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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



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.

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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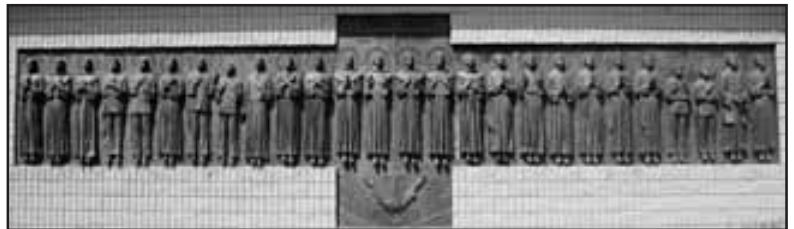
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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Delia McEvenue

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Sister Jean Doyle O.S.U.

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Jean Lashley 905-392-1909

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Bereavement Support Group	CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope	Development and Peace
Life Teen	Knights of Columbus
EDGE Youth Ministry	Seniors Club
Liturgical Ministers	Social Club
New Beginnings	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Parish Library	
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis	

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.

THE LAMB of GOD

We have contemplated Jesus born in Bethlehem and adored by the Shepherds and the Magi, *but this Sunday's Gospel leads us, once again, to the banks of the River Jordan, where thirty years after that birth, John the Baptist is preparing people for His coming. And when the Baptist sees Jesus coming towards him he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world",* (John 1:29). *We have got used to the words 'Lamb of God', but nevertheless they are still wonderful, mysterious words; powerful words.* (John Paul II, Homily, Jan 18, 1981). All the Israelites were familiar with the words of Isaiah, who had compared the sufferings of the *Servant of God*, the Messiah, with the sacrifice of a lamb. (cf Is. 53:7)

The Paschal Lamb which was sacrificed in the Temple each year recalled both their liberation and the covenant that God had made with His people in Egypt when with the blood of the lamb He protected His own people from the angels passing. All of this was a promise and a prefiguring of the true Lamb, Christ, the Victim in the sacrifice of Calvary on behalf of all. *He is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world, for by dying He destroyed our death, and by rising He has given us new life.* (Roman Missal, Preface of Easter I)

For his part, Saint Paul would say to the first Christians at Corinth that *Christ, our paschal lamb has been sacrificed* (1Cor 5:7) and He invites them to a new life; a holy life.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world announces Saint John the Baptist; and *sin of the world* means all types of sin: original sin, which through Adam, also passed to his descendants, and the personal sins of men and women throughout the ages. Our hope of salvation is in Jesus. He is Himself a strong call to hope, because Christ has come to forgive and to cure the wounds of sin. Each day, before they administer Holy Communion to the faithful, the priests pronounce these words of John as they show Jesus to the people. *This is the Lamb of God....* The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled on Calvary, and again comes to pass in each and every Mass, as we recall today in the prayer over the offerings for *whenever the memorial of Christ, our sacrifice, is celebrated, the work of our redemption is accomplished.* (Prayer over the Gifts)

Let us to thank Our Lord for giving Himself up to death for our salvation, and for having wanted to be the food of our souls. (cf The Navarre Bible, note to John 1:29)

In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

OFFERING ENVELOPES – Why use them?



The new offering envelopes for the year 2011 are available in the parish office for pick up. For new parishioners and those who have not yet used envelopes are encouraged to do so for these reasons:

- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your support of the parish
- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your generosity
- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your commitment
- use of offering envelopes gives us an opportunity to thank you for your particular gifts

~ Thank you for your support ~

Coffee Sunday

this weekend after all Masses. Please come out and enjoy friends and refreshments!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation for Jan 9 was \$5,454.50

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!

ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekends of January 15/16 or January 22/23 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.

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

Upcoming Events at Holy Martyrs

- Volunteer Appreciation Night – Wed Feb 2nd
- Holy Martyrs Feast Day – Sunday Feb 6th

Please watch the bulletin for more details on these events!



If you are a lady who would like to be more involved in your parish, meet other Catholic women ages 16 and older, and deepen your faith while contributing your gifts and talents, we invite you to join the CWL. We encourage your ideas to help our parish be welcoming and dynamic. Even if you only have a little time to give, we invite you to call Tina at 905-775-4386 or Imelda at 905-775-7819 for more information on becoming a member. Thank you for your prayers. May God bless you and your families.

