

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



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—8:00am
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.

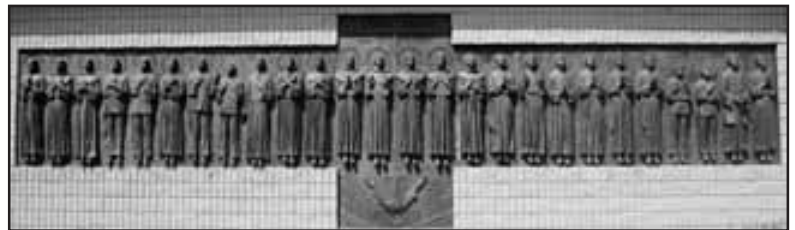
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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.

A WILDERNESS IN ONE'S HEART

In salvation history, the wilderness or desert held a painful yet privileged position. It recalled Israel's period of testing and rebellion, which had also proven to be a place of grace and revelation. To go into the wilderness, then, meant facing one's fragility, one's weakness and sin and, in doing so, we experience the corresponding possibility of repentance and renewal.

Life in the wilderness forces a person to focus on the basics: the need for water and shelter against the heat. Solidarity with fellow pilgrims on the journey and hospitality to strangers become core values. The trails associated with survival bring out the best and the worst in people. The unrelenting demands of the desert uncover the hardness of one's heart, as well as the potential to call to God in our need.

John the Baptist humbly wanted to open his hearers to such realities when he preached "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins".

Advent invites Catholics to make the wilderness an interior experience that touches their hearts, leading them to discover God's call to repentance, to a renewed offer of forgiveness and to new life of humble devotion and prayer.

Living God's Word by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm. Multilingual Priests will hear confessions. We invite everyone to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

The Real Story of the Night Before Christmas



The Holy Martyrs Parish
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is on
Saturday, December 15th
at 7:00pm.

Dress Rehearsal Dec. 15th, at
2:00-4:00pm in the Church.

This year will feature students from Marie of the Incarnation 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

NOVENA IN SPANISH

There will be a Novena in Spanish Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 7:30pm to Sunday, December 23, 2012 at 7:30pm. December 15th only in the Large Meeting Room. All other evenings will be in the Chapel.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for Dec. 2nd - \$6,385.50

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

December Schedule

Please make note of these dates!

Tuesday, Dec 11th - 7:00pm – Advent Parish Reconciliation
Thursday, Dec 13th - 7:00pm – Advent Reflection in Church
Saturday, Dec 15th - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Large Mtg Rm
Saturday, Dec 15th - 7:00pm – Christmas Pageant
Sunday, Dec 16th - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Monday, Dec 17th - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Tuesday, Dec 18th - 9:00am – 7:00pm – Adoration in Chapel
Tuesday, Dec 18th - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Wednesday, Dec 19th - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Thursday, Dec 20th - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Friday, Dec 21st - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Saturday, Dec 22nd - 9:30am – 4:00pm – Church Decorating
Saturday, Dec 22nd & Sunday, Dec 23rd – Poinsettias to Church
Saturday, Dec 22nd - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Sunday, Dec 23rd - 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Monday, Dec 24th - 9:30am – Mass of the Day

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th

- ❖ 6:00pm Mass
- ❖ 8:00pm Mass
- ❖ 9:30pm Spanish Mass and Novena
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

Boxing Day – Wednesday, December 26th

- ❖ 9:30am (Daily Mass)

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

Holy Day of Obligation

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 6th 2013

Returning to normal Mass schedule

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT

Thursday, December 13th 7- 9 pm at Holy Martyrs Parish

Set aside one evening to shift your focus during the hectic days leading to Christmas. The advent retreat will focus on the heart's readiness for the coming of the Saviour. Participants will reflect on the need to wait and prepare for Emmanuel's birth in Bethlehem. Through prayer, music and poetry, the season of Advent will be celebrated with hopeful longing and anticipation for the One who leads us out of darkness into a world of Light.

