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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Bereavement Support Group	CWL (Catholic Women's League)
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Life Teen	Knights of Columbus
EDGE Youth Ministry	Seniors Club
Liturgical Ministers	Social Club
New Beginnings	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Parish Library	
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis	

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo
Nossa Senhora De Fatima
Santissima Trindade

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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

On Wednesday, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception. God has a great desire to redeem the whole of humanity. The Holy Trinity also chose Mary to be the Mother of the Son of God made man. The Creator wanted Our Lady to be joined indissolubly to both the human birth and the salvific mission of the divine Word made flesh. *Mary was predestined from eternity to be the Mother of God, by the decree of Divine providence which determined the incarnation of the Word.* Second Vatican Council, Lumen gentium, 61 This desire gives us the reasons for Christmas. Jesus the Messiah has come to earth not just to be with us in joy, but to make His and our joy complete by saving us and opening the gates of heaven to us so we can have this joy eternally. God prepared us for this joy letting us know about it through the message of St. John the Baptist.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women... Gospel of the Mass: Luke 1:28 Through the merits of Christ and an extraordinary special grace, Mary is preserved from all stain of original sin from the very first moment of her conception. Every aspect of her being shone with the splendour of that harmony with which God had originally wanted to endow all humanity. The life of the Immaculate Mother of God will always be a worthy ideal for us all to imitate, because she is a model of sanctity in ordinary life, of the kind of holiness that is accessible to everyone in everyday circumstances.

Mary, the adolescent girl, does not hesitate at the prospect of assuming the incomparable dignity of becoming the Mother of God, since she is humble and confides in the almighty, to whom she has dedicated herself completely. *The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Teach of unlimited self-giving.* J.Escriva, Furrow, 33 Lord, count on me for whatever you want. I do not want to put any limits on your grace or on whatever you are asking of me each and every day. Don't stop making demands...and continue to grant me the continual support of your strength for with your grace I can do all things, I can be holy.

In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church on **Saturday, December 18th** starting at 10:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come help out and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas



MORTGAGE PAYMENT

A Mortgage Payment has been made in the amount of \$20,000.00 which brings our current debt to **\$1,189,000.00**

Thanks for your contributions.

PARI SH ADVENT RECONCI LI ATION

We will be celebrating the sacraments of reconciliation on **Tuesday, December 21st** at 7:00pm. Priests speaking Italian and Portuguese will be here. We invite everyone to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation was \$6,495.27

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th

- ❖ 6:00pm
- ❖ 8:00pm
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there will be no Saturday 5:00pm Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26th

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Friday, December 31st

- ❖ 6:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Saturday, January 1st, 2010

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there is no Saturday 5:00pm Mass. The Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 2nd, 2011

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

The Holy Martyrs Christmas Concert and Pageant

will be held on Saturday, December 11th at 7:00pm.

Anyone interested in participating in the concert or pageant or wants to help behind the scenes, are to call the Parish Office.

Admission to the concert is free.

A Goodwill offering to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or non-perishable food items to the Food Bank is appreciated.

Please give generously!

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 or white only) to the church preferably on December 23rd or the weekend of December 19th. Labels will be supplied (at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered in the prayers for the deceased and the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

We welcome Mother Teresa School on Monday, December 6th at the 7:00pm Mass for their Advent Celebration.

Quote of the Week

Every holy thought is the gift of God, the inspiration of God, the grace of God.

