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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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*Do not think that I have come to abolish the **Law** or the **Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill them**. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, **will by any means disappear from the Law** until everything is accomplished.*

Matthew 5:17-18

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:00am

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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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

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EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 17, 9:00AM

+Lucy Dantas +Antonio Mirassol & Luis Sequeira
+Glen MacLean +Barbara Berenz

TUESDAY, February 18, 8:30AM

+Matthew Talarico

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 7:00PM

+Giuseppina Pisani & Francesco Pisani

THURSDAY, February 20, 8:30AM

+Lurdes Domingues & Aurelio Conceicao

FRIDAY, February 21, 7:00PM

+Ricardo Gutierrez

SATURDAY, February 22, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 22, 5:00PM

+Arlindo Araujo & Parents +Josette Langevin +Lucy Dantas +Heather Raczynski

SUNDAY, February 23, 8:30 AM

+Rosa Manhossa & Sisters

SUNDAY February 23, 10:00AM

+Ignazio Polizzi

SUNDAY, February 23, 11:30AM

+Francesco Le Coche

SUNDAY, February 23, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE® Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship.

Monday Nights in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

Feb 17 -Family Day – No Edge

Feb 24 -The Approach – Catechesis

Mar 2 -Outfitters - Catechesis



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

High school teens in grades 9-12 are invited to gather and enjoy the gift of friendship with food and fun while growing in faith and virtue. Sundays at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall.

Feb 9/16-No Life Night

Feb 23 -Liberate -Catechesis

Mar 1 -TBD -Social

FAMILY DAY – MONDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Mass will be at 9:00am on this day and the parish office will be closed for the holiday and will reopen on Tuesday February 18, 2020. Wishing you and your Families a blessed Family Day Long Weekend!

REFLECTION

As we begin to approach the holy season of Lent, the Church calls us to reflect upon what it means to be the light of the world. By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to consecrate our life by living out the Gospel message and to go and proclaim this good news to the world.

Sometimes, we interpret this message and good news negatively, especially when it comes to the commandments and the “law of God.” However, Our Lord sheds lights upon these commandments as the way that we are truly set free from our sins, sorrows, worries, and anxieties. Jesus wants us to be free of all burdens, so He reveals us the formula on how to love like God. The Commandments, the Beatitudes, all the teachings of the Church, are meant to show us on how to bring divine love into the world.

The Grade 7s, our confirmandi, have been studying, praying, and reflecting on the reasons why they have been baptized, and how the Sacrament of Confirmation will complete their initiation into the Church. Like all sacraments, God is the one who bestows this gift to all who seek Him with a sincere heart. Just as God is the one who baptizes, forgives, gives His body and blood, He is also the one who is confirming the confirmandi into His love, so that they can live out the vocation and mission God is calling them to.

I would like to share with you some of the reflections that our confirmandi have shared with me the reasons they want to be confirmed.

“I want to be confirmed because when I was younger, I hated going to Mass and the Church. But as I started to pray, I felt God’s presence in my life. I want to know what that is and get closer to God.”

“I wish to be confirmed because I want to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, as He will help me get through difficult and happy situations throughout my life.”

“I want to get to know God better in order to be able to spread His word and wisdom.”

“After I started going to EDGE, I started learning more about God with people my age. I want to learn more about God and deepen my relationship with Him.”

Please pray for our confirmandi, pray for our young people, as they continue to search for God to become the light of the world.

-Fr. Joshua

LENTEN PREPARATION

LENTEN FAST and RECONCILIATION

- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen
- ✓



PANCAKE TUESDAY

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to a pancake/sausage supper on **Shrove Tuesday February 25th from 5-7pm** in the parish hall prior to the start of Lent. The cost is only \$5.00/person and all proceeds raised will go to the church building fund.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent beginning with adoration at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

A SPECIAL WELCOME

Bishop Rethnaswamy of Ahmedabd, Gujarat, India (Bishop to Fr. Mani) will be visiting our Parish and celebrating the 11:30am Mass on Sunday March 8 2020. Please join us in welcoming him.

REMINDERS

STATION OF THE CROSS – SCHEDULE

Each team is assigned a date to lead the Stations of the Cross. Schedule is as follows:

Friday February 28, 2020 – Stations led by K of C

Friday March 6, 2020 – Stations led by Youth Ministry

Friday March 13, 2020 – Stations led by Lectors

Friday March 20, 2020 – Stations led by CWL

Friday March 27, 2020– Stations led by Musicians/Choirs

Friday April 3, 2020 – Stations led by Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

ALPHA IS BACK

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting our 5th Alpha Series, beginning Tuesday March 24th 2020. Alpha is a chance to explore your faith in an open, welcoming, non-judgmental environment. Each evening begins with a great meal, followed by a video talk about various Christian topics. We then share our thoughts in small groups. Everyone is welcome! If you have ever been curious about God, your Faith and life as a Christian this is a great place to start. Series Dates: March 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19 and June 9. Doors open at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and done by 8:30pm sharp. If you are interested please contact Peter at: alpha_at_hmj_parish@rogers.com

SACRAMENTS

COMMUNION SACRAMENTS

Please join us in praying for our grade two students who are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion over the next several months. May Jesus come to bless you as you prepare to take your seat at the Lord's table to celebrate in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm Last Names from "A"-"L"

February 20, 2019 at 7:00pm Last Names from "M"-"Z"

There will be priests to hear both children and parent's confessions each evening.

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS

Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare and partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

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