Jim Dunn – Office of Formation for Discipleship

CHURCH DECORATING



We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 22nd starting at 9:30am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come help out and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 8th

- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Jose Francisco & Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother Ester
- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
- + Jose Freire & Antonio Francisco by Fatima & Children
- + Craig Hofland by McEvenue Family
- + Jose Raposo by Wife & Family
- + Laurinda Gomes by Callisto Family
- + Stefania & Wasyl Czarnecki by Fik Family

Sunday, December 9th

- 8:30am + Jose Dias by Daughter
- 10:00am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + Joseph Matys by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- 4:00pm Spanish Mass PLEASE NOTE THE MASS IS AT 4PM
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 10th

- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + John Kolbrich by Adam & Cecile Koch
- + Gwen Low-a-Chee by Pamela Ramparsad
- + Peter Romanie by a Parishioner
- + Manuel & Maria Lima by Carlos Lima & Family
- + Maria Marques Lontra by Melo Family
- + Teresa Silva by Dias Family
- + Sidonio Marques by Julia & Manuel Marques

8:00am Tuesday, December 11th

- + Camilla Domingo by Enza Saracino & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, December 12th

- * Special Intentions to St. Lucy by Emilia Perri

8:00am Thursday, December 13th

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

7:00pm Friday, December 14th

- + For the Faithful Departed of Our Parishioners

9:30am Saturday, December 15th

- + All Souls by Maria Da Silva

5:00pm Saturday, December 15th

- + Francisco & Otelinda Cunha by Rosa Barroso & Family
- + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Nello & Clara Del Bel Belluz by Daughter
- + Antonio Murais Castro & Parents by Family
- + Joao Ferreira by Maria & Children
- + Edward & Joe Lancha by Irma & Children
- + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Zablocki & Hawrylak Families

Sunday, December 16th

- 8:30am + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
- 10:00am + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + For the Rights of the Unborn by the Knights of Columbus
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him, that is all the doing you have to worry about. St. Jane Francis de Chantal – Dec. 12th

St. Damasus I – Dec 11

Our Lady of Guadalupe – St. Jane Francis de Chantal – Dec 12

St. Lucy – Dec 13

St. John of the Cross – Dec 14

Pray for Us!



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 9 – Our Lady of Guadalupe & Feast Days	Dec 10 – Gifts & Talents
Dec 16 - Don Cherry's Christmas Social	Dec 17 – Christmas Social
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

THE POPE'S PUB NIGHT NORTH

Friday, December 14th - 7:30pm at Don Cherry's Sports Bar
'WHOSE VISION of SOCIAL JUSTICE'?

Catholic Social Conscience vs the Welfare State

Presented by: *Deacon Dave Langley*
Deacon of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

Join us for an evening of informative, thought-provoking conversations on our Catholic faith!

Free admission, private room provided with full waitress service and cash bar!

To RSVP, visit us on Facebook under "Pope's Pub Night" or contact Sam at popespubnight@hotmail.com

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Sunday to Sunday...

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYRS

- Sun Dec 9 – 4:00pm – El Sembrador – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Sun Dec 9 – 12:30 – RCIC
- Mon Dec 10 – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Dec 10 – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Tue Dec 11 – 7:00pm – Parish Reconciliation (Multi-Lingual)
- Wed Dec 12 – 7:30pm – Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- Thu Dec 13 – 7:00pm – Advent Reflection (Twilight Retreat)
- Fri Dec 14 – 7:00pm – Mass for all Faithful Departed
- Sat Dec 15 – 7:30pm – Novena in Spanish (Large Meeting Room)
- Sat Dec 15 – 7:00pm – Christmas Pageant
- Sun Dec 16 – 7:30pm – Novena in Spanish (Chapel)

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.

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 24, 25, 26 & 31.

Also January 1 & 2



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