

We Welcome You To The Catholic Community of **HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN**

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

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

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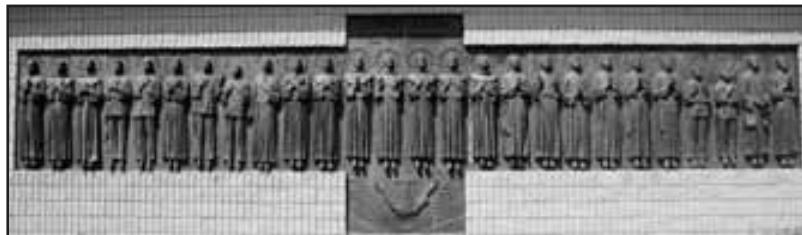
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

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- 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

Our Parish Catholic Schools:

- 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

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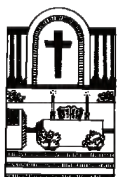
New Parishioners: WELCOME! You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



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

AROUND THE ALTAR OF THE LORD



Liturgy of the Word – The Gospel
and the Homily

Pride of place in the Liturgy of the Word is given to the proclamation of the Gospel. The singing of an acclamation befitting the liturgical season precedes the reading of the Gospel. Because the Gospel contains the words of Christ Himself, special reverence is paid to the Book of the Gospels. The Book of the Gospels is a separate book from the Lectionary from which the other readings are proclaimed. It is the only book that may be carried in procession during the Liturgy, and when it is used it is placed on the Altar at the beginning of the Mass. A procession often takes place during the singing of the acclamation at which point the priest or deacon preaching the Gospel carries the Book of the Gospels to the Ambo. The Gospel must be read by a man in Holy Orders: a bishop, priest, or deacon. It is particularly appropriate that one in Holy Orders proclaim the Gospel because of their ordination they speak for Christ and the Gospel contains the words of Christ. Before reading the Gospel, the priest may incense the Gospel book. The response of the faithful at the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel is "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." This response reflects the understanding of the Church that Christ Himself speaks in the Gospel. His message gives the faithful cause to praise revealing as it does the means for salvation. The Homily follows the reading of the Gospel and it must be given by a bishop, priest, or deacon. It is part of the Liturgy of the Word and of the priest's exercise of his prophetic (teaching) office. The principal purpose of the Homily is for the priest to explain what has been proclaimed in the Gospel and the readings. It is also very appropriate for him to discuss the texts or themes from the Mass, drawing out their meaning and significance so as to enable the faithful to participate in the Mass more fully and actively.

Introduction to the Holy Mass

MESSAGE FROM FATHER BONIFACE

Over the past year there has been the request to have a Ministry for young children on Sundays. While we recognize the need to have children participate in the Mass, there is great merit in providing a sense of welcome for our young children after or in between the Masses. So on Wednesday, January 13th at 6:00pm we would like to invite interested parishioners to explore the possibility of starting such a ministry. If you would like to attend this meeting but would need someone to baby-sit your child at the parish, please let the office know in advance and we can provide this service for you. If you have any further questions, please contact Fr. Boniface at the Parish Office.

SPANISH MASS

Spanish Mass this Sunday, December 6th at 5:00pm with a reception to follow celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are now 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 contact the Parish Office Staff.

If you are a new member, please fill out the information required on the envelopes so that we may enter your particulars in our data base for income tax receipts.

weekly offertory

Offertory Donation \$5,593.50

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

We thank you for your generosity but we need your help to meet our monthly expenses.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 6, 09

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 19th starting at 10:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come help out and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 15th

❖ Advent Parish Reconciliation – 7:00pm

Saturday, December 19th

❖ Christmas Concert – 7:00pm

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24th

❖ 6:00pm

❖ 8:00pm

❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25th

(please note that there will be no 8:30am or 6:30pm Mass)

❖ 10:00am

❖ 11:30am

Holy Family - Saturday, December 26th

❖ 5:00 pm

Holy Family - Sunday, December 27th

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

Mary Mother of God – Thursday, December 31st

❖ 6:00pm

Mary Mother of God - Friday, January 1st, 2010

❖ 10:00am

❖ 7:00pm – Benediction & Adoration to follow Mass

Our thanks goes out to the parishioners who generously donated to Share Life in the amount of \$735.00 that went towards the relief efforts in the Philippines.

