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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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.

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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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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis	

## CULTURAL GROUPS

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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 at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

## TODAY'S TASK

Our Lord counsels us in today's Gospel: *Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.* Matt 6:34

There are no grounds, objectively speaking, for letting worry and concern for tomorrow weigh us down: we will be given the graces we need in order to contend with anything that crops up. In the end, we will be victorious! What matters is *today*. Today is the day we need in which to love, to grow in holiness, through those countless little occurrences that go to make up the texture of our life. Some things will be naturally pleasant, others perhaps less gratifying, but each one of them can be made to shine for God and for eternity, a gem which we will have wrought and polished with human perfection and supernatural meaning.

We cannot dally with wishful thinking. Sometimes our fanciful imagination improves upon the reality of past events and enslaves us by idealizing a future reassuringly free from effort; or it may, on the contrary, show us a dark horizon, a prospect that makes us apprehensive. *He who observes the wind will not sow; and he who regards the clouds will not reap.* Eccles 11:4

*Do not be anxious....* Fruitless worry does not cancel out the misfortune we dread, but foolishly goes out to meet it. We shoulder a burden without yet having received the grace of God would give to enable us to carry it. Worry magnifies the difficulties and diminishes our ability to fulfill the duty of the present moment. Above all, we fail to trust in the Providence God exercises over every situation in life. In the *First Reading* of today's Mass our Lord asks us in the words of the prophet Isaiah: *Can a woman forget her child or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Yet even if she forgets, I will not forget you,* says the Lord. Is 49:14-15 Today, in all that happens, our Father God will think of us with love.

And Jesus has reminded us so often already! *Take heart, He says, it is I, have no fear.* Matt 14:27 We cannot carry at the same time the cares of today and the worries of tomorrow. We always have sufficient help to be faithful today, to live this particular day with peace and joy.

*In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez*



**The Knights of Columbus will be hosting  
Pancake Tuesday on March 8th .  
The pancake dinner is from 5pm to 7pm.  
\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.  
Kids under 12 are free!**

## ASH WEDNESDAY – March 9th

Masses are at 8:00am and 7:00pm.  
We remind everyone that Ash  
Wednesday is a day of fasting and  
abstinence.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every **Friday of Lent**, we will be having the  
**Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm followed by Mass**

## Living Lent

**Purpose of Lent today:** Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives.

**Our Lord:** Jesus invited us to follow him by carrying our cross with him each day. (Luke 9:23) He indicated that his followers would fast and do penance after he returned to heaven. (Luke 5:33 35) We are to go hungry and thirsty for the sake of justice (Matthew 5:6) and to do our praying, fasting and almsgiving without showing off. (Matthew 6:1 6, 16 17)

**Christians:** From the earliest centuries, Jesus' followers have tried to follow these commands. Since it was on a Friday that Jesus freely died to save us from our sins, the faithful made a special effort to do some form of penance on this day: going without food for most of the day, spending extra time in prayer, doing good works, refraining from eating meat. Like St. Paul, they wanted to offer their penances for Christ's body, the Church. (Colossians 1:24)

**In today's Church:** Over the centuries, these forms of penance have varied, and sometimes have been neglected. Today, we are being invited once more to obey our Saviour: we are to do penance for our sins and those of others, for the people of God, for peace in the world, and for the building up of God's kingdom on earth. So to make Lent an effective time of renewal for the great celebration of Easter, let us commit ourselves to the practices of Lent.

**Praying:** Jesus and His apostles tell us to pray always, to be constant in prayer. Traditional times for Christians to pray are morning, evening and mealtimes. Personal prayer is a necessary preparation for our sharing in the Church's public worship, the liturgy. In our love, we join Jesus and all God's people in praying for ourselves, for our family and friends, for our leaders, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

**Fasting:** Fasting means cutting down on the amount and richness of our food and drink. Done as a penance for sin, it helps us to pray better: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. The money we save on food should be given to others in alms. The law of fasting obliges adults until they are 60 years old.

**Abstinence:** This form of penance needs to be seen as a near cousin of fasting. We may give up meat especially on Fridays, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Our abstinence is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing time or money to a work of charity) or other acts of piety.

**Giving alms:** We give alms to help God's poor and to support the good works of the Church and other positive agencies. Again our help is being given to Christ in His brothers and sisters. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta when asked how much to give *"give until your can feel it"*. We do not give in order to show off or keep up with others; instead we give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

Excerpts from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

## Weekly Collection

**Offertory Donation for was \$5,758.90**

**Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00**

**Help us to reach our weekly goal.**

**Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week  
to carry us through the winter months!**

## Holy Martyrs Parish will be offering a Lenten Mission

**on March 23<sup>rd</sup> , 24<sup>th</sup> , and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

Each evening will start with Mass and a reflection from  
Father Lester Mendosa on the spirituality of the  
Apostles, Mary and the other disciples.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If we wish to serve God and our neighbour well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.

