

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



Pastor: Father Joshua Roldan
Associate Pastor: Father Massillamani Zacharias
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Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am, 12:00pm &
6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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
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LifeTeen 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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 22, 7:00PM

+Orlando Catala

TUESDAY, March 23, 9:00AM

+Antonio Castro & Family

WEDNESDAY, March 24, 7:00PM

+Abilio Soares

THURSDAY, March 25, 9:00AM

+Vincenzo Degirolamo

FRIDAY, March 26, 7:00PM

+Francesco Gammicchia

SATURDAY, March 27, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, March 27, 5:00PM

PALM SUNDAY

+ProPopulo

PALM SUNDAY, March 28, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

PALM SUNDAY, March 28, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

PALM SUNDAY, March 28, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering
Envelopes



Pre-Authorized Giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid-19, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. You access a form by visiting our website and Click the "Covid 19" tab and click on Pre-authorized Giving or contact the office. New and Existing Parishioners: Unfortunately, we had to reduce the number of boxes ordered this year as many were not in use. Anyone who was using box numbers from 800 and up will be assigned a new number. To pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, please contact the office.

Please note that tax receipts for 2020 were mailed out in the second week of February

DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS: Cardinal Thomas Collins continues to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass for those who may not be able to attend Mass at Church for health reasons or capacity.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

REFLECTION

Jesus came to bring us into a new covenant relationship with God that would not end with death but lead to eternal life.

Jesus announced to his followers that when "he would be lifted up from the earth, he would draw all people to himself"(John 12 :32). What did Jesus mean by the expression of being "lifted up" and "drawing people to himself"? When a great leader won a conquest over his enemies and brought freedom and peace to his people, he was crowned and given a new title, as Victor, Savior, and Deliverer of the people. A conquering ruler was robed in royal splendor and raised up and enthroned on high in the sight of his people. Jesus knew that the only way to decisive victory for God's kingdom on the earth would be through his voluntary suffering and death on the cross. Jesus described his willingness to go to the cross as his "hour of glory" (John 12:23) when he would fulfill his Father's will and accomplish the mission entrusted to him. The real enemy that Jesus came to overcome was Satan who tempts the human race to rebel against God and his commands in order to create their own destiny through sinful pride and disobedience. Jesus took our sins upon himself and nailed them to the cross to set us free from condemnation to death and destruction, and the eternal consequence of separation from God.

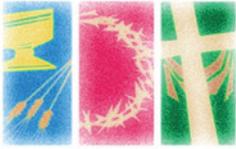
How can suffering and death bring life and freedom? Jesus used the illustration of the "grain of wheat" to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is destroyed by burying it in the ground, can it rise to new and bear fruit.

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. In Baptism our "old Nature" which was enslaved by sin is buried with Christ so we may rise to new life with Christ through the cleansing waters in baptism.

How can I practically "die" to myself so that the Lord Jesus can live in me and transform me into his likeness and holiness? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "put to death" within me. 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 Jesus 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
Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

Please note registration required for ALL Masses

TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY - Livestreamed

April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Followed by Adoration until 12 Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021 at 9:00am 12:00pm and
3:00pm (Livestreamed)

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross – Walk In

HOLY SATURDAY - Livestreamed

April 3, 2021

(No Morning Mass)

8:00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

Masses will be celebrated in the Church and Parish
Hall. Please register for ONE

10:00am (Livestreamed), 12:00pm

(No 6:30pm Mass Service)

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We invite our entire community to join in the Divine
Mercy Novena this year. Recite it together as a family or
on your own.

**Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is on
Sunday April 11th 3:00pm.**

**To be sure we do not exceed capacity, you Must register
for Mass**

GARDEN OF LILIES

Holy Saturday – No Morning Mass



To help decorate our Church for Easter, we invite
parishioners to bring a lily plant in memory of their loved
ones to be placed in our memorial garden of lilies at the
altar. **You can drop off your plant at the parish office
during the hours of 9:30am-4:30pm on Monday March
29th, 30th and 31st. You may also drop off your lily on
Saturday April 3rd between 9:00am and 12:00pm at the
front doors of the Church and someone will be there to
receive them.** Labels will be completed by our staff with
the name of your loved ones affixed to your lily. Labels
will be completed by our staff with the name of your loved
ones.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptism Packages can be picked up after
attending any Mass. Take the package home, complete the
forms and return it after attending any Mass to clergy. A
clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details
and to confirm a date. (To resume after lockdown
restrictions)

FIRST COMMUNION/CONFESSIONS

To all communion candidates and families who have
registered for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament.
You should have received an email from Fr. Joshua on
Sacramental Preparation and the How to Register for
Communion dates, along with links for each. Please note,
that the Eventbrite link will be live on Wednesday March
17, 2021 at 10:00am for you to choose the date you wish to
celebrate your child’s Communion. Please choose ONE
date. If you have any further questions, please do not
hesitate to contact the office and speak to Anna. We hope to
see you and your families at Mass.

CONFIRMATION:

We have been accepting registrations for Confirmation for
several months for students in grades 7 (class of 2021) and
grade 8 (Class of 2020) and for all candidates who wish to
receive their Sacrament who registered last year and did not
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. PLEASE MAKE
SURE YOU REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER YOUR
CHILD BEFORE MARCH 19, 2021 to make sure we
include everyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament.

A March 11, 2021 Confirmation update was sent out which
outlines the “next step”. Once registration is closed and we
have our numbers, we will be contacting families who
registered, via email to provide them with Eventbrite links
in which to choose their date of Confirmation. As well, there
is a home based and Parish based preparation program in
which to assist you to prepare your child for the Sacrament.
Please note: that the Parish based program, Alpha Youth
Virtual has limited spots and will be designated on a first
come first serve basis. Please refer to the letter posted on our
website for further instruction. It is perfectly appropriate to
put the Sacraments on the back burner for the time being.
We are currently in Red which means the Church is open for
Mass. We look forward to seeing you.

CONFESSIONS: By appointment at this time.

Please contact the parish office for further information

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