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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 14, 9:00AM

+Joe & Fernando Pereira +Fernanda de Miranda Rola
+Joao Ferreira +Noella Gillen +Helen Ilona Szabo +Fr.
Davis Manadan & Special Intention in Thanksgiving to St.
Teresa of Avila *Special Intention for Vanessa & Leslie
*Special Intention for Emily * Special Intention for David
& Christa Fernandes *Special Intention In Thanksgiving to
our Migrant Workers

TUESDAY, October 15, 8:30AM

+Leo & Michael Mallet

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 7:00PM

+Jennifer & Sandra Da Silva

THURSDAY, October 17, 8:30AM

+Noah Artymko

FRIDAY, October 18, 7:00PM

+Manuel & John DaSilva

SATURDAY, October 19, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 19, 5:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues +Francisco Jose Rodrigues
+Victor Latoszek +Joaquim & Idalina Araujo +Arlindo
Araujo & Francisco Araujo +All deceased Ferreira
Family Members +John & Helen Szabo +Manuel Moniz
& Fernando Verissimo +Luzia Melo & Francelina Vieira
+Maria Do Carmo & Gilda Moniz +All Souls *Special
Intention for Vanessa & Leslie

SUNDAY, October 20, 8:30 AM

+Irene Rozbiewski & All Souls

SUNDAY October 20, 10:00AM

*Special Intention in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of
Fatima

SUNDAY, October 20, 11:30AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 20, 6:30PM

+Miranda Di Lorenzo

NEW PARISHIONER – OFFERING ENVELOPES

**Offering
Envelopes**

*If you are new to the community, Welcome
to Holy Martyrs of Japan! If you would like
to register, please feel free to pick up a*

*Sunday Offering box and/or complete a registration form
located in the narthex of the Church on the credenza.*

*You can either drop off your completed form at the office,
or include it with your first envelope offering. Pre-
Authorization and Offering Envelopes will also be made
available to you. If you have moved and have not notified
the Parish please call, so we can update our database 905
775 2065.*

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REFLECTION

What can adversity teach us about the blessing of thanksgiving and the healing power of love and mercy? The Book of Proverbs states: *A friend loves at all times; a brother is born for adversity. (Proverbs 17:17)* When adversity strikes you find out who truly is your brother, sister and friend. The Gospel records an unusual encounter between two peoples who had been divided for centuries. The Jews and Samaritans. Both were very openly hostile to one another. In this Gospel narrative we see one rare exception – a Samaritan leper in company with nine Jewish lepers. Sometimes adversity forces people to drop their barriers or to forget their prejudices. When this band of lepers saw Jesus they made a bold request. They did not ask for healing, but instead asked for mercy. The word *mercy* literally means “*sorrowful at heart*”. But mercy is something more than compassion, or heartfelt sorrow at another’s misfortune. Compassion empathizes with the sufferer. But mercy goes further – it removes suffering. A merciful person shares in another’s misfortune and suffering as if it were his or her own. And such a person will do everything in his or her power to dispel that misery.

God’s mercy brings healing of mind, heart and body. So what is the significance of these ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition. Why did only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? Gratefulness, another word which expresses gratitude of heart and a thankful disposition, is related to *grace* – which means *the release of loveliness*. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God. If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy and help shown to us we will be ungrateful and unkind towards others. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other vices, such as complaining, grumbling, discontentment, pride, and presumption. Do you express gratitude to God for his abundant help and mercy towards you? Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

“It is a matter of grace, unless the Lord gives it to you, and unless you ask for it, some people may not fully understand what a treasure we have in front of the Blessed Sacrament”

“Every Catholic Church should have eucharistic adoration because this is who we are. This is what Christ gave us at the cross-the Eucharist. And although there may be obstacles, they can all be overcome.”- Catholic Register, December 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 13, 2019

REMINDERS



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

On Friday November 1, 2019, all Saints Day, there will be a Mass at 8:30am and one at 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour.

All Souls Day, reminds us of our own mortality, that the love of each of us is limited and we need to be ready to meet our Lord when he calls us. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and our beloved dead. Through our prayers may they find eternal rest. There will be a Mass held on Saturday November 2, 2019 at 12:00pm at our cemetery on 9th line.



ALPHA ... Back by Popular Demand

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be once again hosting the Alpha Series on Thursday's at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Alpha is a program which seeks to introduce or hear a new, the basics of our Christian Catholic Faith through a series of talks and interactive sessions and discussions. Each talk looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is a program that is run worldwide and EVERYONE is welcome. Centered around food, friends and discussion, we re-introduce ourselves and further explore our faith and the meaning of life. It is a chance to share thoughts and ideas with one another in an open, honest and friendly environment. The series dates are as follows: Thursday October 17, 24, *Tuesday October 29, November 7, 14, 21, 28 December 5 & 12

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Grades 1-8

Calling all children.... You are invited to come and register/ participate in the children's choir. First meeting will be on **Saturday October 19, 2019 at 3:45pm in the parish hall**. Practices will be every other Saturday (bi-weekly), at the same time, thereafter. The children's choir will be singing at the 5:00pm Saturday evening Mass, once a month beginning the second Sunday of Advent.

PARISH EVENTS



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on Sunday October 27, 2019. Please come and support our Knights and their mission.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2019



Doors open at 6:00pm

Live Music – Food – Drinks – Raffle Prizes

\$20.00/Adult - \$15.00/Child (ages 2-12)

\$25.00 at the door

Tickets available after Mass and at the Parish Office Fundraiser event in support of Edge and Lifeteen Ministries

SACRAMENTS

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS

Information packages regarding each of these Sacraments was distributed at each of the parent meetings held earlier this month. 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.** Thank you in advance to all the teachers in our schools and you the parents for their/your dedication and love for Christ in preparing our children and our young people for their next step in their Sacramental journey.

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

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

Oct 14 -No Edge -Thanksgiving

Oct 21 - Proof in the Paint

Oct 28 - Bunco Baby



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"

Oct 13 -No Life Night

Oct 20 - Photo Scavenger Hunt

Oct 27 - No Life Night

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