

# We Welcome You To The Catholic Community of **HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN**

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## **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

**Pastor** - Rev. Father Boniface Perri

**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. David Langley

**Parish Secretary** - Delia McEvenue

**Pastoral Care** - Sr. Jean Doyle o.s.u.

**Secretarial Assistant** - Patricia Hofland

**Youth Ministry** - Ray Reitzel

**LifeTeen Youth Ministry** Line 905-778-0373

E-mail Bradfordlifeteen@gmail.com

## **Parish Social Ministry**

Jean Lashley (cell) 905-392-1909

**Baptisms:** By appointment with at least one month's notice to provide for adequate preparation

## **Marriages:**

By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

## **Holy Communion For Shut-Ins and Sick:**

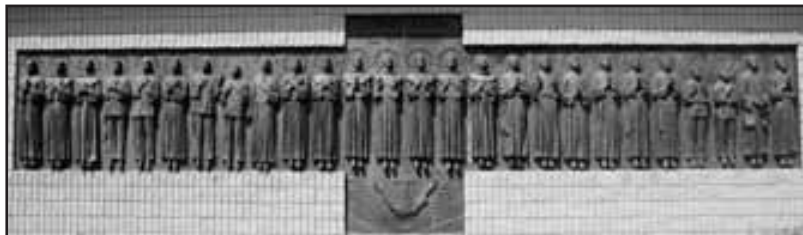
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

## **Support and Enrichment Ministries**

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

## **Our Parish Catholic Schools:**

- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
- Mother Teresa - 905-778-8653



## **Sunday Eucharist:**

Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM

Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

## **Weekday Masses:**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

**New Parishioners: WELCOME!** You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.

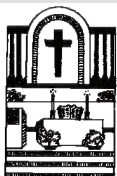


**Our Mission:** We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

**A Nossa Missao:** Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus

## Around the Altar of the Lord

### Liturgy of the Eucharist – Preparation of the Gifts



The Liturgy of the Eucharist takes place at the Altar where the priest acting as Christ Himself (in persona Christi) makes present the Last Supper and the passion and death of Our Lord on the cross. As in the Last Supper, the priest uses bread and wine which become the Body and Blood of Christ. Members of the faithful carry the offerings to the priest standing at the foot of the Sanctuary. This action has symbolic significance in a number of ways. It demonstrates the participation of the faithful in the sacrifice and recalls the thanksgiving sacrifices of the Old Testament which were in the form of bread and wine. By the presentation of the offerings, the faithful demonstrate their thankfulness to Christ for having saved them from eternal death because of their sins, just as the Old Testament patriarchs expressed their thankfulness for preservation from physical death by offerings of bread and wine (Lev 7:12). The chalice is placed on the altar at this time and it is unveiled (the chalice veil colour follows the liturgical season like the vestments of the priest and the altar). The act of removing the chalice veil symbolizes the stripping from Christ of His garments before He was nailed to the cross. A drop of water is added to the wine as the priest quietly says “by the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity”. This is the central action of the offertory. We spirituality place ourselves on the altar and pray that we who are here become more and more Christ-like by the presence of God at this Mass. We too want to lose ourselves in Christ’s presence, fully seen at the Consecration just like that little drop of water mingles and loses itself in the wine.

After the initial prayer of offering over the bread and wine by the priest, he may incense them as well as “the cross and the altar itself, so as to signify the Church’s offering and prayer rising like incense in the sight of God. Next, the priest, because of his sacred ministry, and the people, by reason of their baptismal dignity, may be incensed” (GIRM 75). After the incensing, the servers wash the priest’s hands while the priest prays for purification from his sinfulness. The exterior cleansing signifies the desired interior purification. While the priest offering of the sacrament is always valid, for Christ acts through him. He desires to be as worthy as possible for indeed Christ does work through him.

### Enrollment Mass

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> or Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Volunteer Appreciation Night – Tues. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

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. There will be Mass that evening followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments starting at 7:00pm.



## INTRODUCING FATHER JOSEPH



Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ, I would like to introduce myself: My name is Father Joseph Lam Tran. I was born in Vietnam in 1945. I was ordained as a priest in 1974, in Saigon, Vietnam. In 1975 after the fall of Saigon by communist invasion, I worked as Associate Pastor at Tuc

Trung Parish, Diocese of Xualonc.

In 1987, I escaped Vietnam by land to go to Campuchia and then by boat to Thailand. My escape is the result of being threaten, to be put in jail by the communist Regime. In 1988 I reached Thailand only to be stranded in a refugee camp for three and a half years. During this time I said Masses to Vietnamese Catholics with the permission of the Nuncio of Bangkok.

