us; behind his word is the image, which the ancients so well know, of a royal entrée. Without trains or cars the ancient king, like any subjects, had many days to spend on his beast or in his carriage, and rough roads made his way more difficult. So scores of servants were put to work preparing his way. That is the image; the mystery happens to us; Christ, the King, comes. It is our task to prepare His way to our inmost depth of mind. We are to make low the mountains of pride and hills of stubbornness which the Lord has no mind to pass over. We are to fill up the valleys of unbelief and despondency; we are to be conscious of our weakness and sinfulness, but full of faith in His power to purify and make us holy; to work change in us, and to divinize; and all of this when He comes to us in ritual. When He calls, and we hear Him with ready heart, His Word, will accomplish its work, the marvel of cleansing and the forgiving of sin. In our souls every valley is filled with the fruits He gives it, and every high place of human greatness casts itself down in humble fear knowing that it can have nothing incorruptible. This attitude is that of the virgin and the bride; it is proper, then, to Christ's bride, the Church. Mary is the type of her, the virgin and servant of the Lord. She gave her *fiat*, full of faith and love, and thereby made the way open for grace to come into the world. The power of God could flow into her, and she could bear God's Son, because, as Saint Leo the Great said, *"She had first received the God-man as a child in spirit, before she did in body."*

by Sister Aemiliana Lohr

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

A Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 4:30pm with refreshments in the Parish Hall to follow.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We will be celebrating the sacraments of reconciliation on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00pm. Multilingual Priests will hear confessions. We invite everyone to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 17th starting at 9:30am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come help out and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

For all in common she prays, for all in common she works, in the temptations of all she is tried.

St. Ambrose – December 7th

St. Nicholas – December 6th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8th

St. Damasus I – December 11th

Pray for us!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offering donation was \$6,119.00

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you!



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

Dec 4th - Torn Apart
Dec 11th - What if?



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

Dec 5th - Hallowed
Dec 12th - Magnify

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The real story of the Night before Christmas

The Holy Martyrs of Japan Christmas Pageant is on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00pm. Anyone (adults or children) who are interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant should call the Parish Office for details and contact information.

PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Sunday, December 4th – 2:30pm – Speaking Parts Only
Saturday, December 10th – 2:30pm – Speaking Parts Only
Friday, December 16th – Dress Rehearsal – TBA

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 3rd

+ Jose Freire, Gloria Mendez & Antonio Francisco by Wife & Children
 + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
 + Pasquale & Antonietta Baccilieri by Family
 + Charo Ellen Flynn by Family
 + Assunta Gucciardi by Jack & Clara Gucciardi
 + Paul Taucar Sr. by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren
 + Teresa Silva by Eduarda Romeiro
 + Garcia Miguelo & Special Intentions by Miguelo Family
 + Joe Giannone by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, December 4th

8:30am + Manuel Dias by Wife & Children
 10:00am + Tony & Adele Caruso by Belanger & Caruso Families
 11:30am + Rosa & Vita Caietta by Poula & Salvatore Cipponeri
 4:30pm Spanish Mass
 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 5th

+ Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
 + John Ferreira by Bernadette Ferreira
 + Arminda dos Santos by Helena Peixoto & Family
 * Special Intentions in honour of St. Jude by a Parishioner
 + All Souls by Piedade Janeiro
 + Fernando Viaes by Carlos, Alison, Tiago & Niko
 + Maria da Silva by Luis da Silva & Family
 + Chiara Ferragine by Susan & Paul LeBlanc

8:00am Tuesday, December 6th

+ Amilcar Mendes by Manuel & Elizabeth Ferreira

7:00pm Wednesday, December 7th

+ Leonardo Ferragine by Anna Ferragine & Maria Naso

8:00am Thursday, December 8th

+ Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Jose Fernandes

7:00pm Friday, December 9th

+ Assunta Gucciardi by John & Rose Gucciardi

9:15am Saturday, December 10th

* Special Intentions by Maria da Silva

5:00pm Saturday, December 10th

+ Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
 + Fernando Viaes by Rosa & Jack Afonso & Family
 + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Jose Fernandes
 + Assunta Gucciardi by Jack & Clara Gucciardi
 + John Ferreira by Connie Ferreira & Family
 + Teresa Silva by Poula & Savatore Cipponeri
 + Santa Eufemia by Maria Sousa
 + Maria Marques by Fernando & Arminda Miranda

Sunday, December 11th

8:30am + Gioacchino Czystina & Pietro Asaro by Wife
 10:00am + Antonio Santana, Vitorino Nazario & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
 11:30am + Pro Populo
 6:30pm + Joseph Matys by Dolinski, Matys & Nanowski Families
 "May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

MASSES

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.

Messages from the CWL



On Monday, December 3rd at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room there will be Bingo Games. The games are free and there will be refreshments served. All are welcome!

On December 17th at 10:00am all CWL Members will be stretching their vocal cords at the Bradford Valley Nursing Home. Come join and put your "best singing in the shower" voice to use and spread some holiday cheer. Call Tina at 905-775-4386 for more info.



Sunday to Sunday.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun Dec 4th - 4:30pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 Mon Dec 5th - 7:30pm - CWL - Bingo Night
 Mon Dec 5th - 8:00pm - St. Vincent de Paul
 Tue Dec 6th - 7:00pm - First Reconciliation for Marie of the Incarnation School
 Wed Dec 7th - 7:00pm - Advent Mass for Mother Teresa School

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 2:00pm and on Friday, February 3rd from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, February 4th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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.

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