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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
Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am
Saturdays: 9:15am

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
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Mother Teresa—905-778-8653
St. Charles—905-775-6762
St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Bereavement Support Group	CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope	Development and Peace
Life Teen	Knights of Columbus
EDGE Youth Ministry	Seniors Club
Liturgical Ministers	Social Club
New Beginnings	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Parish Library	
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis	

CULTURAL GROUPS

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.

JESUS IS BAPTIZED

In today's Gospel we are told the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and a voice was heard. Each was rife with significance to members of the early Church, many of whom were Jewish. In Jewish cosmology in ancient times God was believed to inhabit the heavens, humankind the earth. Between the two was a barrier: the sky. At the time of Jesus the Jewish people felt forlorn. They had been conquered and they felt as if God had forsaken them. For hundreds of years God had not sent a powerful king like David or a mighty military leader like Joshua. It was as if God had sealed off the heavens against them and remained impervious to their plight and pleas. Thus Isaiah pleaded, "*Tear open the heavens and come down*" (Is 63:19) and David cried out, "*Reach down from above and save me*" (Ps 144:5-7). With the sky opening at the Baptism of the Lord, the early Christian community realized that God was once again intervening in human affairs, the long separation was ending and a new era beginning.

Next we read that the Spirit of God descended like a dove and hovered above Jesus. The imagery is reminiscent of the story of creation in Genesis at the beginning of the Bible where we read that the Spirit of God hovered over the water before God began the process of creation. It suggests a new creation or re-creation of the world in which humankind will once again be close to God, closer to God than Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, with Jesus as the new Adam giving the life of the Spirit to all who believe in Him and making them true children of God.

Then a voice is heard from the heavens. The proclamation from heaven, "*This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased,*" It is a blend of two scriptural texts that help to explain who Jesus is and what He will do. The first comes from Psalm 2, "*You are my son, this day I have begotten you,*" which speaks of the Messiah whom all were expecting. Jesus is now seen as the Messiah. The second, "*With whom I am well pleased,*" also translated as "*On whom my favour rests,*" comes from Isaiah's description of the Suffering Servant who will please God by his total obedience (Is 42:1). The proclamation thus suggests early on in the Gospel that Jesus will be the one who by His sacrifice continues to keep the heavens open and that no longer will God be separated from those who come to Him in Baptism. From our own Baptism we will always be with the Lord. By loving God and our neighbours His grace will flourish into a holiness of life.

from "Have you heard the Good News?" By Edward T. Dowling

Bible Study

Starts up again on Monday
January 10th after the 7:00pm
Mass. Please join us.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation for Dec 26 was \$7,420.85

Offertory Donation for Jan 2 was \$8,929.69

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Attention: Confirmation Facilitators

Please be advised that there will be a meeting with Fr. Boniface on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekends of January 15/16 or January 22/23 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.

Upcoming Events at Holy Martyrs

- Volunteer Appreciation Night – Wed Feb 2nd
- Holy Martyrs Feast Day – Sunday Feb 6th

Please watch the bulletin for more details on these events!



If you are a lady who would like to be more involved in your parish, meet other Catholic women ages 16 and older, and deepen your faith while contributing your gifts and talents, we invite you to join the CWL. We encourage your ideas to help our parish be welcoming and dynamic. Even if you only have a little time to give, we invite you to call Tina at 905 775-4386 or Imelda at 905-775-7819 for more information on becoming a member. Thank you for your prayers. May God bless you and your families.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin beginning January 14th, 2011. The advertisements make our bulletin possible. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

QUOTE of the WEEK

To those who wish to stand in God's grace, neither the guardianship of saints nor the defenses of angels are wanting.

St. Hilary – January 13th

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, January 8th

- + St. Clair McEvenue by McEvenue Family
- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
- + Anne & Paola Gucciardo by Sorelle Saracino & Family
- + Marjorie McEvenue by Helen & Ed Gres
- + Giovanni Varaschin by Paul & Sylvia Castellani
- + Garcia Miguelo by Lucia Miguelo & Family
- + Manuel Sarafin by Benvinda Fernandes & Family

Sunday, January 9th

- 8:30am + Pro Populo
- 10:00am + Stefania Tomizza by Maria Devald
- 11:30am + Gregorio Saracino by Fratello Saracino & Family
- 6:30pm + Angela & Antonio Gutta by Grandchildren – Tony, Michael, Carla & Nelson

7:00pm Monday, January 10th

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Augello Lorenzo by Baldassare Gucciardo & Family
- + Gerard Eek by Mae Eek & Family
- + Allan Herpburn by Herpburn Family
- + All Souls & Special Intentions by David & Rosa Oliveira

8:00am Tuesday, January 11th

- + Gioacchino Czistina & Pietro Asaro by Wife

7:00pm Wednesday, January 12th

- + John Carr by Daly Family

8:00am Thursday, January 13th

- + All Souls

7:00pm Friday, January 14th

- + All Souls

9:15am Saturday, January 15th

- + David Harrison by Helen Harrison-Gres & Children

5:00pm Saturday, January 15th

- + Celeste Oliveira Semiao by Saverio & Enza Saracino
- + Marjorie McEvenue by Imelda Santos
- + Vitorino Nazario, Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- + Garcia Miguelo by Lucia Miguelo & Family
- + Joe Balon & Special Intentions for Tony by Laddie
- + Betty Ann Adams by Doug & Judy Adams
- + Bruce Hillis by Wife Joyce
- + All Souls by a Parishioner

Sunday, January 16th

- 8:30am + Amilcar Miranda by the Portuguese Choir
- 10:00am + In Thanksgiving of Support for Mishko by Kasjak Family
- 11:30am + Katarina & Rudolf Spek by Helen Gres & Family
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes on Friday, January 28th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, January 29th from 10am to 4pm and on Friday, February 4th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 4pm. Cost of this course is \$50.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes. Please call the Parish Office for registration 905-775-2065 or see Father after any Mass or drop by the Office for forms.

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Jan 16th – at any Mass – Confirmation Enrollment
- Mon Jan 17th – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Wed Jan 19th – 3:00pm – 8:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Wed Jan 19th – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Sat Jan 22nd – 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrollment
- Sun Jan 23rd – at any mass – Confirmation Enrollment
- Sun Jan 23rd – Coffee Sunday after all Masses
- Sun Jan 23rd – 12:30pm – RCIA



January 9th – Outdoor Winter Social



January 10th – Prayer of St. Francis

OFFERING ENVELOPES – Why use them?



The new offering envelopes for the year 2011 are available in the parish office for pick up. For new parishioners and those who have not yet used envelopes are encouraged to do so for these reasons:

- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your support of the parish
- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your generosity
- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your commitment
- use of offering envelopes gives us an opportunity to thank you for your particular gifts

~ Thank you for your support ~

SUPPORT for RECENTLY SEPARATED or DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. Some topics include: coping with loss and finding support, dealing with anger and shame and finding new beginnings. The group will run for 10 weeks:

Date & Time: February 8th 2011 – April 12th 2011 (10 wks) Tuesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Catholic Family Services of Toronto (North Branch) 5799 Yonge street, Suite 300 (located in the Newtonbrook Plaza – Southeast corner of Yonge St. & Cummer). For further information – call facilitator - Mario Esposito at 416-222-0048.

The Baptism of the Lord – January 9th, 2011

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, or religious. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca or visit the website at www.vocationstoronto.ca

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