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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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THE STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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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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.

AN ANGEL IS COMING

If you have been over at our cemetery since the expansion, you have noticed at the end of the road is a turn-around. You will notice rods sticking out of the center. It has always been the desire when the cemetery was expanded not only to make this a place to lay our loved ones to rest, but to remind those who visit that our true home is in heaven and that in Christ there is no death. We on earth are members of Christ's body and the society of the Church as were our loved ones, and, as they still are, nothing separates those bound in Christ. There is no veil that completely cuts us off from them. While our loved ones are never far away, in Christ there is still a mystical union connecting all of us. This is why when we pray for them and in prayer speak to them, we can still, at times, feel them close to us, or indeed they are Christ Himself revealed. As quoted when he said "God the Father is the God or Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (Mt 22:32), not he was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He never speaks of the deceased in the past tense. They are with us. I have been discussing with the cemetery board how to represent this in a way that also honors our blessed dead buried at the cemetery. We have decided on a statue of an angel. You can see a picture of it at the back of the church on the bulletin board.

Keeping to custom, there will be space on the sides and back of the statue for those who wish a special remembrance of family members. The front of the statue will contain words of universal remembrance. The donation for this is \$200.00. It will be shown on your tax receipt next January. Due to space limitations, and, so as to offer this option to as many people as possible, we are asking that only one name be given per donation, (a maximum of 18 characters including spaces). There is room for about 150 names on the base. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, please contact the office at 905 775-2065.

PILGRIMAGE

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish is organizing a pilgrimage in this Year of Faith for Saturday, September 14, 2013 with a bus leaving at 9:30am from the Church parking lot. Cost for the bus will depend on the number of pilgrims.

We will be visiting St. Paul's Basilica, St. Michael's Cathedral, Marylake Shrine and the Martyrs Shrine.

As per the letter from Thomas Cardinal Collins, by visiting these sites during the Year of Faith, we may gain a Plenary Indulgence.

If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please call and register with the Parish office at 905 775-2065.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION



On July 2nd, it was the First Anniversary of the opening of the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on Tuesday's from 9:00am to 7:00pm. We want to extend a special "thank you" to everyone who committed to a specific time.

We certainly do need more people to join us, especially where there are times when only one or two people have signed up. For those who drop in sometimes, the Lord is most happy to see you, but a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel can only function properly when people commit to a certain time each week. May the Good Lord continue to give us many graces and blessings. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile ministry please contact the parish office at 905-775-2065.

PASTORAL NOTES

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for June 30 was \$5,524.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

An extra dollar or two will help us through the summer months and meet our weekly goal.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 14th Car Wash at all Masses - Youth

Wednesday, July 17th 3:00pm to 8:00pm - Blood Donor Clinic.

Saturday, September 14th Workshop for Lectors

October 10th, 17th & 24th Workshop Canadian Saints in the Year of Faith

Pre-Authorized Giving

My Mom once said "money can't buy you the things that are most important, but boy do you still need it".

I know, like most people, no one likes to be asked to give more, but I am not asking that at all. I just want, for the sake of transparency, to let you know how our finances are working. As you know, we are not a rich parish, but we have had enough to meet our needs. As the cost of goods and services has risen, you have also increased your donations as well. This allows us to look after all of the bills and also salaries and the many repairs that come up.

However if you looked around at Mass this Sunday you noticed that in the summer months people take the opportunity to go on vacation and enjoy the weather. All good things. I myself will be taking advantage of this in August. But without intending it, what that does is create a boom and bust cycle in our finances. We do well from October to June and struggle July through September.

We do have other funds, but is it right to take money that you give to the Building Fund. I think it would be dishonest to take money entrusted for something else.

