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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

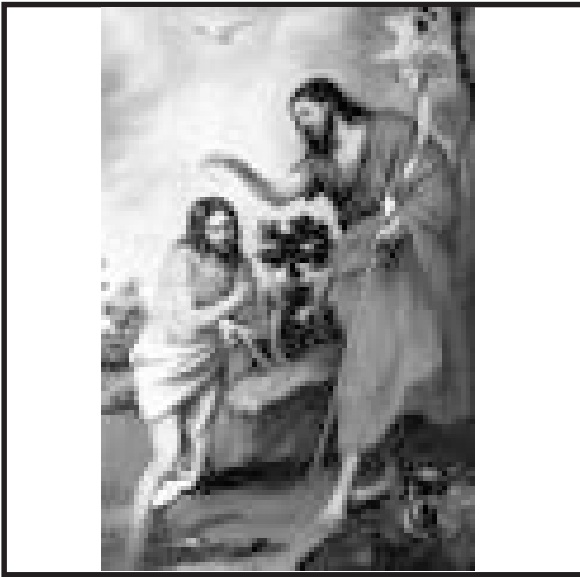
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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—8:00am

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.

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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El Sembrador

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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

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Social Club

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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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.

THE SACREMENT OF INITIATION

John the Baptist was our Lord's second cousin, six months older than Jesus. John had been selected by God for a very special mission in the world. He was to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. This he did by preaching penance that would reform people's lives, because "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt. 3:2). John baptized with water to symbolize the washing away of sin in those who were sincerely repentant. He told his listeners that the one "who is mightier than I, will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Lk 3:16).

The liturgy today tells us that Jesus came from Nazareth and asked His cousin to baptize Him, even though He had no need for Baptism. It was His way of revealing His true identity with His eternal Father and the Holy Spirit. "And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'." (Mk 1:10-11). The Blessed Trinity is clearly manifested on this occasion.

By receiving this baptism, our Lord sets an example for all to follow. Water has cleansing power, and when used in the name of the Blessed Trinity, it cleanses the soul of all sins. In a short while Jesus would commission His Apostles to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:19). And this was to be done because "unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:3).

God's Message by Rev. Msgr. Vito C. Mazzone

CATHOLICISM SERIES PRESENTATION



2013 is the "Year of Faith". Holy Martyrs Parish will be presenting a 10 week series of videos and discussions, starting on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm and every Tuesday thereafter until Tuesday, April 30th. The Videos are by Rev. Robert E. Barron. The discussion will be lead by Fr. Boniface with refreshments to follow afterwards in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this very informative free event.

Message from El Sembrador

I would like to invite any volunteers from 2012 that have been working with us for our ESL (English as a Second Language) program, our farm visits and those who would like to begin to volunteer to come to our first meeting of the year on **Monday, January 21st at 7:30pm at the Holy Martyrs Parish in the Chapel.** We will be reviewing and discussing information for the formation of the 2013 programs.

Thank you. Nancy Mora – Co-ordinator.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifice. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the sign of the Cross.

St. Anthony of the Desert – Jan 17

St. Fabian & St. Sebastian – Jan 20

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for January 6th, - \$7,533.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your amazing generosity!

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekend of January 19/20 and enroll in the program for immediate preparation for Confirmation. In so doing, they publicly state that they wish to live an active Catholic life style. We will give them a cross to wear as a symbol of that commitment. Confirmation Candidates are asked to bring in the Inscription Promise (yellow form) to any of these Masses. These will be given out at their schools the week of Jan 7th.

If you have not handed in a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate or purchased the Confirmation Book, you must come to the Parish Office during business hours to do so. These items are required before the start of the Confirmation Classes the first week of February.

Please pray for these young people that they may always be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Upcoming Events for 2013

Please make note of these important Dates

Sat Jan 12 – 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Sun Jan 13 – Confirmation Enrolment at all Masses
Wed Jan 16 – 3:00-8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
Sat Jan 19 - 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Sat Jan 19 – Fund Raising Event for Tayah Fairbrother
Sun Jan 20 - Confirmation Enrolment at all Masses
Sun Jan 20 – 12:30pm – RCIC
Wed Jan 23 – 7:30pm – Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg
Fri Jan 25 – 7:30pm – Marriage Preparation Classes
Sat Jan 26 – 10:00am – Marriage Preparation Classes

HOLY MARTYRS FEAST DAY

On **Wednesday February 6th at the 7:00pm Mass,** we will be celebrating our **Feast Day for the Holy Martyrs of Japan.** As the Cardinal stated, for this Year of Faith, attending a Feast Day Mass is one of the requirements for gaining the indulgence. After Mass refreshments will be served in the Church Lobby.