I was accepted by the Canadian Delegation to come to Canada and arrived in 1991. I was a Pastor in a Vietnamese Parish in Toronto for ten years and as an Associate Pastor at Saint Bernadette, in Ajax for 6 years. For the past two years I was with the Vietnamese Catholic Community in Ottawa. I have now been appointed to be the Associate Pastor for Father Boniface by Archbishop Thomas Collins. I feel happy and ready to work with Father Boniface and to serve you all. Please pray for me that I will be of good service to you, God’s people of this lovely parish. I want to wish a Happy New Year to you all.

God Bless you now and always.

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joseph Lam Tran

## OFFERING UPDATE

Offertory Donation for Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> was \$6,220.50

When we all work together, we can reach our goals.  
Thanks for your support!

## VOCATIONS

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JAN 17, 2010

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email. [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Catholic Womens League NEWS

The CWL will be hosting the Northern Region CWL Winter Social on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. All members are welcome to attend.

## RENEWAL OF VOWS

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary this coming year, especially 25, 30, 40, or 50, you are welcome to attend a renewal of vows on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Those couples interested, please call Imelda Santos 905-775-7819.

## Quote of the Week

**Christ is my spouse. He chose me first and His I will be.**

*Words of St. Agnes as recorded in Butler’s Lives of the Saints.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

- + Cecilia Santos by Zelma Fuller
- + Jose De Sousa by Alfredina De Sousa & Family
- + Valentin Marques by GrandChildren

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

- 8:30am + Manuel Dias by Celeste Dias
- 10:00am + John Gorzo Sr. by Elizabeth Schuller
- 11:30am + Nancy Bova by Family
- 5:00pm No Spanish Mass till Feb 7, 2010
- 6:30pm + Pro Populo

**7:00pm Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Jose & Maria Luis, & Irene Ferreira by Maria Fernandes
- + Special Intentions for Jose Fernandes by Maria Fernandes

**8:00am Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- + All Souls

**7:00pm Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- + Nancy Bova by Patty Hofland

**8:00am Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- + All Souls

**7:00pm Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- + All Souls

**9:15am Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- + All Souls

**5:00pm Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- + Alzirio & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio Janeiro & Family
- + John German by Wife Monica Heron-German
- + Special Intentions by Elizabeth Sousa

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30am Pro Populo
- 10:00am + Luis Devald by Wife Maria Devald
- 11:30am + Mary Stein by Paul Riffert & Family
- 5:00pm No Spanish Mass until Feb 7, 2010
- 6:30pm + All Souls

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*



### PARISH HALL RENTAL

Please be advised that the Parish Hall will be available for rental for Baptism celebrations once a month starting in January 2010. If you wish to book the hall for your child's Baptism party, please contact the Parish Office for bookings. Note, this is on a first come and first serve basis.

## VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

**On SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 6:00pm**

*The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Valentines Day Dinner by Poco Capella. Dance to follow. Cash Bar.*

*Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 a couple or \$280 for a table of eight.*

*Contact Robert Ben at 905-252-7248 or you can pick up your tickets at the office..*



## Sunday to Sunday .....

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – at all Masses – Enrollment for Confirmation
- Sun Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am – Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Life Teen
- Mon Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Seniors Club
- Mon Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – EDGE
- Mon Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Tue Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – New Beginnings
- Wed Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – First Communion for Public School
- Wed Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – Bible Study
- Wed Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Thu Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00pm – Bereavement Re-union
- Sat Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrollment Mass
- Sun Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – at all Masses – Enrollment for Confirmation
- Sun Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Sunday at all Masses
- Sun Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am – Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Life Teen



**Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Why do I feel this way?**

This night will help the EDGER'S recognize that emotions are a natural part of us – We were created with them. This night begins our new semester

**Emotional Rollercoaster's**

**Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sad, Glad, and Back Again**

This night will help EDGERS understand and include God in their own emotional lives!



**January 17<sup>th</sup> – Christian Hope**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> – Ecumenism**

**January 31<sup>st</sup> – Skiing and Snowboarding**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> – Vocations**

### Parish Social Ministry Meeting

Just a brief reminder that the next parish social ministry meeting will be held on **Thursday January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Centre.**

### Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes to be held on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Cost of this course is \$25.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married this year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes. Please call the Office for registration.

### PLEASE NOTE

For all those that were unable to attend the meeting to explore the Ministry for Young Children on Sundays, please be advised that there will be another meeting on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Church Lobby. All are welcome!



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