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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



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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CULTURAL GROUPS

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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 25, 7:00PM

+Antonio Martins & Parents +Fernando Gomes +John & Anna MacIntyre +Angelina & Santo Mirabelli +All Deceased Brunati & Giacometti Family Members
*Special Intentions of the Dinis Family

TUESDAY, November 26, 8:30AM

+All Souls

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 7:00PM

+Jose Conceicao & Virgilio Conceicao

THURSDAY, November 28, 8:30AM

+Jose Conceicao & Virgilio Conceicao

FRIDAY, November 29, 7:00PM

+Adelino Oliveira

SATURDAY, November 30, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 30, 5:00PM

+Zic Family +Ignazio Polizzi +Luis & Laura Andrade
+Antonio & Vita Ingoglia +Antonio Manuel Diogo
+Joaquim Afonso +Frank Sloan +Bernie Woods +Elio Palermo +Richard Lourenco +Mario Almeida +All Souls

SUNDAY, December 1, 8:30 AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY December 1, 10:00AM

+Joao Ferreira

SUNDAY, December 1, 11:30AM

*Special Intention for Our Seminarian Savio Bruto da Costa & All Seminarians

SUNDAY, December 1, 6:30PM

+Antonella Vernola & Special Intention for the Vernola Family

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.

HOLY HOUR

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

Come be present with the Lord!

REFLECTION

Jesus has been given all authority and power by his Father in heaven to reign over all creation – including the heavens and the earth. Jesus was crucified for his claim to be the Anointed King sent by the Father in heaven (John 18:37 and Luke 23:38) to establish his kingdom not only for his people Israel, but for all nations and peoples as well (Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:30 and Matthew 26:63-64).

The Jews understood that the Messiah (“Anointed One”) would come as God’s anointed King to restore paradise and establish God’s reign of peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess. Jesus came to deliver his people, and the world, from the worst kind of tyranny possible—from bondage to sin, guilt and condemnation and from the wages of sin which is death (Romans 6:23) and separation from an all-merciful and just Father who gave us his son to set us free and to adopt us as his beloved sons and daughters. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an imperishable kingdom – a kingdom ruled not by force or fear – but by the power of God’s righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

When Satan tempted Jesus during his forty day fast in the wilderness, he offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world (Matthew 4:8-9). Jesus knew that the world was in Satan’s power. And this was precisely why Jesus came—to overthrow Satan’s power and deception over the earth. Jesus knew that the way to victory was through submission to his Father’s will and plan to lay down his life for us and reverse the curse of sin and death for us.

Jesus died not only as King of the Jews, but as King of all nations and Lord of the universe. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world was accomplished through his atoning death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. That is why the Father exalted his Son and raised him in glory over the heavens and the earth. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called *King of kings and Lord of lords* (Revelation 19:16). He now sits in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven—and from his throne he rules as Lord overall. Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your Sovereign King and Redeemer? The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another—the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master—the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true “Light of the World” – and the false messiah and deceiver who is called the anti-Christ and the “angel of light” who rules over men and women through the power of false promises, lies and temptation to sin and disobedience. Which kingdom will you serve?

Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Tuesday December 24, 2019

6:00pm, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Christmas Day - Wednesday December 25, 2019

10:00am, 11:30am – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Boxing Day - Thursday December 26, 2019

9:00am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

New Year's Eve - Tuesday December 31, 2019

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Vigil

5:00pm – **OFFICE CLOSED**

New Year's Day - Wednesday January 1, 2019

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10:00am, 11:30am – **OFFICE CLOSED**

In addition to the above office holiday schedule, please note that the office will be closed on Friday December 27th and Monday December 30th if there is anything you need during this time please do not hesitate to call the office.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass will be celebrated on Monday December 9th 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

CHURCH DECORATING INVITATION

We will be decorating our Church for Christmas on Saturday December 21, 2019 between 9:30am and 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come in fellowship and help out!

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"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME..."

Children are invited to the stable before every Mass. With the help of your parents, please keep track of all your good deeds during each week and place that many straws of hay into the manger as an offering of love, in preparation for the birth of Jesus. May your good deeds adorn and comfort Him.

SACRAMENTS

Communion and Confirmation Registration

Deadline: DECEMBER 15, 2019

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 along with a copy of child's Baptismal Certificates (if required) directly to Fr. Joshua or Fr. Mani after any of the Saturday evening or Sunday Masses before the registration deadline.**

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES TO KNOW:

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 25 - Movie Night
Dec 2 - Restoration
Dec 9 - Masterpiece



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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 24 - No Life Night

Dec 1 - Living Proof

Dec 8 Outreach/Service Night

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