Quote from the Saint of the Week

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

St. Ambrose (December 7th)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 5th

+ Antonio Santana, Vitorino Nazario, Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
+ Pasquale Bacchieri by Wife Antonietta & Family
+ Joao Botas & Herminia Marques by Maria Janeiro & Family
+ Laura V. Garcia by Walter & Maria Andrade
+ Luis V Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
+ Lino V Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
+ Brandan Curtin by Dymrna Dionne

Sunday, December 6th

8:30am + Maria & Concetta Bisecio by Vince & Gina Guglietti
10:00am + Adele & Tony Caruso by Belanger & Caruso Families
11:30am + Maureen & Roy Craig by Judy & Doug Adams
5:00pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 7th

+ Leonardo Ferragine by Maria Naso & Anna Ferragine
+ All Souls & Special Intentions by Rosa & David Oliveira
+ Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca Beninati
+ Francisco Cunha, Otelinda & Bento Ferreira by Rosa Barroso
+ Antonio Mirassol & Luis Sequeira by Wife & Daughter
+ Antonio & Cecilia by Braz Family
+ Mary Langebian by C.W.L. Bradford
+ John Ferreira by Bernadette Ferreira

8:00am Tuesday, December 8th

+ John Da Silva by Maria Da Silva

7:00pm Wednesday, December 9th

+ Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family

8:00am Thursday, December 10th

+ All Souls

7:00pm Friday, December 11th

+ Margaret Waldmeyer by Wrabko Family

9:15am Saturday, December 12th

+ Special Intentions

5:00pm Saturday, December 12th

+ Francisco Rodrigues by Ester Barros & Family
+ Joseph Matys by Joe & Nancy Matys & Family
+ Emi Chavez by McEvenue Family
+ Special Intentions – Rafael Chavez & Family by Sister & Family
+ Cecilia Santos by McEvenue Family
+ John Gorzo Sr. by Dixon Family
+ Irene Arruda by Maria Arruda
+ Manuel Serafin by Fernanda & Family

Sunday, December 13th

8:30am + Maria Lucia & Mario Guglietti by Vince & Gina Guglietti
10:00am + Manuel & Maria Tarenta by Fernando Tarenta & Family
11:30am + Vita & Stephanie Nalli by Parents
5:00pm No Spanish Mass until February 7, 2010
6:30pm + Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Dec 6th - 10:30am - Choir Practice for the 11:30 Mass
- Sun Dec 6th - 5:00pm - Spanish Mass
- Sun Dec 6th - 6:00pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception in Parish Hall
- Mon Dec 7th - Advent Mass - Holy Trinity High School
- Mon Dec 7th - 2:00pm - Seniors Club
- Mon Dec 7th - 6:00pm - EDGE - "Success"
- Mon Dec 7th - 7:00pm - CWL General Meeting followed by Christmas Social (Bingo & Prizes)
- Mon Dec 7th - 7:30pm - RCIA
- Tue Dec 8th - 7:00pm - First Reconciliation - Mother Teresa School
- Wed Dec 9th - 6:30pm - First Communion Classes for Public Schools
- Wed Dec 9th - 7:00pm - Marie of the Incarnation Family Mass and Reception to follow
- Wed Dec 9th - 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus
- Wed Dec 9th - 8:00pm - Al-Anon
- Thur Dec 10th - 7:00pm - First Reconciliation - Marie of the Incarnation
- Sun Dec 13th - 10:30am - Choir Practice for the 11:30 Mass



Sunday December 6th - IS HE YOURS? Looking at the reasons for the season and the culture we live in.

Sunday December 13th - SOCIAL WITH BRADFORD VALLEY
We will be going Christmas Caroling at Bradford Valley Nursing Home



Monday December 7th SUCCESS! The differences between the world's definition of success and God's definition of success.

Monday, December 14th CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Thursday Nights – EDGE Hockey

We play road hockey in the back parking lot of the church from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. If you're in grades 6-8, bring your stick and come join us!

Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Social Committee

are proud to present 1 hour of **free skating on Saturday, January 2nd from 11:00am to 12:00noon 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.



Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present a New Years Eve Celebration sponsored by Santissima Trindade

Thursday, December 31st, 2009

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall

Mass at 6:00pm, Cocktails at 7:00pm, Dinner at 7:30pm

Adult \$40.00 per person

Children \$20.00 age 5-12

A variety of International Music will be played

Catering by Casa Abril

Tickets will be available after each mass on weekends starting in November or call Joe Viveiros at 905-775-3063 to reserve your table or call the Parish Office at 905-775-2065.

Proceeds to the Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery Fund



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 19th at

7:00pm in the Church.

Come and join us to celebrate the Nativity and listen to our choirs singing Joyful Christmas Music.

CWL NEWS

A Short General Meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th, at 7:30pm followed by a Fun Christmas Social: Bingo and prizes. All members are invited to attend.

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