St. Ambrose - December 7th



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 4th

+ Quintino Carvalho & Nicola Munge by Assunta Carvalho
 + Virgilio Domingues, Rosa, Manuel, & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
 + Pasquale Baccilieri by Antonietta Baccilieri
 + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
 * Special Intentions by Assunuta Bocchichio
 + Anna Hawrylak & Stefania Czarnecka by Maria Kosmyrko
 + Charo Ellen Flynn by Parents & Family
 + Stefania Tomizza by Family

Sunday, December 5th

8:30am + Maria Pereira, Manuel Festa, Francisco Mauca & Josefina Pereira by Emidio & Eduarda Romeiro
 10:00am + Antonio Santana, Vitorino Nazario & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
 11:30am + Joseph Srebot by Anna Likon
 4:30pm Spanish Mass – Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 6th

+ Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
 + All Souls – Special Intentions by David & Rosa
 + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
 + Anne Andrunyk by Catholic Women's League – Bradford
 + All Souls by Helena Peixoto
 + Quentin Payette by Helen & Ed Gres

8:00am Tuesday, December 7th

+ All Souls who died during Pearl Harbour this day

7:00pm Wednesday, December 8th

+ Leonardo Ferrigina by Anna Ferrigina & Maria Naso

8:00am Thursday, December 9th

+ All Souls

7:00pm Friday, December 10th

+ Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester Barros

9:15 Saturday, December 11th

+ Luis Felipe Ferreira by Daniel & Maria Viveiros

5:00pm Saturday, December 11th

+ Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
 + Brian Collier by Idalina, Carlos & Roger Correia
 + Gioacchino Czystina & Pietro Asaro by Wife
 + Adelia Cavalheiro by Family
 + Ferenc & Maria Szabo by Daughter
 + Marjorie McEvenue by Patty Hofland
 + Daniel & Maria Ferreira & Amilcar Mendes by Manuel & Elisabete Ferreria
 + Marjorie McEvenue by Holy Martyrs Seniors Group

Sunday, December 12th

8:30am + Joseph Matys by Dolinski, Matys, & Nonowski Families
 10:00am + Joseph Srebot by Anna Likon
 11:30pm + Joseph Matys by Vilma La Roche & Family
 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes on Friday, January 28th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, January 29th from 10am to 4pm and on Friday, February 4th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 4pm. 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. Please call the Parish Office for registration 905-775-2065 or see Father after any Mass or drop by the Office for forms.

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun Dec 5th – 12:30pm – RCIA
 Sun Dec 5th – 4:30pm – Spanish Mass and Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 Mon Dec 6th – 7:00pm – Mother Teresa Advent Mass
 Mon Dec 6th – 7:30pm – RCIA
 Mon Dec 6th – 7:30pm – CWL General Meeting
 Mon Dec 6th – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
 Tue Dec 7th – 10:00am – HTHS Advent Mass
 Tue Dec 7th – 7:00pm – First Reconciliation – St. Jean de Brebeuf
 Tue Dec 7th – 7:30pm – RCIA
 Wed Dec 8th – 7:00pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting
 Wed Dec 8th – 7:30pm – Youth Band Practice in Church
 Wed Dec 8th – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
 Thu Dec 9th – 7:00pm – First Reconciliation – Marie of the Incarnation and all other Public or Catholic Schools
 Sat Dec 11th – 7:00pm – Holy Martyrs – Christmas Concert
 Sun Dec 12 – Coffee Sunday after all Masses



December 5th – Gals night out, Guys night in!
 December 12th – Christmas Caroling
 December 19th – Christmas Social at Shoeless Joe's



December 6th – NO EDGE TONIGHT
 December 13th – The Lord's Prayer
 December 20th – Christmas Social



EDGE Hockey – Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30pm until December 16th in the back parking lot of the church

Coffee Sunday

December 12th after the morning Masses.

Fair Trade products will be available for sale: Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Chocolate Bars and more!



Donations of baked goods will be accepted - bring baked goods to the church hall at 9:30 a.m. To donate baked goods, please call Tom Kremer (905) 775-8875 in advance and leave a message.

MASS

Our Intention for this Mass is for all our faithful departed. Mass will be on **Wednesday, December 22nd** at 7pm. All are welcome to come and pray for their loved ones.

Attention: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

The schedules for the Christmas Masses are in the Sacristy ready for sign-up. Please choose as soon as possible what date you would like to participate in these very Holy Masses. Thank You!

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