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# 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



## 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—8:30am

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.

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## OFFICE STAFF

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Delia McEvenue

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## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Consolation and Hope

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EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Club

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Divino Espirito Santo

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

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## 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Who has first claim on your love? Is it your nearest and dearest? That seems most natural even if some people think that such favoritism seems contrary to justice. Does God have favorites? Does he have a people who, so to speak, have first dibs on his love and attention? The whole Bible teaches that this is true. Although God created everything and every people, yet there is one people that is, as Deuteronomy puts it, "peculiarly his own." These he teaches, guides, rewards, rebukes, and punishes in a way unknown to any other people. These are his own, the apple of his eye.

So when Jesus pointed out that God skipped his own widows during the time of Elijah in order to take care of a pagan widow, it really got their attention. Why would God do that? Naaman the leper was another puzzling case. He was a general of an army of God's enemies. Why would God let the limbs of his own people wither while blessing this ignorant pagan? Because God sees the heart regardless of cultural or political affiliation God accepts those who open their lives and accept Him and are doing as He commands.

Why indeed? It may have something to do with jealousy. Perhaps healing these pagans and thus marking them out of special favour was God's way of making Israel jealous and thereby reminding Israel of its unique privilege of worshipping the only true God.

It may also have been about God showing his true colors. While it is true that Israel was chosen by God, it was chosen by God so that all the other nations might be chosen as well. The whole sweep of God's mighty hand, which began with Egyptians tumbling into the Red Sea, would continue and not rest until it scooped up the whole human race as his chosen abode and bride.

We have been specifically chosen by name by God in our baptism. This is a supernatural privilege of the highest order.

### ANOINTING MASS



The Ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. On Thursday, February 11, at 7:00pm (The Feast of Our Lady of

Lourdes and World Day of the Sick), we will be having an anointing Mass which 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. Those who are frail, have an illness where a cure is in serious doubt or are facing surgery are especially welcome to join us for this Anointing Mass.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Feb. 2 – 8:30am Candlemas  
Feb 2 – 6pm Benediction  
Feb 2 – 7:00 pm Confirmation – Grade 7 & 8 – St. Jean de Brebeuf  
Feb. 3 – 7:00 pm Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats  
(No Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)  
Feb. 4 – 7:00 pm Confirmation – Grade 7 & 8 – St. Charles  
Feb 5– 7:00 pm Mass & Holy Hour  
Feb 6 – 5:00 pm Feast Day Mass followed Volunteer Appreciation  
Feb 7 – 11:30 am Blessing of Marriage Anniversaries  
Feb 9 – 5pm to 7pm Pancake Tuesday  
Feb 10 – 8:30 am & 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Masses  
Feb 11 – 7:00 pm Anointing Mass  
Feb 12- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass  
Feb 15 – 9:30am daily Mass -Canada Family Day – Office closed  
Feb 17 – 7:30pm "Run With It"  
Feb 18 – 7pm Confirmation Session 1  
Feb 19 – 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass  
Feb 20 – 7:30pm Lenten Concert with Tony Melendez



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 31 – Alpha Session 8	Feb 1 – The Great 3 days
Feb 7 – Alpha Session 9	Feb 8 – A New Hope

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

*The envelopes for 2016 are now available in the Parish Office. If you have not already picked up your envelopes, or if you need assistance, please come to the office. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.*



### ADORATION



We are in need of more volunteers to help with Adoration. Adoration is 9:00am – 7:00pm every Tuesday. One hour a week of your time is what is being asked of you. Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful experience as we sit in silence and listen to Jesus speaking to us. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office 905 775-2065.

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Matt 26:40).*

### LENTEN CONCERT



Join us for a special Lenten Concert with Tony Melendez here at Holy Martyrs of Japan on Saturday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Tickets: \$10 (at the door or at the parish office).

Tony Melendez was born without arms, but he can play guitar with his feet.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to support the work of BRIDG for our Syrian refugee family.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ **Judite Costa & Manuel Silva** by Son and Family  
 + **Maria Kostov** by McEvenue Family  
 + **All Souls** by Carolina Santana  
 + **All Deceased Family members** by Silva Family  
 + **John Ferreira** by Bernadette Ferreira  
 + **Aurora Capela** by Capela and Domingues Families  
 + **Maria Lucas** by Emidio and Eduarda Romeiro  
 + **Antonio Janeiro** by wife and children

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

**8:30 am** + **Francisco Rodrigues & Jose Rodrigues** by Fernando Rodrigues & family  
**10:00am** + **Katarina & Rudolf Spek** by Helen Gres and family  
**11:30am** + **Stephen LaRoche** by McEvenue family  
**4:45pm** Spanish Mass  
**6:30pm** Pro Populo

**7:00pm Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

+ **Denis Faria & All Souls** by Joe Faria and Family  
 + **All Deceased Family members** by Silva Family  
 + **David & Maria Verdadeiro** by Julia, Isabel and Families  
 + **Joao & Emilia Laranjeiro** by Family  
 + **Joao & Erminia Botas** by Piedade and Family  
 + **Virgilio Pinho** by Modesto and Lurdes Cavaco  
 + **All Souls** by David and Rosa Oliveira  
 + **Angelina Mirabelli & Santo Mirabelli** by Family

**8:30am Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

+ **Harry Lavigne** by Imelda Petroff

**7:00pm Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

+ **Anne Pirritano** by Agnes Pretty

**8:30am Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Stephen LaRoche** by David & Rosa Oliveira

**7:00pm Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Antonio Janeiro** by Wife and Children

**9:30am Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**All Souls**

**5:00pm Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

+ **John Faria & Fatima Faria & All Souls** by Joe Faria and Family  
 + **Jose Correia** by Capela and Domingues Families  
 + **All Saints** by Henriques Family  
 + **Pitirina Asaro** by Saracino Family  
 + **Antonietta and Pasquale Baccilieri** by Family  
 + **Maria de Lurdes Teixeira** by Emidio and Eduarda Romeiro  
 + **Eduardo & Jose Lancha** by Connie Ferreira  
 + **John Ferreira and Luisa Maia** by Feliciano Ferreira  
 + **Eduardo Coelho** by daughter Eduarda Romeiro and Family

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am** \* **Special Intention** by Emidio and Eduarda Romeiro

**10:00am** + **Carol Lutz** by Buott and Wilson Families

**11:30am** Pro Populo

**4:45pm** Spanish Mass

**6:30pm** \* **Special Intention Connors Family** by Meulendyks Family

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We will be having a Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Reception on Saturday, February 6, 2016. Mass is at 5:00pm with a reception in the Parish Hall to follow. **Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you are coming** so that we know the number of people who will be attending.

## JUBILEE OF MERCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his Intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended)

Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

### St. Paul's Basilica

83 Power Street, Toronto

### St. Patrick's Parish

131 McCaul Street, Toronto

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2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga

### St. Anthony of Padua Parish

940 North Park Drive, Bramalea

### St. Patrick's Parish

11873 Gore Road, Brampton

### St. Theresa's Parish

2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough

### The Martyrs' Shrine

16163 Highway 12 West, Midland

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE



An Irish night of fun, food and dance, Saturday, March 12, 2016 starting at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$30 per person

Live Band Music: Connors Brothers,

Caterer: O'Malley's

All proceeds will go towards helping youth from our parish attending World Youth Day in Poland this summer.

Tickets are available at the parish office.

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