

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



First Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Life Teen Mass—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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

Mother Teresa—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

Pastor:

Rev. Father Boniface Perri

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Father Allyn Rose

Priest Celebrant Spanish Mass: Rev. Father Juan Triviño

Deacons:

Rev. Mr. David Langley

Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

OFFICE STAFF

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MINISTERS

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Club

Social Club

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Stay awake! Do not let Him come suddenly and catch you asleep" (Mk. 13:33, 36). Today the Church begins her liturgical year with an exhortation to "be constantly on the watch." This sober and salutary thought is placed before us on this the First Sunday of Advent, to remind us to remain awake also in our preparation for the first coming of Jesus on earth in a little town called Bethlehem. The word "advent" means "coming." Hence, this is the time to prepare ourselves with prayer and some penance for the "coming," or birth of Jesus, on December 25th. Advent must find us awake and doing what is pleasing to our God. The night is past, that is, we must put aside the works of darkness with a good confession. We must remain awake and watchful in order to be able to make ourselves deserving of a grand reception on the birthday of our Savior. To be watchful means to be sober, calm and wide awake in our observance of God's laws.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

Please note that Daily Mass on December 26, & 27, will be celebrated at 9:30am

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th

- ❖ 6:00pm Mass
- ❖ 8:00pm Mass
- ❖ 9:30pm Spanish Mass
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

Boxing Day – Friday, December 26th

- ❖ 9:30am (Daily Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 27th & 28th

- ❖ REGULAR MASS TIMES for Saturday and Sunday

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Wednesday, December 31st, 2014

- ❖ 6:00pm (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Thursday January 1st, 2015

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 4th

2015 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 11, 2015 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00pm. Priests will be available to hear confessions in many languages. We invite everyone to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Boniface and Fr. Allyn will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 9-10am, 12-1pm, 4-5, and 6-7pm.

ADORATION

TO ACCOMMODATE FIRST CONFESSIONS, BENEDICTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:00PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AND TUESDAY DECEMBER 9TH. ALSO ON DECEMBER 16TH TO ACCOMMODATE OUR PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION.

"S" IS FOR STAR

The Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is on Saturday, December 13, 2014

2pm-4pm, Dress rehearsal will be 12:30-1:00pm.



This year will feature students from St. Marie of the Incarnation School, however, it is open to all who want to participate as angels or shepherds. Please call the Parish Office 905-775-2065.

CHURCH DECORATING



We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 20th 9:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to help and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

GARDEN of POINSETTIA



Christmas is a sacred time for the faithful and people often celebrate by assembling and decorating their churches. Parishioners are invited to **bring a poinsettia (red only) to the church preferably on December 22nd December 23rd.**

Labels will be supplied (at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes will be available at the back of the Church November 30 – December 15, 2014. For new parishioners, you may take a box with no name attached and please fill out the New Parishioner Form and include the number of the box of envelopes you have taken.



Pre-Authorized Giving

If you are interested in Pre-Authorized Giving, please come to the Parish Office to sign up.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00pm Saturday, November 29th

- + Alziro Janeiro & Laurinda Neto by Piedade Janeiro & Family
- + Augusto Balugas by Sandra Dias & Family
- + Antonio Ferreira Encarnacao by Fernandes Family
- + Angelina & Santo Mirabelli by Maria Mirabelli & Family
- + Manuel Borges by Wife Maria Borges
- + Mercedes Silva & Madalena Rocha by Maria Borges
- + Antonio & Maria Pacheco by Maria Borges
- + Manuel & Mercedes Melo by Maria Borges

Sunday, November 30th

- 8:30am + All Deceased Family Members by George & Grace Gomes
- 10:00am + Nizalda Lima by Mother
- 11:30am + Antonio Alberto Rocha by Silverio & Enza Saraccino
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, December 1st

- + All Faithful Departed by McEvenue Family
- + All Souls of Purgatory by David & Rosa Oliveira
- * Sp. Int. Our Lady of Fatima by Dinis Family
- + Ernesto & Arminda Marques by Maria & Helio Sousa
- + Gerry Slykhuys by CWL Members
- + John Gorzo, Sr. by Family
- + Ethel Jacobs by Eric & Brenda Jacobs
- + Mayra Patricia Sanchez Jimenez by St. Marie of the Incarnation School Staff & Students

8:30am Tuesday, December 2nd

- + Antonio Janeiro by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

7:00pm Wednesday, December 3rd

- + Paul Taucar by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

8:30am Thursday December 4th

- + Charo Ellen Flynn by Efrem & Edith Cabuyao & Family

7:00pm Friday, December 5th

- + Leonardo Ferragina by Anna Ferragina & Family

9:30am Saturday December 6th

- + John da Silva by Maria da Silva

5:00pm Saturday, December 6th

- + Sidonio Marques by Augusto & Laura Marques
- + Antonietta & Pasquale Baccileri by Family
- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Virgilio Domingues & Anna Gama by Lurdes & Family
- + Matthew Zic & Tony Toich by Mary Toich & Family
- + Antonio Martins by Wife & Children
- + Augusto Balugas by Sandra Dias & Family
- + 1st Anniversary Jose Cardoso by Wife & Children

Sunday, December 7th

- 8:30am + Joao Fernandes Barradas by Co-Workers from Dortec
 - 10:00am Pro Populo
 - 11:30am + Jopseh Matys by Vilma LaRoche & Family
 - 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 - 6:30pm + InThanksgiving for graces received through the intercession of St. Anthony by Eugenia Dinis
- "May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416 968-0997
Email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass	All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.
Nov. 30 – Super Denario Brothers	Dec. 1 – Help My Unbelief – Objections to the Sacraments
Dec. 7 - Social	Dec. 8 – The Pursuit of Happiness – Living the Sacraments
Dec. 14 – The Cross & the Altar	Dec. 15 – Christmas Social - Bowling

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Family Life Ministry has asked for us to have a devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help to support families and to strengthen those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. At this Mass we will pray, in the intentions, for all those in need, and consign all families to Our Lady's protection. Prayer, and community support, is very important for anyone in need, which is what we hope this devotion will accomplish. Traditionally the devotion is on Wednesday, so trusting that the Holy Spirit is working through this request, we will start December 10th which is the first Wednesday after the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The devotion is simple. It will be a prayer at the beginning of Mass and one after Mass and Intentions during Mass. To facilitate this, the devotion to St. Michael will not happen on Wednesday's. Afterwards, Father will be more than happy to speak with anyone who wishes to speak with him.

Please come join us as we pray for our families and one another.

We hope that this devotion will be of service to our parish.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Monday, December 1, 2015 – Election of Executive

Marriage Preparation Course

Holy Martyrs of Japan is once again offering a Marriage Preparation Course covering two weekends. The course starts Friday, January 30, 2015 (7:30 – 9:00) and Saturday January 31, 2015 (10:00-4:00) and continues Friday, February 6, 2015 (7:30-9:00) and Saturday, February 7, 2015 (10:00-4:00). The registration fee is \$120 per couple (includes lunch both Saturdays) and is due at the time of registration. Please come to the Parish Office to register.

For more information please call 905 775-2065.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CARDS

Our faith is the strongest when we pray at home as a family. To help foster this, the Family Life Committee, through the Knights of Columbus, have obtained prayer cards with a picture of the Holy Family. We encourage you to pick up a card and pray the prayer. You may pick one up from Father Boniface and if you would like a blessing before you start this devotion, Father would be happy to give a blessing.

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A payment of \$8,000 has been applied to the Mortgage. We now owe \$1,060,000. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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