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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

Mother Teresa—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

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El Sembrador

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Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

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Seniors Club

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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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.

GOD INSTITUTED MARRIAGE

The "public life" of Jesus began with His baptism in the River Jordan at the hands of His cousin, John the Baptist. After this He retired to the desert where He fasted and prayed for forty days and was tempted by the devil. He next began to gather around Him some disciples, and from these He chose the twelve Apostles. His first miracle took place at a marriage feast in Cana of Galilee, to which He and His disciples had been invited, along with His Mother.

Jesus is present at a marriage! Why not? Although not married, He certainly had no objection to offer against it. His heavenly Father was the one who decided on this union in the first place in the Garden of Eden. The Lord God said: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him" (Gn 2:18). "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh" (Gn 2:24). Yes, God created man in His image "Male and female he created them. And God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it" (Gn 1:27-28).

The presence of Jesus at the wedding in Cana indicated that it certainly had His approval, and the miracle He performed was, indeed, a great favour that He conferred on this young couple – a favour which was symbolic of the many other graces and favours which are received in the sacrament of Matrimony. Yes, there will be disagreement and conflicts at times, but the young man and woman have expressed their willingness to accept all "for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, until death". Divorce is not the solution to the problem. Rather, turn to Jesus and Mary for inspiration, courage and strength to help solve those marital problems.

Learn to invite Jesus to the marriage feast first of all, and then do all in your power to keep Him in your home all the days of your life. Marriage can be a beautiful thing. Yes, every rose may have its thorns. Long suffering and patience in accepting thorns will one day add much fragrance to an already beautiful thing – marriage, because Christ and His blessed Mother were invited to the feast and were asked to remain in the home.

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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DATES

Attention: Confirmation Candidates

Please be advised that the following Retreat Dates have been set.

Monday, January 28th - St. Jean de Brebeuf and Mother Teresa Schools.

Monday, February 4th - St. Charles and Marie of the Incarnation Schools.

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm in the Parish Hall

Confirmation Candidates from other schools are welcome to attend either day but must call the Office to confirm their attendance for which date they plan on coming.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Be patient with everyone but above all with yourself. Do not be disheartened by your imperfections but always rise up with fresh courage.

St. Francis de Sales – Jan 24

St. Agnes – Jan 21

St. Vincent – Jan 22

The Conversion of St. Paul – Jan 25

St. Timothy & St. Titus – Jan 26

St. Angela Merici – Jan 27

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for January 13th, - \$5,998.38

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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. Join us for refreshments in the Church

Gathering space after Mass.



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!



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. Nancy Mora – Co-ordinator.



El Sembrador is currently looking for volunteers to help with this Ministry. Please call Nancy Mora at 289-926-1346 if you wish to help.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We thank everyone who committed to spending one hour every Tuesday of the month (9:00am – 7:00pm) with our dear Lord. We do, however, need more people to join us.

We are looking for two or more additional adorers.

The times are: 4:00pm – 5:00pm and 5:00pm – 6:00pm

If you are interested in signing up, call the office (905) 775-2065

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 19th

- + John Ferreira by Wife - Bernardette
- + 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

7:00pm Monday, January 21st

- * Special Intentions by Emidio Romeiro & Family
- + Manuel Conceicao Jr. & Maria Rosete by John & Maria Conceicao
- + Maria & Saue Domingues by Julia & Manuel Marques
- + Manuel Cruz Conceicao & Family by Celso & Maria Domingues
- + James Yeo by Delia McEvenue & Family
- + St. Anthony of Padua by Dinis Family
- + Amelia Carvalho by Verissimo Family
- * Special Intentions by Joanne Ennamorato & Family

8:00am Tuesday, January 22nd

- + In Thanksgiving by Laddie

7:00pm Wednesday, January 23rd

- + Manuel Agusto Dinis & Family by Dinis Family

8:00am Thursday, January 24th

- + Joao Batista & Albertina De Jesus by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Friday, January 25th

- + Jack MacFadden by Wife - Josie MacFadden & Family

9:30am Saturday, January 26th

- + Franco Trotta by Saverino & Enza Saracino

5:00pm Saturday January 26th

- + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife - Vincenza Polizzi
- + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
- + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Fik Family
- + Teresa Silva & Ceu Francisco by Family
- + Paulo & Maria Amelia Medeiros by Lourdes & Gerry DuLuk & Family
- + All Souls by Fatima Calisto
- + Angelina Mirabelli Hamilton by Mom & Dad & Family
- * Special Intentions by Jose Fernandes

Sunday, January 27th

- 8:30am All Souls by Graca Gomes
 - 10:00am Frank & Gina Garziano by Daughter Josie & Frank Garziano
 - 11:30am Pro Populo
 - 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 - 6:30pm Deotina & Inacia Vieira by Sandy Melo
- "May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



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 20 - Foundations	Jan 21 - Creative Writing
Jan 27 - A Friend Indeed	Jan 28 - Yes, Mother
Feb 3 - Yes	Feb 4 - Movie Night

Sunday to Sunday...

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYRS

- Sat Jan 19 - 5:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Mass
- Sun Jan 20 - Confirmation Enrolment at all Masses
- Sun Jan 20 - 12:30pm - RCIC
- Mon Jan 21 - 7:30pm - RCIA
- Mon Jan 21 - 7:30pm - CWL - Executive Meeting
- Mon Jan 21 - 7:30pm - Spanish Ministry (Chapel)
- Wed Jan 23 - 7:30pm - Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
- Sun Jan 27 - 12:30pm - RCIC

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.



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 give 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 or sign up in the lobby after any of the weekend Masses so we can organize for specific numbers.



The Community Meal is in need of volunteers for set up, dinner prep and cooking. If you are interested in helping to provide a hot meal for those in need, please call Johanne Wilson at (905) 778-1841.

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.

The Bradford Ministerial is offering a special Taize service on Sunday, January 20th at 6pm, to commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church has graciously agreed to host this event. All are welcome. Location: 18935 Dufferin Street.

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