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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Pastor: Father Joshua Roldan

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*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 6, 7:00PM

+Francisco Jose Rodrigues +Rita Mulveney

TUESDAY, January 7, 8:30AM

+Glorinda Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 7:00PM

+Antonio Perna

THURSDAY, January 9, 8:30AM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, January 10, 7:00PM

+Stephen LaRoche

SATURDAY, January 11, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 11, 5:00PM

+Delia Mendez & Rafael Chavez +Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira +Amelia Avila & Joe Avelar +Francisco Rodrigues & Francisco Jose Rodrigues +Antonio Alberto Rocha +Antonio Julio Diogo +Angel Hurtado & Leo Alejandro Sandoval Hurtado

SUNDAY, January 12, 8:30 AM

+Joao Ferreira

SUNDAY January 12, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 12, 11:30AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 12, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

2020 NEW PARISHIONER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



Assigned 2020 offering envelopes can now be picked up at the parish office.

If you would like to start using envelopes again, please take a box with no name on it and complete the New Parishioner Registration form attached and include the completed form with your first envelope offering. If you have moved, or would like to set up Pre-Authorized giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Through our parish generosity and support we were able to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for use in case of cardiac/ respiratory emergency. It is located at the bottom of the staircase near the St. Therese (small) meeting room.

REFLECTION

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, 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. 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 true 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.

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.

The glory of Christ’s divinity is revealed, by Chromatius (died 406AD) “Let us now observe how glorious was the dignity that attended the King after his birth, after the magi in their journey remained obedient to the star. For immediately the magi fell to their knees and adored the one born as Lord. There, in his very cradle, they venerated him with offerings of gifts, though Jesus was merely a whimpering infant... The Son of God, is born a human being in the flesh. He permits himself to be placed in a manger, and the heavens are within the manger. He is kept in a cradle, a cradle that the world cannot hold. He is heard in the voice of a crying infant. This is the same one for whose voice the whole world would tremble in the hour of his passion. Thus he is the One, the God of glory and the Lord of majesty, whom as a tiny infant the magi recognize. It is he who while a child was truly God and King eternal. To him Isaiah pointed saying, “for a boy has been born to you; a son has been given to you, a son whose empire has been forged on his shoulders (Isaiah 9:6). (excerpt from TRACTATE ON MATTHEW 5:1) Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

REMINDERS

A GENTLE REMINDER TO OUR ELDERS:

Winter is upon us and it is time to once again caution you about trying to make it to Mass when everyone suggests that you should stay home where it is safe and warm. For an elder, severe winter weather is a good reason to miss Mass. Please remember it is not just snow but ice too which can be very dangerous and cause serious injury. The same rule applies to all parishioners based on their ability. Obviously, if you are going to be out and about in the weather it suggests that one obvious destination can be Mass.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, SPAIN, FRANCE AND PORTUGAL

SEPTEMBER 14 - 29, 2020 – 16 Days – CA\$4,590 (all taxes & tips included) under the spiritual leadership of Massillamani Zacharias. For more information please pick up an itinerary in the Narthex of the church or contact Jessy of QS Travels & Tours at 1 800 565 3619.

CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that adorned our altar this year. If you are free on Saturday January 11, 2020 after the 9:00am Mass, we would love your help! All are welcome.



COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on **Sunday January 19, 2020**. All proceeds will be donated to Fr. Davis' Orphanage.

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On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

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APPRECIATION DINNER FOR VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2020

We invite all those who are involved in ministries to join us after the 5:00pm Mass for a reception in the parish hall in gratitude for your service. Please contact the office at 905 775 2065 to confirm your attendance by January 24, 2020.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS

For the confirmandi who registered for the Confirmation Program (Youth Alpha), the first session will be commencing on Thursday January 9, 2020 from 6:00-7:45pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation Enrollment Date: (Blue Form)

Saturday February 1 & 2nd 2020 (must attend ONE) Blue Forms are to be completed and submitted at time of enrollment to Fr. Joshua during Saturday Evening Mass or any Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation: March 10th 2020 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

COMMUNION SACRAMENTS

Communion: Dates to Remember

Monday January 13, at 10:00am-Email your **three** choices of communion dates **and** Mass times to:

sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com

Be sure to include in your email, the 3 choices of dates and Mass times, along with your child's full name, school attending and parent name.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm Last Names from "A"- "L"

February 20, 2020 at 7:00pm Last Names from "M"- "Z"

There will be priests to hear both children and parent's confessions each evening.

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship.
Monday Nights in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

Jan 13 -Basecamp – Social

Jan 20 -Gathering Gear – Catechesis



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

High school teens in grades 9-12 are invited to gather and enjoy the gift of friendship with food and fun while growing in faith and virtue. Sundays at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall.

Jan 12 -Skating Path

Jan 19 - No Life Night

Jan 18 -WTN Snow Tubing

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