

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

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

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

**Parish Secretary** - Delia McEvenue

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## **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:**

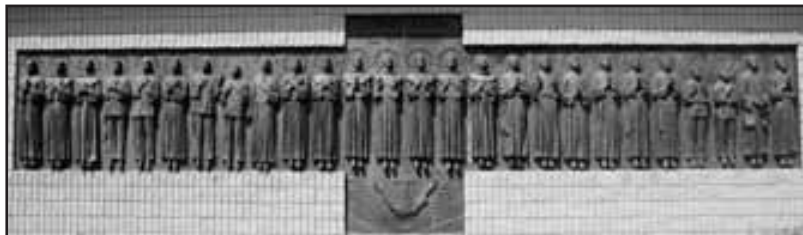
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

## **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 – The Eucharistic Prayer: The Preface and Sanctus

The Eucharistic Prayer is “the centre and summit of the entire celebration” of the Mass (GIRM78). It is a prayer of thanksgiving (Eucharist) and sacrifice. The whole prayer is addressed to God the Father “through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. The priest offers the prayer as Christ, giving thanks and praise to the Father in union with the faithful who by careful attention and silence join in the prayer of the priest giving thanks and praise to God”.

Each Sunday and Feast Day has its own Preface, a prayer that begins with the invocation “Father All-Powerful and Ever-living God, we do well....to give you thanks....”. The Preface prayer gives thanks for the work of salvation or some aspect of it appropriate to the liturgical season or feast day. It serves also to introduce the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy). In response to the priest’s prayer of thanksgiving on behalf of the faithful, they fully join the priest, usually chanting or singing the Sanctus. The Sanctus itself are the words of the Seraphin seen in the vision of God by Issiah who sings eternally God’s praises. Also the words recollect Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem that the Church commemorates on Palm Sunday when the crowds shouted out “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” (Matt 21:9). These words fittingly associate this early portion of the Eucharistic Prayer with the Sacrifice that is about to take place. For Christ entered Jerusalem in order that He might there perform the actions of that the Holy Mass makes present. Following the Sanctus, the priest may proceed to offer one of several Eucharistic Prayers approved by the Church.

### Enrollment Mass

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on 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.

### ANOINTING MASS (World day of the Sick)

Thursday, February 11th at 7:00pm

Those who are sick have always had a special place in the Church’s ministry of compassion. We can all remember seeing a loved one who is sick and wishing that we could do something for them. Jesus Himself, spent much of His ministry curing all those who were ill. This was carried out in the Church, as seen by the words in the epistle of St. James “are there any who are sick among you, let them send for the priests of the Church and the priest will pray over them, anointing them with the oil in the name of the Lord and the prayer of faith will save the sick person.” St. Thomas Aquinas would go on to say that the sacrament gives us the grace to accept the will of God in this time of life, whether it be for healing or to accept our cross without it becoming burdensome. The sacrament raises up and strengthens the soul as it is enflamed by Christ’s divine mercy.

On this day for the sick, we too commend to Christ’s mercy all who are in serious ill (beyond that with an assured cure) or who are of advanced age, and would like to offer them anointing during the celebration of Mass. Also, even if you are not in need of the sacrament, we encourage all who can to come to Mass and add their prayers and support.

## OFFERING UPDATE

Offertory Donation for Jan 17<sup>th</sup> was \$6,791.50  
Thanks for your generosity and support!

### COFFEE HOUSE SUNDAY

**JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> AFTER THE MORNING MASSES IS HOSTED BY THE MINISTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS FOR SALE. FREE COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.**

### WORLD DAY of PRAYER for CONSECRATED LIFE

On Tuesday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. The purpose of this day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord”.

Pope John Paul II, 1997 message

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1100 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God’s blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

There will be a special Mass next Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 3:00pm at St. Paul’s Basilica in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

## 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.



**THANK YOU TO DIVINO ESPIRITO SANTO HERMANDADE** for their generous donation of a \$1,000.00 to the Building Fund.

**THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS** who gave their time to clean up the decorations, flowers and Church from the Christmas season. Your help was very

much appreciated.

### MORTGAGE PAYMENT

We would like to announce that we have made a \$20,000.00 payment to the mortgage which now brings our current debt to \$1,269,000.00.

*Thanks for your contributions!*

### 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!

### Quote of the Week

**We should love others truly, for their own sakes rather than our own.**

St. Thomas Aquinas (Concerning the True Precepts of Charity) Jan 28<sup>th</sup>



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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
- + Joseph Wisnayer by Parents & Family

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

7:00pm Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

- + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children

8:00am Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

- + All Souls

7:00pm Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

- + George Vernola by Family

8:00am Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

- + Parents – Walter & Maria Bak & Sons – Stanley & John Bak by Laddie Balon

7:00pm Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

- + John Gorzo Sr. by Kubasek Janos

9:15am Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

- + Manuel & Maria Conceicao by John & Maria Conceicao

5:00pm Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

- + Special Intentions for Cecilia & Her Guardian Angel
- + Special Intentions by Elizabeth Sousa
- + Albino & Assunta Campagnola by Daughters

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- 8:30am + Special Intentions by Ana Paula Manata
- 10:00am + Anna Mary Malloy by Frank Family
- 11:30am + Anna Bratova by Kasjak Family
- 5:00pm No Spanish Mass until Feb 7, 2010
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

*"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 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
- Mon Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Seniors Club
- Mon Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – EDGE
- Mon Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Tue Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – RCIA – Adult Formation
- Wed Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – First Communion for Public Schools
- Wed Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Fri Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Marriage Preparation Course
- Sat Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am Marriage Preparation Course
- Sun Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – 10:30am – Choir Practice for 11:30 Mass
- Sun Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – 2:00pm – CWL Winter Social



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!

Monday, February 1st  
Winter Olympics



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.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This is an event that the CWL offers and does for the parish. This celebration is held and opened to all Parishioners for anyone celebrating their wedding anniversary this year after 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years of marriage. If a couple wishes to celebrate their anniversary and do not fall into the number of years mentioned they can participate. This celebration of marriage is an excellent way of confirming that Christian marriages lived on Christian values do last and a good example for our couples or those who are contemplating marriage. The celebration will be held on **Saturday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00pm Mass.** A reception for couples and their family will follow at the Parish Hall. Those wishing to participate can fill out the following information and drop it at the Parish Office or call Imelda Santos at 905-775-7819.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Wife Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Married \_\_\_\_\_



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