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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

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus used the illustration of the “grain of wheat” to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is destroyed by burying it in the ground, can it rise to new life and bear fruit. Jesus’ obedience and death on the cross obtain for us freedom and life in the Holy Spirit. His cross frees us from the tyranny of sin and death and shows us the way of perfect love and readiness to lay down our lives in sacrificial service for the good of others. If we want to receive the abundant new life and the fruit of the Spirit which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the “Outer Shell” of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. When we “die” to ourselves - to our rebellious sinful nature and willful rejection of God’s commandments - we receive God’s forgiveness and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit which frees us to love and serve others, and follow God faithfully. It is God’s free gift of grace (his blessing and favor towards us) and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to live and serve joyfully as sons and daughters of God. Pruning and bearing good fruit in Christ means that what is contrary to God’s will must be “put to death”. God gives us grace to say “yes” to his will and the strength we need to reject whatever is contrary to his commands and plan for our lives. The Lord promises that we will bear much “fruit” for him, if we choose to deny ourselves for his sake and embrace his will for our lives.

Lord Jesus, let me be wheat sown in the earth, to be harvested for you. I want to follow wherever you lead me. Give me fresh hope and joy in serving you all the days of my life.



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. Living the Gospel locally and around the world. “It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**” – Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday in the presence of the Holy Sacrament in Song Sunday April 8th 3:00pm

OUR GARDEN OF LILIES

Saturday March 31st 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 31st 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 19 Movie Night – Social
MAR 26 Defeated - Catechesis



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 19th 7:00pm

+Joao Fernandes Barradas & Francisco Rodrigues by Rosalina & Fernando Rodrigues
 *Spec. Int. in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph by Carolina Santana
 +All Deceased Family Members by Antero & Rosa Silva
 +Claudino & Wife by Joaquim Neto
 *Spec. Int. in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph by David & Rosa Oliveira
 +Giuseppe Beninati & Pedro Scalfani by Family
 +Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Family
 +Manuel Dias by Wife & Children
 +Giuseppe Mancuso by Family

Tuesday March 20th 8:30am

+Patrick Connolly by Daughter Lynn

Wednesday March 21st 7:00pm

+Virgilio Gomes & Fernanda Gomes by Manuel Gomes

Thursday March 22nd 8:30am

+Stan & Mary Chafe by Vilma & Family

Friday March 23rd 7:00pm

+Caron & Macdonell Families by Family

Saturday March 24th 9:30am

+All Souls

Saturday March 24th 5:00pm

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday March 25th

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"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?



TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE

Calling all choir members within the parish to join both the TRIDUUM Choir Practice Rehearsals scheduled for: Monday March 26 and Wednesday March 28 at 7:30pm in the Church



CWL Executive Meeting Monday March 19, 2018 and the General Meeting On Monday April 9 2018 at 7:30pm in the St. Joseph's meeting room.



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