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# 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



*"Beware that you are not led  
astray; for many will come in  
my name..." Luke 21.5-19*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am  
6:30pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

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.

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## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen 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.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, November 18, 7:00PM

+Leo Mallet +For All Deceased Assis Family Members  
+Diana Carolina Manzano Lopez \*Special Intention of the Talarico Family

### TUESDAY, November 19, 8:30AM

+For All Deceased Borges & DaSilva Family Members

### WEDNESDAY, November 20, 7:00PM

\*Special Intention for Jose Santos Domingues

### THURSDAY, November 21, 8:30AM

+All Souls

### FRIDAY, November 22, 7:00PM

\*Special Intention in Thanksgiving to Our Lady

### SATURDAY, November 23, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

### SATURDAY, November 23, 5:00PM

+Manuel Borges & Mercedes Silva +Antonio & Amelia Pacheco +Manuel & Mercedes Melo +Antonio & Madalena Rocha +Silvana & Davido Medeiros +Joao Rocha & Jancinto Rocha +Joao Luis Furtado +Francesca & Giuseppe Beninati +Arlindo Araujo +Helen Ilona Szabo  
+All Souls

### SUNDAY, November 24, 8:30 AM

+Salvatore Cipponeri

### SUNDAY November 24, 10:00AM

+Fernando Do Couto

### SUNDAY, November 24, 11:30AM

+Maria Do Ceu & Son Manuel

### SUNDAY, November 24, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

*"Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults of crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." – St. John Paul II*

### HOLY HOUR

Friday December 6, 2019 after the 7:00pm Mass

Come be present with the Lord!

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## REFLECTION

God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone. Jesus said there would be many signs of impending conflicts and disasters which would precede the struggles of the last days when God's anointed King would return to usher in the full reign of God over the earth. In that day when the Lord returns there will be a final judgement of the living and the dead when the secrets of every heart will be brought to light (Luke 12:2-3; Romans 2:16). Jesus' prophecy of the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem was a two-edged sword, because it pointed not only to God's judgement, but also to his saving action and mercy.

Sometimes we don't recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live until something "shakes us up" to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgement and outcome awaits every individual who has lived on this earth. The reward for doing what is right and pleasing to God and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God are not always experienced in this present life – but they are sure to come in the day of judgement. The Lord Jesus tells us there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgement to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. God extends grace and mercy to all who will heed his call and his warning, do not pass up, even for one day, God's invitation of grace and mercy to seek first his kingdom of righteousness and peace. Jesus tells his disciples that if they *endure to the end they will gain their lives* – they will inherit abundant life and lasting happiness with God. Endurance is an essential strength which God gives to those who put their trust in him. Endurance is the patience which never gives up hope, never yields to despair or hatred. Patience is long-suffering because it looks beyond the present difficulties and trials and sees the reward which comes to those who persevere with hope and trust in God. That is why godly endurance is more than human effort. It is first and foremost a supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit which enables us to bear up under any trial or temptation.

God may call some of us to be martyrs who shed their blood for bearing witness to Jesus Christ. But for most of us, our call is to be 'dry' martyrs who bear testimony to the joy and power of the Gospel in the midst of daily challenges, contradictions, temptations and adversities which come our way as we follow Christ. What will attract others to the truth and power of the Gospel? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith.

Servants of the word, [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net) Don Schwager.

## REMINDERS

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL

Mass will be celebrated on **Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2019** at 8:30am and 7:00pm



### PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday December 10, 2019 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm**  
“Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me” Psalm 51:10

### 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

**Offering Envelopes** 2020 Offering envelopes will be made available for pick up until **December 20, 2019** in the Narthex of the Church. *After this date, envelopes can be picked up at the parish office. Before you take a box of envelopes please ensure your name is on it. If you would like to start using envelopes (again), please take a box with no name on it and complete the New Parishioner Registration form attached and include the completed form with your first envelope offering. We would kindly request that you complete the information in full on your envelope offering. If you did not find your envelope number, have moved, or would like to set up pre-authorized giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

## PARISH EVENTS



### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on **Sunday November 17, 2019**. All Proceeds raised for this event will be to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a ministry that reaches out to the most vulnerable in our community, the poor and needy. Let us share our blessings with those less fortunate.

## SACRAMENTS

### COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS

Families who did not attend the parent meeting are encouraged to pick up these sacrament information packages and registration forms after Saturday evening or Sunday Masses from the clergy. The packages will assist and instruct you in moving ahead to the celebration of these Sacraments. **All registration forms, (Communion – yellow, Confirmation – green) are to be completed and submitted directly to Fr. Joshua or Fr. Mani after any of the Saturday evening or Sunday Masses before the deadline of December 15, 2019.**

### IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES TO KNOW:


**December 15** -ALL Confirmation and Alpha Youth Registration Forms are Due (green forms)

**January 9** -Alpha Youth first session 6:00pm -7:45pm Parish Hall

**February 1 or 2** (must attend one) -Enrollment Masses (blue forms)

**March 10** -Reconciliation 7:00pm – 9:00pm Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

## YOUTH MINISTRY

 **EDGE**® 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. Monday Nights in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm  
**Nov 18 - The Artist**  
**Nov 25 - Movie Night**  
**Dec 2 - Restoration**



**LIFE TEEN** High school teens in grades 9-12 are invited to gather and enjoy the gift of friendship with food and fun while growing in faith and virtue. Beginning Sunday September 29 at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall. The theme, “A Healthy Meal”  
**Nov 17 - Carrying Hope**  
**Nov 24 - No Life Night**  
**Dec 1 - Living Proof**

*“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of love. It signifies love, it produces love.” – St. Thomas Aquinas*



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