However, I might ask that you think about Pre-Authorized Giving. You can sign up for this in the Parish Office. This is a system where money is automatically taken from your account and transferred to the Parish. You obviously set your own amount and it appears on your statement. It is taken only for the regular offerings (no money is removed for second collections). Even when you go on vacation, your donation is made and it allows for an even cash flow for the year. Some people say "well when I am at Mass and it's time for the collection, I feel compelled to put something in". Many people do. Those on Pre-Authorized Giving still get envelopes and simply put a blank one in, writing on the envelope PAG.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this small report.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**5:00pm Saturday, July 13th**

Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother – Ester
Maria Gutta by Husband & Children
Joao Silveira by Milena & Jonathan Silveira
Antonietta & Pasquale Baccilieri by Sclafani Family
Virgilio & Mary Domingues by Family
All Souls by Alice Santos & Family
Maria Arruda by Maria, Jose & Walter Andrade
John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

Sunday, July 14th

8:30am Guelhermina De Jesus Morais by Manuel & Deolinda Oliveira
10:00am Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
11:30am Deceased Family Members by Silverio & Purfy Marques
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, July 15th

Joao B.B. & Agosta Jesus Farie by E. Henriques
Maria Da Silva by Luis Da Silva & Family
Antonietta Baccilieri by Sclafani Family
Terrence Woodall by Dorothy Scanlon
Conchita Cagulada Lester by Pacita Proctor & Family
Sp. Int. Rory Craig by Doug & Judy Adams
Miguel Gomes & Avelino Costa by Idalina & Carlos Correia
Helen & Jan Dudo by L. Dudo & Family

8:30am Tuesday, July 16th

Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, July 17th

Sidonio Marques by John & Gorette Carvalho

8:30am Thursday, July 18th

Special Intention by Maria Da Silva

7:00pm Friday, July 19th

Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family

9:30am Saturday, July 20th

Brian Collier by Family

5:00pm Saturday, July 20th

Miguel Gomes & Avelino Costa by Gina, Jack & Danny Gomes
Sp. Int. Jennifer & Scott by Lush Family
Robert Karola & Edgar Moeller by Daughter
Garcia Miguelo by Lucy Miguelo & Family
Rosalia & Gaetano Iantorno by Cece Family
Paulo Medeiros & John Faria by Lourdes & Children
Antonio Martin by wife – Celeste & Children
Nuno Azevedo by Celso & Maria Domingues

Sunday, July 21st

8:30am Maria & Francis Costa by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
10:00am Brian Collier by Vilma LaRoche & Family
11:30am Deceased Family Members by Silverio & Purfy Marques
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Pro Populo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called 'priesthood' or 'religious life'? If God is calling you contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 or e-mail vocations@vocations.ca

The Good Samaritan

The lawyer asks the lawyerly question, “Who is my neighbor? To whom do I have a responsibility?” And of course, the implication of that question is, “Who is not my neighbor? Who am I excused from caring about? Who can I avoid?” Then the Lord tells this story.

A man is mugged in the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. They say that even today that is a dangerous road and it is very foolish for a traveler to journey on it alone. A priest and lawyer pass by and do nothing. Then a Samaritan comes by and he helps out. Our neighbor is the person in need who crosses our path.

We try to avoid the powerful challenge of that simple truth.

“Honor your father and mother?” Of course, but not my father, not my mother, they are old and bothersome.

“Respect Church authority?” Of course. We need authority today. But not this bishop, not this Pope, not this priest.

“Care about your neighbor?” Sure. But not my neighbors.

“Forgive your enemies?” Right! But not the people who hurt me.

In other words, when the challenge of the Gospel becomes concrete, specific, local and personal, we are tempted to become subtle as tax attorneys to find ways of avoiding it. The lawyer and the priest in the parable were not vicious. They probably felt sorry for the man. They would have agreed that we should help our neighbor. But not this one. Not now. What about the next one?

It is so easy for us to avoid the call of the Gospel when it becomes specific and local. The man on the side of the road reminds us that the will of God, the way to holiness, the imitation of Christ, discipleship, being a practicing Catholic is found here and now in this husband, this wife, this family, this neighborhood, this parish, this job, this project, these people, these friends, and these strangers.

Excerpted from “Captured Fire” by Fr. S. Joseph Krempa

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All kids between the ages 4(JK) and 13(Gr. 7) are invited to a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! A fun-filled



time of crafts, snacks, games, and more, will help kids learn how to Stand Strong for God. They will make connections, build friendships and make memories that will last long after the week is done.

At Kingdom Rock 2013, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that He crafted each of us with His own loving hands. It all takes place July 29th – August 2nd from 9:00am to 12noon at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall. \$25.00 per child. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 905-775-2065.

Car Wash

On Sunday July 14, 2012 the Youth Ministry will be holding a car wash at all Masses. Donations from this event will be put toward the Edge Camp.

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