

We Welcome You To The Catholic Community of **HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN**

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Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

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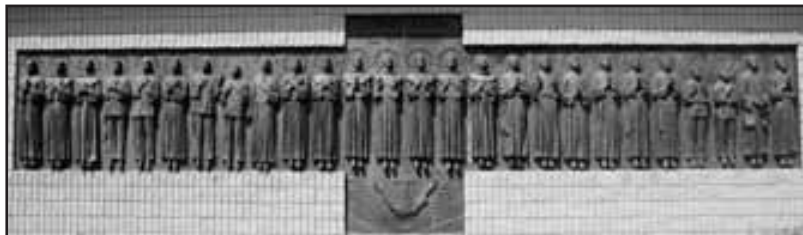
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

Support and Enrichment Ministries

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

Our Parish Catholic Schools:

- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
- Mother Teresa - 905-778-8653



Sunday Eucharist:

Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM

Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

New Parishioners: WELCOME! You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



Our Mission: We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

A Nossa Missao: Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BONIFACE

Hind sight they say is 20/20, that is certainly true. Today we can begin to see that *"things are beginning to look a lot like Christmas"* and that's wonderful. The decorations, the celebrations, the gifts and food, time with family and friends, the sense of peace and good will. One wishes that we could have it the whole year! But we also realize that these festivities and good will come because 2009 years ago Jesus, the second person of the Blessed Trinity descended from Heaven, took on flesh and was born in a manger to Mary and St. Joseph. He came to bring us the joy of Heaven, that we might have life and have it abundantly.

But when Jesus was born, how many people knew that such a momentous event had just occurred. A few wise men, some shepherds, a mother and father, not many! In fact we remember when the wise men told King Herod of what had happened, he and all the learned were surprised that the prophecies of Jeremiah actually came true. Jesus came when no one expected Him!

And so, it will be again, Jesus tells us. When we celebrate Advent, we look forward and back. We look back at Jesus' first coming with joy and thanksgiving but we also look forward to His second coming as the King of the World. And just like the first time He came, He will come at a time no one expects. This should not cause us fear, but as Jesus says in today's Gospel *"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life"*. It is true that all of the other details and troubles of life can quickly distract us from prayer and time with the Lord. We may not mean to be distracted but all of our plans and schedules seem so much more immediate, that we at first just say I'll be with the Lord later on this day, or tomorrow or the day after that...and Jesus may become more and more distant. Some times sadly our desires or weakness lead us to a way of life not commensurate with what Jesus asked and we sin. Sometimes these sins lead us to other sins or they become habits. So in this season of Advent, we fear not condemnation of Christ but only His advice. Be on your guard....stay awake.

So as we prepare for all the joys of Christmas, let us also prepare our hearts. Let us make some time each day to spend with the Lord, in spiritual reading, prayer or visit to a Church where He is in the tabernacle and let us take a moment to go to Christ in the Sacrament of Confession so that when Jesus does come again, wherever that may be, we will be ready with minds and hearts renewed to enter the fullness of peace and joy that will accompany Him as it did at His first coming in Bethlehem.

SPANISH MASSES

Our next Spanish Mass is on Sunday, December 6th at 5:00pm with a reception to follow celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe.

PLEASE NOTE:

On Friday, December 4th, Mass will be at 6:30pm instead of at 7:00pm. Please make note of this time change for this night only.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please check and ensure that you have your right number on the box. If there are any changes to names or addresses, please contact the Parish Office Staff.

If you are a new member, please fill out the information required on the envelopes so that we may enter your particulars in our data base for income tax receipts.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Donation \$5,468.75

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

We thank you for your generosity but we need your help to meet our monthly expenses.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 29TH, 2009

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down; be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca



GARDEN of POINSETTIA

Christmas is a sacred time to the faithful and people often celebrate by assembling and decorating their churches. Parishioners are invited to bring a poinsettia (red or white only) to the church preferably on December 23rd or the weekend of December 19th. Labels will be supplied (at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered in the prayers for the deceased and the

Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 19th starting at 10:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come help out and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 15th

❖ Advent Parish Reconciliation – 7:00pm

Saturday, December 19th

❖ Christmas Concert – 7:00pm

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24th

❖ 6:00pm
❖ 8:00pm
❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25th

(please note that there will be no 8:30am or 6:30pm Mass)

❖ 10:00am
❖ 11:30am

Saturday, December 26th

❖ 9:15am
❖ 5:00pm

Mary Mother of God – Thursday, December 31st

❖ 6:00pm

Friday, January 1st, 2010

❖ 10:00am
❖ 7:00pm – Benediction & Adoration to follow Mass

Attention: Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

If you signed up for a 2010 Lector Book or for 2010 EM to Nursing Homes, please be advised that your books are ready to be picked in the sacristy. Note that the books have been labelled with your name on the bottom right corner.

HOLY HOUR

This Friday being the first Friday of the month, there will be an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. Please come and spend an hour in prayer with Christ.

Quote from the Saint of the Week

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin: Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein; Invisible and visible, Their notes let all things blend.

For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.