CWL Winter Social

January 31st 2-4 pm at St. Paul's Church in Aliston at 190 King Street South. Free – All CWL Members are invited. Car Pooling is available please – call Tina at 905-775-4386.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin beginning January 14th, 2011. The advertisements make our bulletin possible. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

QUOTE of the WEEK

I no longer fear God, I love him!

St. Anthony – January 17th

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 15th

+ Celeste Oliveira Semiao by Saverio & Enza Saracino
 + Marjorie McEvenue by Imelda Santos
 + Vitorino Nazario, Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
 + Garcia Miguelo by Lucia Miguelo & Family
 + Joe Balon & Special Intentions for Tony by Laddie
 + Betty Ann Adams by Doug & Judy Adams
 + Bruce Hillis by Wife Joyce
 + All Souls by a Parishioner

Sunday, January 16th

8:30am + Amilcar Miranda by the Portuguese Choir
 10:00am + In Thanksgiving of Support for Mishko by Kasjak Family
 11:30am + Katarina & Rudolf Spek by Helen Gres & Family
 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, January 17th

+ Brian Collier by Parents & Family
 + Luis Sequeira & Antonio Mirassol by Mirassol Family
 + John Ferreira by Bernardete Ferreira
 + Claudio Neto & Maria Rosa De Jesus by Rosa & David Oliveria
 + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
 + Ace Ang by Jane Ang & Family

8:00am Tuesday, January 18th

* Special Intentions for Claudina & Anibal Crisostomo

7:00pm Wednesday, January 19th

+ Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Joaquim Neto

8:00am Thursday, January 20th

+ Nancy Bova by Daughter – Patty

7:00pm Friday, January 21st

+ Amelia Carvalho by Cristina Verissimo & Family

9:15am Saturday, January 22nd

+ Manuel & Maria Conceicao Jr. by John & Maria Conceicao

5:00pm Saturday, January 22nd

+ Marjorie McEvenue by Vilma LaRoche
 + Miguel, Fernanda & Bernardino Carvalho by Jack, Gina & Danny
 + Garcia Miguelo by Lucia Miguelo & Family
 + Josephine & Gerardo Di Fonzo by Giulio & Maria Di Fonzo
 + Peter Rydzkowski by Laddie & Family
 + Manuel & Maria Rosete Conceicao by Celso & Maria Domingues
 + Sadie Branford by Peggy Dillon
 + Nancy Bova by Daughter – Dian Stubbs

Sunday, January 23rd

8:30am + Amilcar Miranda by the Portuguese Choir
 10:00am + Luis Devald by Wife – Maria Devald
 11:30am + Manuel Augusto & Lurdes Dinis by Dinis Family
 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes on Friday, January 28th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, January 29th from 10am to 4pm and on Friday, February 4th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 4pm. Cost of this course is \$50.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes. Please call the Parish Office for registration 905-775-2065 or see Father after any Mass or drop by the Office for forms.

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun Jan 23rd – at any mass – Confirmation Enrolment
 Sun Jan 23rd – Coffee Sunday after all Masses
 Sun Jan 23rd – 12:30pm – RCIA
 Mon Jan 24th – 7:30pm – RCIA
 Mon Jan 24th – 7:30pm – Bible Study
 Tue Jan 25th – 7:30pm – RCIA
 Wed Jan 26th – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
 Fri Jan 28th – 7:30pm – Marriage Preparation Course
 Sat Jan 29th – 10:00am – Marriage Preparation Course



January 16th – Times have Changed – God doesn't!



January 17th - Contemplative Prayer



Our thanks goes out to the many volunteers who took down the Christmas decorations and also a special thank you to Bradford Greenhouses and Joe's Garden Market for supplying the many beautiful poinsettias that decorated our church.

Also our thanks to the Social Committee for organizing the Skating Party. The event was well attended and we will be doing this on an annual basis. Check out the poster in the lobby of the many skaters who participated.

SUPPORT for RECENTLY SEPARATED or DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. Some topics include: coping with loss and finding support, dealing with anger and shame and finding new beginnings. The group will run for 10 weeks:

Date & Time: February 8th 2011 – April 12th 2011 (10 wks) Tuesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Catholic Family Services of Toronto (North Branch) 5799 Yonge street, Suite 300 (located in the Newtonbrook Plaza – Southeast corner of Yonge St. & Cummer). For further information – call facilitator - Mario Esposito at 416-222-0048.

The Baptism of the Lord – January 16th 2011

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or religious life?

Contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997. email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

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