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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am  
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.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

## 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world. This passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, *God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love*. God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love. Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else? Do you give him first place in your life, in your thoughts, decisions and actions?



### PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

There will be confessions heard in Portuguese on Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 6:15pm. Our **Parish Lenten Reconciliation** will be held on Thursday March 22, 2018 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm.



**March 18 2018 is ShareLife Sunday. Our Goal this year is \$51,000.00. Please give generously.**

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. A special thank you to Seminarian Vivek Trinidad for coming from St. Augustine's Seminary and speaking to us about ShareLife. Please pray for Vivek and all seminarians as they discern their vocations.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent beginning with adoration at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.



### THE PATH OF THE CROSS RETREAT

Sunday March 18 2018 from 1:00-4:00pm with Deacon Pedro. All are welcome. Live in the glory of God's love and mercy. *Prepararnos para la Semana Santa y finalizar la cuaresma llenos del espíritu de Cristo con el retiro el Domingo, 18 de marzo de 2018 de la 1:00-4:00pm con Pedro diácono. Todos son bienvenidos. Vivir en la gloria del amor y la misericordia de Dios.*

## TRIDUUM



### HOLY THURSDAY

March 29, 2018 at 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

### GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 2018 at 12:00pm and 3:00pm

### Celebration of the Lord's Passion

(Celebration includes the Eucharist and Veneration of the Cross)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

7:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

7:30pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY

March 31, 2018

(No Morning Mass)

10:00am - Blessing of Food

7:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

8:00pm Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

Mass Times as Follows:

8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

4:45pm Spanish Mass - To Be Announced

6:30pm - No Mass

**PLEASE NOTE:** March 27 2018, Mass will be at 8:00am and there will be No Adoration.



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Friday March 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
Saturday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm
Sunday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:00pm
Monday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am
Tuesday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm
Wednesday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm
Thursday April 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm
Friday April 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm
Saturday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday in the presence of the Holy Sacrament in Song**  
Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

### OUR GARDEN OF LILIES

**Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 - Holy Saturday - No Morning Mass**

You are welcome to help decorate our parish for Easter by bringing a lily plant in memory of a loved one on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> between 8:30am and 1:00pm. Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put the names of your loved ones on the lilies. We will also have a sheet available to write your loved one's name so everyone can pray for those remembered in our Garden of Lilies.





**WHAT:** EDGE is a youth ministry program designed to help youth learn more about their Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship!

**WHO:** Grades 6-8  
**WHEN:** Mondays 7- 8:30pm  
**WHERE:** Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall  
**COST:** FREE FREE FREE  
**MAR 12** March Break – No Edge  
**MAR 19** Movie Night - Social



### INTRODUCING... ALPHA YOUTH SERIES

The brand new Alpha YOUTH Series has been re-imagined for today's youth culture, giving young people all around the world the chance to explore faith through Alpha. The Alpha Youth Series will be held on Sunday Evenings in the St. Joseph's Meeting Room every Sunday for eight weeks from 7:45p.m.-9:15pm. Alpha Series Dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22, and 29. All high school aged students are invited to join us in the St. Joseph's meeting room for a small meal, video presentation and friendly conversation. If you have any questions please contact Ray Reitzel at 905-251-8151 or the office at 905-775-2065.



### ALPHA

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting the Alpha Series on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the parish hall. The series dates are as follows: March 20, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22. If you have any questions please contact Ray Reitzel at 905-251-8151 or the office at 905-775-2065.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The parish confirmation program of preparation is called "Decision Point". The program will run on Thursday evenings in the parish hall downstairs from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The participation of all candidates is anticipated. For those in public or private schools your attendance is particularly understood as part of your catechesis in preparation for Confirmation. You can access the program by visiting the website <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view> or download the app on Google Play or at the App Store for FREE. There is a textbook you can purchase or download the workbook onto your PC or mobile device.

Program dates are as follows:

Thursday March 22 "The Eucharist"  
 Thursday April 5 "The Holy Spirit"  
 Thursday April 12 "The Church"  
 Thursday April 19 "Confirmation"  
 Thursday April 26 "Made for Mission"  
 Thursday May 3 "Holiness is Possible"  
 Thursday May 10 "Wrap up"

We strongly encourage full participation in the program.



Blood Donor Clinic – Wednesday March 14, 2018 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

+Margaret Connolly by Daughter Lynn  
 +Vita & Antonio Ingoglia by Ingoglia  
 +All Souls by Lourdes & Angelino Marques  
 +Lionia Pontes by Husband Joseph Pontes  
 +Francisco Pontes & Maria Guimar by Son Joseph Pontes  
 +Manuel & Antonia Bastos by Son in Law Joseph Pontes  
 +Antonio Martins & Parents by Wife & Children  
 +Walter Andrade by Celeste Dias

### Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30am

+Tobias Rego by Wife & Children

### Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

\*Spec. Int. for Mary Brewer by Carmen & Ferguson

### Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30am

+All Souls by Celeste Calisto

### Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

+Joao Neves by Helen Peixoto

### Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

+All Souls

### Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues by Wife & Children  
 +Ignazio Polizzi by Wife  
 +Adelino Oliveira by Wife & Children  
 +Fernando DaCosta by Lourdes Rocha  
 +All Souls by Carolina Santana  
 +Maria Arromba by Husband & Sons  
 +Maria Conceicao & Manuel Moniz by Family  
 +Walter Andrade by Maria Ramos  
 +Maria Kostov & Delia Mendez by Vilma LaRoche  
 +Maria & Frank Mendrick by Rak Family

### Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30am +Heitor Fernandes Saborano by Portuguese Choir  
 10:00am +Lino Andrade by Joe & Lucy Andrade  
 11:30am +Maria Helena Oliveira by Family  
 4:45pm + ProPopulo  
 6:30pm +Matthew Talarico by Family

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

**Tax receipts have been mailed out Friday February 23, 2018 with our most sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity.**

### RUN WITH IT

Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall with Deacon Pedro. How did Adam & Eve populate the earth? How does the church/Bible know how Noah built the Arc and put two animals of each on it? Where do dinosaurs fit into the biblical timeline?



### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Senior Men's High School Retreat (Grades 11 & 12)  
 Saturday March 17 2018 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto. The day provides time to pray, interact and socialize with other young Catholic men. To register go to [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca), email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call 416 968 0997.



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