**St. Katherine Drexel March 3rd**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**5:00pm Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

- + Tony McEvenue by McEvenue Family
- + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
- + Edward Lancha by Irma Lancha & Family
- + Rafael Chavez by Imelda Santos
- + Laura Vieira Garcia, Antonio Goncalves Vieira, Luis & Lino Vieira Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
- + Dennis, Maria, & Fatima Faria, Joan Kawulia & Leo De Garnier by Carlos Faria & Jodi
- + Amilcar Miranda by Emilia, Julia & Isabel
- + Maria Natalia Rodrigues by Cavaco Family

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30am** + Maria da Conceicao Loureiro (Duraes) by the Portuguese Choir Friends
- 10:00am** + Maria & Luis Borges by Maria Da Silva
- 11:30am** + Joao Ferreira & Joao Laranjeiro by Grego Family
- 6:30pm** + Pro Populo

**7:00pm Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

- + John Ferreira by Bernardete Ferreira
- + Celeste Oliveira Simiao by Sarafina Ingoglia
- + Joao Oliveria & Maria Rosa Ribeiro by David & Rosa Oliveria
- + Dennis, Fatima & Maria Faria by Fernanda Rodrigues & Family
- + Jose Barroso by Children
- + Judite Costa & Manuel Pinto Silva by Son
- + Louise-Anne Chiasson by Annie Rose Chiasson

**8:00am Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

- \* Special Intentions for Claudia & Anibal Crisostomo

**7:00pm Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- + John & Anna Ona MacIntyre by Florence Szabo & Family

**8:00am Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- \* Special Intentions by Helena Peixoto

**7:00pm Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- + All Souls & Special Intentions by David & Rosa Oliveria

**9:15am Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- + Arminda, Azira & Leli by Helena Peixoto

**5:00pm Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- + Maria, Manuel, & Gabriel Oliveira & Virgilio Domingues by Lurdes & Family
- + Joao Ferreira by Mrs. Beninati
- + Maria Natalia Rodrigues by Rosa Afonso
- + Fernando Viaes by Wife & Son
- + Laura Vieira Garcia, Antonio Goncalves Vieira, Luis & Lino Vieira Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
- + Purificao Moreira & John Sergio by Christina Verissimo & Family and Sao Almeida & Family
- + Louis Tomazic by Ivan & Iva Udavic
- + Louis Tomazic by Matilda Tomazic

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30am** + Maria Da Conceicao Loureiro (Duraes) by the Portuguese Choir
  - 10:00am** + Antonio Santana, Vitorina Nazario & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
  - 11:00am** + Yaroslava Lorenc by Son – Eugene & Family
  - 5:00pm** Spanish Mass
  - 6:30pm** Pro Populo
- “May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”**

**Sunday to Sunday.....**

### UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Sunday after each Mass
- Mon Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Mon Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – CWL Executive Meeting
- Tue Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00pm – First Communion Class #1
- Tue Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Thur Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00pm – El Sembrador
- Fri Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – Holy Hour
- Sat Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm – First Communion Class #1
- Sun Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm – CWL – Regional Public Speaking
- Sun Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – Spanish Mass

### HOLY HOUR



This following Friday, we will be having adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00pm Mass. It is a wonderful moment to spend with Christ. Please come and join us.

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND THE MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER EVENING

We are pleased to announce that we will be having a Multi-Cultural Dinner Evening again on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00pm Mass.



As last year, Parishioners are invited to bring an ethnic dish from their homeland (i.e. Italy, Portugal, Mexico, etc).



Any Parishioner that brings in an ethnic dish or dessert will be given 2 admissions tickets to the dinner.

Ticket Sales are Adults, Seniors, Youths (12 years of age & up) are 5.00each. Kids under 11 years of age are \$2.00 each and Children under the age of 5 are Free! You can also purchase a Family Pass for \$20.00 for a family of 4 or 5 persons.



ADVANCE TICKET SALES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM ONE OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR FATHER ON SUNDAYS, FEB 13, FEB 20, FEB 27 AFTER ANY SUNDAY MASS, OR YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM TO 4PM

Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the box at the back of the Church or bring it into the Parish Office. This enables us to monitor the type of food and desserts that will be coming in for the dinner. Thanks for participating!

### MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER EVENING

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Dish: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Dessert: \_\_\_\_\_

(Choose one or both)

Please Label your dish if there is any allergic ingredients (i.e. nuts, milk products, shellfish etc.)

Label your dishes with your name so you make pick them up after dinner.

Make enough for 10 – 12 people.

Place this tear off sheet and put in box in lobby of church or bring to Parish Office.



Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Looking for Love



Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Having Meaning and Purpose in your Life!



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