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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

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

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St. Charles—905-775-6762

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## 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.

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. Jesus had no need of that, of course. But the people did. The water of the Jordan River that day was filled with sins of all kinds as hundreds, maybe thousands, of people came to repent. It was filled with every imaginable sin, with all kinds of human immorality. The leaders of that time refused to step into such water. They didn't want to be seen with sinners. They had no felt need for repentance and washing. But Jesus was not ashamed to step into the water. There He stood in line, shoulder to shoulder with humanity. Here, Jesus' public ministry begins with an act of compassion and solidarity, as He takes upon Himself all of our burdens and sins. It is a symbol of what His work on earth was all about.

Jesus showed solidarity with all of us who are in need of healing. He became like us so we could become like Him. Jesus' baptism was the beginning of His public ministry as He identified Himself with all human beings. Here He begins to gather His lambs as Isaiah describes the chosen servant of God in today's first reading. Jesus' baptism at the Jordan was not a private moment of revelation and blessing but a public commissioning to the work of redemption.

Unlike John's baptism, our Baptism was in the Holy Spirit. Through the sacrament of Baptism we were freed from original sin. We were made temples of the Holy Spirit. We were made children of God and heirs of heaven. What we can forget is that in Baptism we were made part of the mission and the work of Jesus Christ. As such the work of the Church to worship the Lord and to invite all people to the fullness of life in Christ, even as the Lord has given us, is the work of all of us.

The Holy Spirit we receive in Baptism and in all the sacraments is not simply a private, spiritual event but a public responsibility! It is the gift of the Holy Spirit to us for the work of the Church. As Pope Pius XII said many years ago, in Baptism "we don't merely belong to the Church, we are the Church."

*Excerpted from Captured Fire by Fr. S. Joseph Krempa*

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We will be having a Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Reception on Saturday, February 6, 2016. Mass is at 5:00pm with a reception in the Parish Hall to follow. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you are coming so that we know the number of people who will be attending.

### ANOINTING MASS

The Ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. On Thursday, February 11, at 7:00pm (The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick), we will be having an anointing Mass which highlights the healing ministry of the church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. Those who are frail, have an illness where a cure is in serious doubt or are facing surgery are especially welcome to join us for this Anointing Mass.

### RUN WITH IT

**Tuesday, January 12 – Fr. Boniface**  
**7:30pm – Parish Hall**  
The Church Hierarchy  
What all the titles mean

### OFFICE CLOSURE

**The Parish office will be closed January 11-15, 2015 for the installation of flooring in the Parish Office. Phone messages will be retrieved and calls returned.**

### PARISH CALENDAR

Jan. 12 - Adoration  
Jan. 12 – Run With It  
Jan 13 – Knights of Columbus General Meeting  
Jan. 14 – Confirmation Session 12  
Jan. 19 – Adoration  
Jan. 24 – K of C Communion Breakfast  
Jan. 25 – CWL Executive Meeting  
Jan. 26 – Adoration – Benediction – 6:00pm  
Jan. 26 - Confirmation – Grade 8 – St. Angela Merici  
Jan. 27 – Knights of Columbus - Executive Meeting  
Jan. 28 – Confirmation – Grade 7 – St. Angela Merici  
Feb. 2 – Candlemas – 8:30am  
Feb. 3 – Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats – 7:00pm Mass



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.
Jan. 10 – Alpha -Session 7	Jan. 11 – Anything but Ordinary
Jan. 17 – Alpha -Session 8	Jan. 18 – Desert Wanderer
Jan. 24 – Social	Jan. 25 – Tobogganing

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

*The envelopes for 2016 are now available in the Parish Office. If you have not already picked up your envelopes, or if you need assistance, please come to the office. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.*



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a marriage preparation course over two weekends, January 22/23 and January 29/30, 2016. The cost is \$120 per couple and covers lunch both Saturdays. Please come to the Parish Office to register.

### ADORATION



We are in need of more volunteers to help with Adoration. Adoration is 9:00am – 7:00pm every Tuesday. One hour a week of your time is what is being asked of you. Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful experience as we sit in silence and listen to Jesus speaking to us. If we do not have enough people to cover the hours of adoration we may not be able to continue to have Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Martyrs of Japan. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office 905 775-2065.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 5:00pm Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

- + Jose Correia by Jack & Gina Gomes
- + Virgilio, Arminda Almeida & Son by Maggie De Luca & Family
- + Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati by Tony & Franca Sclafani
- + Howard Gordon Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Paul & Elizabeth Gres by Family
- + Julia Kapisak-Serecin by Dudo Family
- + Manuel Nuno Rodrigues by Joe Faria & Family
- + Antonio Martins by Wife & Children
- + Maria & Eugenio Arruda by Lucy, John & Lui

### Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues Wife & Mother Ester
- 10:00am + Antonio Gomes by Son Francisco & Family
- 11:30am Pro Populo
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm + Sister Rosa McCormack by The Rose Family

### 7:00pm Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- + Tina & Manuel Neto by Joaquim Neto
- + All Souls of Purgatory by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
- + Gioachino Cristina & Pietro Asaro by Wife
- + Maria Santos by LaRoche Family
- + Teresa Silva & Antonio Mirassol by Maria Romeiro
- + Rika Van Diggelen by Dudo Family
- + Davide & Maria Verdadeiro by Julia & Isabel & Families
- + Joao & Emilia Laranjeiro by Children & Grandchildren

### 8:30am Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

- + Maura Luis by Cesar Sousa

### 7:00pm Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

- + Anne Pirritano by Frank & Jennifer Pirritano & Family

### 8:30am Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

- + Olga Taylor & Ann Moreland by Vilma LaRoche & Family

### 7:00pm Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

- + Josef Balon 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Wife & Children

### 9:30am Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Pro Populo

### 5:00pm Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

- + Manuel Da Silva by Gabriela Pontes
- + Rafael Chavez Vazquez by McEvenue Family
- + Maria & Pedro Sclafani by Tony & Franca Sclafani
- + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- + Michael Mulcahy by Wife & Family
- + All Deceased Family Members by Silva Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Francisco & Maria Pontes by Son Joseph Pontes
- + Manuel & Antonina Bastos by Son-in-law Joseph Pontes

### Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Manuel Nuno Rodrigues by Fernanda Rodrigues & Children
- 10:00am Pro Populo
- 11:30am + Louis Tomazic by Wife Matilda Tomazic
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm + Linda Dean by The Rose Family

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

*As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416 968-0997 email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)*

## Marriage Sunday 2016

In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at our parish on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York. His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a local lay movement, is helping to coordinate the gathering. Loved ones and family members of those honored are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honored couples, please call the Parish Office.

## JUBILEE OF MERCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his Intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended)

Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

### St. Paul's Basilica

83 Power Street, Toronto

### St. Patrick's Parish

131 McCaul Street, Toronto

### Merciful Redeemer Parish

2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga

### St. Anthony of Padua Parish

940 North Park Drive, Bramalea

### St. Patrick's Parish

11873 Gore Road, Brampton

### St. Theresa's Parish

2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough

### The Martyrs' Shrine

16163 Highway 12 West, Midland



## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

THERE WILL BE A BLOOD DONOR CLINIC IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 FROM 3:00PM – 8:00PM

## CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Catholic Family Services has a walk-in clinic in Bradford. It is located at 118 Barrie Street, Bradford. The clinic is open the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The Walk-in Clinics offer single-session counselling for individuals, couples and families. Our services are available to everyone living or working in Simcoe County regardless of age, ability, cultural or religious background, race, sexual orientation or gender identity. No appointment is necessary.

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