

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Pastor: Father Joshua Roldan

Associate Pastor: Father Massillamani Zacharias

Deacons: Deacon David Langley, Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



**Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 4, 7:00PM

+ProPopulo

TUESDAY, January 5, 9:00AM

+Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario

WEDNESDAY, January 6, 7:00PM

+ProPopulo

THURSDAY, January 7, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, January 8, 7:00PM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 9, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 9, 5:00PM

+Stephen LaRoche +Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati

+Garcia Miguelo & Luisa Loreiro + Pinho Family

Members

SUNDAY, January 10, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 10, 11:30AM

+Georgette D'Matta Daher

SUNDAY, January 10, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Pre-Authorized Giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid-19, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. You access a form by visiting our website and Click the "Covid 19" tab and click on Pre-authorized Giving or contact the office.

Envelope Pick up for Seniors:

A volunteer will be assisting our seniors at the 5:00pm Mass with envelope pick up. Upon entering please provide the usher with your name and box number and a volunteer will bring your offering box to your seat before the start of Mass.

As of December 26, 2020, please contact the office for more information.

New and Existing Parishioners:

Unfortunately, we had to reduce the number of boxes ordered this year as many were not in use. Anyone who was using box numbers from 800 and up will be assigned a new number. To pick up your new box contact the office.

REFLECTION

If Jesus is truly who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of knowledge – to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. *"Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through Grace"* (Thomas Aquinas)

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany of the Lord | January 3, 2021

Due to new provincial restrictions, our regular Mass schedules as listed below may no longer apply. Please contact the Parish for more information. Thank you.



WEEKDAY MASS: WALK IN

Monday Wednesday & Friday – 7:00pm

Tuesday Thursdays & Saturday – 9:00am

Holidays: Masses are at 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays – 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Seniors)

Walk In - No Registration Required.

Doors open 4:00pm

Sundays – 10:00am & 12:00pm Mass

Registration Required Online – Eventbrite

Doors open 1 hour before Mass

Sundays – 6:30pm Mass (All Age Groups)

Walk In - No Registration Required.

Doors open 6:00pm

EVENTBRITE Online Registration

Go to Holy Martyrs of Japan Website and click “Register for Mass” to order tickets

Please bring electronic or printed ticket for admission

The Sunday 10:00am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on youtube

ON-LINE DONATIONS

Thank you to all of you who continue to support us with your donations as you come to Mass each week. Our beautiful parish is open for Mass and we have worked diligently following guidance from public health authorities to make the environment safe for you and all who visit. It is with much gratitude and thanks to ALL our volunteers that make this possible.

We have benefited greatly from the Canada Wage Subsidy, but that support is scheduled to stop after September. Our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) These are funded through the generosity of our parish community. It continues to be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection. We are most thankful for your continued and anticipated support during this difficult time.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AS OF DECEMBER 26, 2020 AS PER NEW PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES, HOWEVER WE ARE RETURNING CALLS AND RESPONDING TO EMAILS ON A REGULAR BASIS

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptism Packages can be picked up after attending any Mass. Take the package home, complete the forms and return it after attending any Mass to clergy. A clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details and to confirm a date.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Emails were sent out back in August to book a date and time through Eventbrite for those who pre-registered to receive the Sacrament of Communion (our current grade 3's). Due to the lack of interest, as the dates and times offered did not fill, no additional dates for Communion were released. Those still waiting to receive the sacrament (current grade 3's), who did not register for the dates that were made available via Eventbrite, please come to any of our Masses, weekday or weekend, and speak to Fr. Joshua or any of the clergy, regarding the Sacrament.

We have completed the Sacrament of Confirmation for those students who pre-registered last year (our now grade 8's). Two sets of Confirmation dates have been released via email along with a link to register for your date through Eventbrite.

For our current grade 2's and 7's, wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the plan is to have a parent meeting in January, so that we can carefully plan and prepare the materials needed to assist you and your family on this journey. All will be communicated to you through whatever means we have. We invite you to come to Mass, watch it on youtube, or go to our website for any further updates or announcements.

CONFESSIONS: Can be heard a half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment by calling the parish office to arrange a date and time.

FUNERALS: Are resumed. Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065.

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