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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



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

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CWL (Catholic Women's League)

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 10, 7:00PM

+Martha Koguta & Keith Gordan +Francisco Rodrigues
& Jose Francisco Rodrigues +Joao Fernandes Barradas
+Joao & Emilia Laranjeiro +Euclides Pinho & Lucy
Dantas +Joao Sergio +Maria Luisa Nazario & Antonia
Sousa

TUESDAY, February 11, 8:30AM

+Antonio Julio Diogo

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 7:00PM

+Giuseppa Gentile & Nicola Pedicino

THURSDAY, February 13, 8:30AM

+Antonio Martins & Clara Gomes

FRIDAY, February 14, 7:00PM

+Donal Foley

SATURDAY, February 15, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 15, 5:00PM

+Celeste & Tony McEvenue +Michele & Catarina Puma
+Euclides Pinho +Miranda DiLorenzo +Manuel Borges
& Amelia Pacheco +Bob Podger +Luisa Nazario &
Marcolino Santana +Antonio Perna +Patricia & Charles
Gallagher +All Deceased Members of Pereira & Braga
Families

SUNDAY, February 16, 8:30 AM

+Joao Ferreira

SUNDAY February 16, 10:00AM

+Virgilio Pinho & Parents

SUNDAY, February 16, 11:30AM

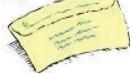
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SUNDAY, February 16, 6:30PM

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2020 NEW PARISHIONER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



Assigned 2020 offering envelopes can
now be picked up at the parish office.

*If you have moved, or would like to set up
Pre-Authorized giving, please contact the parish office at
905 775 2065.*

*If you would like to start using envelopes this year, please
contact the parish office to be assigned a new box number
and to complete a registration form. Thank you for your
kindness and generosity.*

REFLECTION

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded it, like we trade with valuable goods such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavor to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled.

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives – and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are “salt” for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere – his “kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17).

What did Jesus mean by the expression “if salt has lost its taste... it is no longer food for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot” (Matthew 5:13)? Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away (Matthew 5:13). How can we lose our “saltiness”? When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our “saltiness” – through virtuous living and rejection of sin – not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others.

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood “light” as a symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. *His word is a lamp that guides our steps* (Psalm 119:105). *In his light we see light* (Psalm 36:9). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy and peace. Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our mission is to be *light bearers* of Jesus Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

May I radiate your light and truth to others in word and deed.

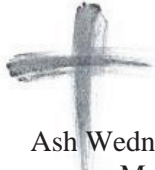
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REMINDER



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.



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.



PARISH LENTEN CONFESSION



Thursday March 10, 2020 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Church

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Come, Let Us Adore Him

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults of crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease. – St. John Paul

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!

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, 2020 at 7:00pm Last Names from "M"-"Z"

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

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS

Lord, 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.

LENTEN SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

March 10th 2020 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship. Monday Nights in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

Feb 10 -Navigating the Terrain

Feb 17 -Family Day – No Edge

Feb 24 -The Approach - 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 8 -WTN Valentines Dance

Feb 9/16-No Life Night

Feb 23 -Liberate -Catechesis

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