

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Life Teen Mass—6:30pm

Spanish Mass—4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

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

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Club

Social Club

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Boniface and Fr. Cas will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 9-10am, 12-1pm, 3-4pm, and 5-6pm.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00pm. Priests will be available to hear confessions in many languages. We invite everyone to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

Please note that Daily Mass on December 24, 26, 27, & 31 will be celebrated at 9:30am

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th

- ❖ 9:30am Weekday Mass
- ❖ 6:00pm Mass
- ❖ 8:00pm Mass
- ❖ 9:30pm Spanish Mass
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

Boxing Day – Thursday, December 26th

- ❖ 9:30am (Daily Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 28th & 29th

- ❖ REGULAR MASS TIMES for Saturday and Sunday

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Tuesday, December 31st, 2013

- ❖ 9:30am Weekday Mass
- ❖ 6:00pm (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 5th 2014 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 12, 2014 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Midnight Mass will take place Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Church.

S is for Star

The Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish CHRISTMAS

PAGEANT is on Sunday,

December 15th

at 2:00pm.



This year will feature students from Mother Teresa School, (other schools will be involved in subsequent years) however, it is open to all who want to participate as angels or shepherds. Please call the Parish Office 905-775-2065.

CHURCH DECORATING



We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 21st starting at 9:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come help and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

GARDEN of POINSETTIA



Christmas is a sacred time for 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 in the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

ADORATION

TO ACCOMMODATE FIRST CONFESSIONS, BENEDICTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:00PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AND TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH. THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON DECEMBER 24TH AND DECEMBER 31ST. ADORATION WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7, 2014.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes will be available at the back of the Church December 1-20, 2013. For new parishioners, you may take a box with no name attached and please fill out the New Parishioner Form and include the number of the box of envelopes you have taken. If you are interested in Pre-authorized giving, please come to the Parish Office to sign up.



MASS INTENTIONS**5:00pm Saturday, December 7th**

- + Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother Ester
- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Pasquale & Antonietta Baccilieri by Family
- + Jose Freire & Antoino Francisco by Fatima & Children
- + All Souls & Sp. Int. by Rosa & David Oliveria
- + Johanna McEvenue by McEvenue Family
- + Jose Marques & Celeste Joaquina by Laura & Manuel Marques
- + Charo Flynn by Efren & Edita Cabuyao & Family

Sunday, December 8th

- 8:30am + Antonio & Cecile Fernandes by Fernandes Family
- 10:00am + Vitorina Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + Joseph Matys by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 9th

- + All Souls by Helena Peixoto
- + Joao Laranjeiro & Augusto Clemente by Family
- + Assunta Gucciardi by Family
- + Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
- + Robert Mogavero by Marg & Bryan Drury
- + Chris Berenz by Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- + Antonio Ferreira by Filomena Mazedo
- + All Souls by Parishioner

8:30am Tuesday, December 10th

- + Sp. Int. for Vocations by Parish Staff

7:00 pm Wednesday, December 11th with Marie of the Incarnation School

- + Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro by Wife

8:30am Thursday December 12th

- + Peter Ennamorato by Wife Joanne & Family

7:00pm Friday, December 13th

- + Vita & Stephanie Nalli by Mom, Dad & Family

9:30am Saturday December 14th

- + All Faithful Departed Parishioners

5:00pm Saturday, December 14th

- + Peter Ennamorato by Wife Joanne & Family
- + Bento Ferreira by Rosa Barroso & Family
- + Albina & Benedito Da Silva by Family
- + Antonio Martins by Wife Celeste & Family
- + All Souls in Purgatory by Rosa & David Oliveria
- + Sidonio Marques by Carvalho & Marques Families
- + Jose & Maria Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

Sunday, December 15th

- 8:30am + Guelhermina de Jesus Morais by Laura & Manuel Marques
 - 10:00am + Pro Populo
 - 11:30am + John Faria by Lourdes & Gerry
 - 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 - 6:30pm + Maria Jose Calquinhass by Husband & Family
- "May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"**

Moving Forward Together - Special Collection for Aboriginal People

There will be a special collection in all parishes in the Diocese on December 15-16 in support of Aboriginal people in Canada. The Moving Forward Together Campaign collection will fund healing and education programs to help build a brighter future with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. For more information go to

www.movingforwardtogether.ca

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary consists essentially in her exemption from original sin.

From the first moment of her existence her soul was adorned with sanctifying grace which made her a beloved child of God. She was never in that state of separation from God in which all men find themselves before baptism. Mary was preserved from sin in view of the merits of her Son. The grace of the Redeemer prevented her from being tainted by original sin; whereas, we have been rescued from this sin through baptism.

Mary, my Mother, help me to imitate your sinlessness by keeping my soul free from every willful sin by the faithful observance of God's commandments. Help me to imitate your fullness of grace by receiving Holy Communion frequently, where I shall obtain the sanctifying grace that will make my soul holy and pleasing to God, and the actual graces I need to practice virtue. Through prayer may grace fill my soul with the life of God and transform me into a living image of Jesus, just as you were.



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.
Dec. 8 – Discover the Sacred	Dec. 9 – Got A Question
Dec. 15 – Gimme A Break	Dec. 16 - Bowling
Dec. 22 – Christmas Party @ Don Cherrys	Christmas Break

Marriage Preparation

Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a Marriage Preparation Course for couples who are planning to be married in 2014.

The course will take place over two weekends - January 24-25 2014 and January 31-February 1, 2014. The registration fee is \$100.00 per couple (includes lunch) and is due at the time of registration. Please come to the Parish Office to register.

ALTAR LINENS

We are in need of one or two more volunteers to help with the Altar linens. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.

School Advent Masses

Two of our Catholic schools will be celebrating Advent Masses in the evening.
 7:00pm Wed. Dec. 11 – Marie of the Incarnation
 7:00pm Wed. Dec. 18 – Mother Teresa

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