Saint John of Damascus (December 4th)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, November 28th

- + All Souls by Maria da Silva
- + Emi Chavez by McEvenue Family
- + Special Intentions, Rafael Chavez & Family by Family
- + Gregorio Saracino by brother & Saracino Family
- + Maria Miereles & Gabriel Lopes by Maria Janeiro & Family
- + Cecilia Santos by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Irene Rozbiewski by Vilma & Judy
- + St. Therese (Thank you) by Anesia Francisco

Sunday, November 29th

- 8:30am + Manuel Dias by Wife
- 10:00am + Pro Populo
- 11:30am + All deceased family members by Laura & Manuel Marques
- 5:00pm No Spanish Mass until December 6th
- 6:30pm + All Souls

7:00pm Monday, December 30th

- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
- + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- + Don Huck by Joe & Zizi Ferreira
- + All Souls by Rosa & David Oliveira
- + Special Intentions by Family

8:00am Tuesday, December 1st

- + All Souls

7:00pm Wednesday, December 2nd

- + Celeste Henriques by Frank Henriques & Family

8:00am Thursday, December 3rd

- + Charo Ellen Flynn by Cabuyao Family

6:30pm Friday, December 4th

- + Charo Ellen Flynn by Cabuyao Family

9:15am Saturday, December 5th

- + Jose Sousa by Clotilde Silveria

5:00pm Saturday, December 5th

- + Antonia Santana, Vitorino Nazario, Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- + Pasquale Baccilieri by Wife Antonietta & Family
- + Joao Botos & Herminia Marques by Maria Janeiro & Family
- + Laura V. Garcia by Walter & Maria Andrade
- + Luis V Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
- + Lino V Andrade by Walter & Maria Andrade
- + Brandan Curtin by Olmpna Dionne

Sunday, December 6th

- 8:30am + Maria & Congetta Bisecco by Vince & Gina Guglietti
- 10:00am + Adele & Tony Caruso by Belanger & Carouso Families
- 11:30am + Maureen & Roy Craig by Judy & Doug Adams
- 5:00pm + Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm + Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Congratulations to the following couples who were married this past month at Holy Martyrs of Japan.

- Paula Ferreira and Tania Azevedo
- Ed Gres and Helen Harrison

And we welcome into our parish those who have been Baptized.

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| • Selena Almeida | Chris Gabriele |
| • Daniel Balugas | Jonas Oliveira |
| • Maya Cavaco | Jorgia Oliveira |
| • Justin D'Arpino | Joshua Panza |
| • Lucas Deniet | Lucas Panza |
| • Arianna Fik | Peter Szabo |

And for our faithful departed

- John Gorzo Senior
- Ethel Swanek



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 19th at
7:00pm in the Church.

Come and join us to celebrate the Nativity pageant and listen to our choirs sing Christmas Carols.

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Nov 29th – 10:30am – Choir Practice for the 11:30 Mass
- Mon Nov 30th – 9:00am – Net Retreat
- Mon Nov 30th – 1:00pm – Retreat Mass
- Mon Nov 30th – 2:00pm – Seniors Club
- Mon Nov 30th – 6:00pm – EDGE
- Mon Nov 30th – 7:30pm – CWL Executive Meeting
- Mon Nov 30th – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Nov 30th – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul
- Tue Dec 1st – 10:00am – St. Charles – Advent Mass at School
- Tue Dec 1st – 7:00pm – St. Jean de Brebeuf – First Reconciliation
- Wed Dec 2nd – 6:30pm – First Communion Classes for Public Schools
- Wed Dec 2nd – 7:30pm – Bible Study
- Wed Dec 2nd – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Thu Dec 3rd – St. Charles – First Reconciliation
- Fri Dec 4th – 10:00am St. Jean de Brebeuf – Advent Mass at School
- Fri Dec 4th – 6:30pm – Mass instead of 7:00pm
- Fri Dec 4th – 7:00pm – CWL & Knights of Columbus Christmas Party
- Sun Dec 6th – 10:30am – Choir Practice for the 11:30 Mass
- Sun Dec 6th – 5:00pm – Spanish Mass
- Sun Dec 6th – 6:00pm – Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception in Parish Hall



Sunday November 29th - NO LIFE NIGHT

Sunday December 6th - IS HE YOURS? Looking at the reasons for the season and the culture we live in.



Monday November 30th I DID IT!!! We will be looking at the choice we make and taking responsibility for our actions.

Monday December 7th SUCCESS! The differences between the world's definition of success and God's definition of success.

Thursday Nights – EDGE Hockey

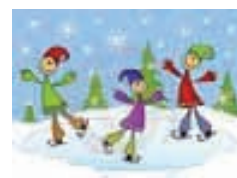
We play road hockey in the back parking lot of the church from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. If you're in grades 6-8, bring your stick and come join us!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Reminder – the next Parish Social Ministry meeting will be held on 7:30pm on Thursday, December 3rd at the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN AND THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

are proud to present 1 hour of free skating on Saturday, January 2nd from 11:00am to 12:00noon at the Bob Fallis Arena. Free Hot Chocolate and Goodies for all that attend. So get your skates out and bring the kids for an enjoyable hour of fun, frivolity and fellowship.



Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present
a New Years Eve Celebration
sponsored by Santissima Trindade

Thursday, December 31st, 2009

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall

Mass at 6:00pm, Cocktails at 7:00pm, Dinner at 7:30pm

Adult \$40.00 per person

Children \$20.00 age 5-12

A variety of International Music will be played

Catering by Casa Abril

Tickets will be available after each mass on weekends starting in November or call Joe Viveiros at 905-775-3063 to reserve your table or call the Parish Office at 905-775-2065.

Proceeds to the Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery Fund

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