ANOINTING MASS – Mon. Feb 11th 7:00pm

The Ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. On **Monday, February 11th at 7:00pm** 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. If you, or a loved one, are sick or scheduled for upcoming surgery, please join us for this special Mass. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 12th

- + Rafael Chavez Vazquez by Family
- + Giacomo Galifi by Nick Galifi
- + Teresa & Venancio Silva by Family
- + Franco Trotta by Angela Asaro & Family
- + All Souls by Dung Cong
- * Special Intentions & Thanksgiving by Joe
- + Carmel Colford by Son – Joe
- + Giuseppe Rosati by Maria Rosati & Family

Sunday, January 13th

- 8:30am + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- 10:00am + Manuel Sirafim by Benevinda Fernandes & Family
- 11:30am + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, January 14th

- + Maria & Jose Viveiros by Manuel Borges
- + Maria Calquinhass by Family
- + Antonio Martins by Wife – Celeste & Family
- + Lino Fernandes by Fernandes Family
- + Herminia da Silveira & Albilio de S. Soares by Maria & Albilio Soares
- + Olga Taylor by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Maria Vitoria Miranda by Daughter & Family
- * Special Intentions & All Souls by Dinis Family

8:00am Tuesday, January 15th

- * Healing Mass & Special Intentions for Angela Portolese by Vennie Chittenden & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, January 16th

- + Jose de Sousa by Wife & Family

8:00am Thursday, January 17th

- * Special Intentions for Tony and Joseph Balon by Laddie & Family

7:00pm Friday, January 18th

- + Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family

9:30am Saturday, January 19th

- + Franco Trotta by Saverio & Enza Saracino

5:00pm Saturday, January 19th

- + John Ferreira by Wife - Bernadette
- + Teresa Silva & Alice Fernandes by Family
- + All Souls by Fatima Calisto
- + Nora Quirke by Maura Bhatia & Family
- + All Souls by Fernandes Family
- + Jose Rodriques by a Neighbour
- + Louis & Jan Tomazic by Matilda Tomazic
- + Maria Oliveira Parada & Family by Celso & Maria Domingues

Sunday, January 20th

- 8:30am + For All Souls by Graca Gomes
- 10:00am Pro Populo
- 11:30am + Nancy Bova & Jim Barnes by Patty Hofland & Marian & Bridie Barnes
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm + Michael Mulcahy by Family

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



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| 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 13 – Ball Hockey Social | Jan 14 – Welcome Back! |
| Jan 20 – Foundation | Jan 21 – TBA |

Sunday to Sunday...

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYRS

- Sat Jan 12 – 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrolment Mass
- Sun Jan 13 – Confirmation Enrolment at all Masses
- Mon Jan 14 – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Tue Jan 15 – 7:00pm – Marriage Preparation Facilitators Meeting
- Wed Jan 16 – 3:00pm-8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Sat Jan 19 – 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrolment Mass
- Sun Jan 20 – Confirmation Enrolment at all Masses

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are now in the Parish Office.

If you have not picked up your box of envelopes, please come to the Parish Office during office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) for pick up.



CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin beginning January 18, 2013. The advertising will begin in March 2013 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

FUND RAISING EVENT FOR TAYAH FAIRBROTHER

Tayah Fairbrother is 4 years old. She is currently undergoing treatment for Cancer (neuroblastoma) at Sick Kids Hospital. Her parents Mark and Candice have left their jobs to stay by their daughter's side.

We are hosting a benefit Dance on January 19th from 7pm till midnight at the Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25.00. We are currently looking for prize donations as well. For further information people can email me Laura Slykhuis at tayah04@hotmail.ca

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering Marriage Preparation Classes on Friday, Jan 25th from 7:30pm to 9pm & on Saturday, Jan 26th from 10am to 4pm also on Friday, Feb 1st from 7:30pm to 9pm & on Saturday, Feb 2nd from 10am to 4pm. Cost of this course is \$80.00 per couple, lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, now is the opportunity to take these very informative classes. Please call the Parish Office for registration or drop by the Parish Office for forms.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING ON SAT. FEB 2ND 2013

You are invited to attend an Appreciation Evening to celebrate all volunteers who gave their time to support the mission of the Church. This includes EVERYONE who has volunteered from any ministry or group or any other help that you so generously give. Come and let us say thank you for all you do to enliven our community. Please come to the Mass at 5pm as there will be a commissioning during Mass followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments after Mass in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to the office (905) 775-2065 so we can organize for specific numbers.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - January 25-27 WEEKEND

At Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre - Mississauga.

Theme - "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" Why not consider a retreat experience during this Year of Faith? For further information or to register, please call 905-278-5229.

Our thanks to all who helped decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. However, we are now looking for people to help us **take down the decorations on Saturday, Jan. 19th at 10am.** Your co-operation is appreciated.



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