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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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## 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

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1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

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## 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.

## SITTING WITH SCRIPTURE

Some people imagine humility to be a weakness. Humility receives a terrible reputation and becomes identified with things it is not. Some people see humility as a kind of constant self-denigration by which we feel that we are supposed to deny our abilities and powers, those special gifts God has given to every one of us. That is really a rejection of the Creator's gifts to each of us that tragically passes for "humility."

There is also a phony humility that becomes a disguise for arrogance, when a person uses the language of humility as a way of extracting more applause. We all know how it goes: "You did a great job." "No, it wasn't that great." "No, it was really terrific." "No, it was nothing." It's phony humility. Real humility is about truth, truth about ourselves, our soul and our need of God's grace. Humility is, first of all, clarity and honesty about ourselves, the gifts and talents we have and, more importantly, about the gifts we don't have, about our limitations.

The first reading from the Old Testament Book of Sirach teaches us to live our life with this humility, that is, without pretense.

Finally, humility is not just truth about ourselves or the state of our soul but also about our need of God's grace.

The Lord is speaking to those who had an inflated sense of their own self-righteousness and to those who think they are self-made Christians. The truth is we need God's grace. Only the Lord can call us higher to stronger spiritual life and strength. When a person tries to claim a deeper spirituality than he or she really has, that is, when we think we can do everything by ourselves, exalting ourselves and we stop going to God and we fall. But when our pretense is gone, then we are wide open to God's grace and His call to come higher to real spiritual growth.

Humility, the virtue of truth about ourselves, our soul and our need of God's grace, doesn't keep us from fooling God because we can't fool God. Humility keeps us from fooling ourselves.

Captured Fire by S. Joseph Krempa

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was the first anniversary of the opening of the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on Tuesday's from 9:00am to 7:00pm. We want to extend a special "thank you" to everyone who committed to a specific time. We certainly do need more people to join us, especially where there are times when only one or two people have signed up. For those who drip in sometimes, the Lord is most happy to see you, but a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel can only function properly when people commit to a certain time each week. May the Good Lord continue to give us many graces and blessings. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 905-775-2065.

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Servers are an integral part of the Mass and they bring a sense of solemnity to our liturgical celebrations. We are in need of more servers, now more than ever. Altar

Servers are not limited only to the young, but can be of any age as long they have received their First Communion and are interested in this very rewarding ministry. Please see Fr. Boniface after any of the weekend Masses or call the office at 905-775-2065.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for August 25<sup>th</sup> was \$5,483.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

One or two dollars more with help us through the summer months.

## Pre-Authorized Giving

My Mom once said "money can't buy you the things that are most important, but boy do you still need it".

If you looked around at Mass this Sunday you noticed that in the summer months people take the opportunity to go on vacation and enjoy the weather. All good things. I myself will be taking advantage of this in August. But without intending it, what that does is create a boom and bust cycle in our finances. We do well from October to June and struggle July through September.

However, I might ask that you think about Pre-Authorized Giving. You can sign up for this in the Parish Office. This is a system where money is automatically taken from your account and transferred to the Parish. You obviously set your own amount and it appears on your statement. It is taken only for regular offerings (no money is removed for second collections). Even when you go on vacation, your donation is made and it allows for an even cash flow for the year. Some people say "well when I am at Mass and it's time for the collection, I feel compelled to put something in". Many people do. Those on Pre-Authorized Giving still get envelopes and simply put a blank one in, writing on the envelope PAG.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this small report.

## PILGRIMAGE

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish is organizing a pilgrimage in this Year of Faith for **Saturday, September 14, 2013** with a bus leaving at 8:00am for Mass at 10:00am, returning approximately at 6:00pm. We then go the Martyrs Shrine in Midland on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> with a 12:30pm departure and back at 6:00pm (see below message - Rosary Sunday) to complete our journey. Buses for both days will leave from the Church parking lot. Cost for the bus approximately is \$15.00 per person for Saturday. The bus cost to Martyrs Shrine on Sunday is approximately \$10.00 per person.

We will be visiting **St. Paul's Basilica, St. Michael's Cathedral and Marylake Shrine on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> and the Martyrs Shrine on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for Rosary Sunday.** As per the letter from Thomas Cardinal Collins, by visiting these sites during the Year of Faith, we may gain a Plenary Indulgence. If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please call and register with the Parish Office at 905-775-2065.

## IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be a meeting for all who have signed up for the pilgrimage to the Churches to gain the Plenary Indulgence, at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Large Meeting Room.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>5:00pm Saturday, August 31st</b>
Special Intentions for Rob & Angela by Lush Family
Olivia Ribeiro Casalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
Johanna McEvenue by McEvenue Family
All Souls by Fernandes Family
Carmel & Jerry Colford by Son – Joe
Jose & Maria Pontes by Luis & Zelia Pontes
Rosaria Prosper by Daughter
Nuno Azevedo by Isabel Ferreira & Maria Fernandes & Families
<b>Sunday, September 1st</b>
8:30am - All Souls by Jorge & Grace Gomes
10:00am – Guelhermina de Jesus Morais by Maria & Fernando Miranda
11:30am – Pro Populo
4:45pm – Spanish Mass
6:30pm – Manuel & Carlos Santos by Wife & Mother – Norbinda & Family
<b>9:30am Monday, September 2nd</b>
+ All Souls
<b>8:30am Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
For the Marriage of Jessica and Andrew by Father Boniface
<b>7:00pm Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup></b>
Special Intentions for Maria Fernandes by Fernandes Family
<b>8:30am Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup></b>
Adam Koch by Gasko Family
<b>7:00pm Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup></b>
All Souls by Lourdes Marques
<b>9:30am Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup></b>
All Souls by Maria da Silva
<b>5:00pm Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup></b>
Francisco Rodrigues & Jose Francisco by Wife & Mother – Ester
Giuseppe Beninati by Wife – Francesca
William Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
Loucie & Tony Toich by Mary & Family
Pasquale & Antonietta Baccilieri by Family
Jose Capela Correira by Alzira Barros
John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
Robert Karola & Edgar Moeller by Daughter
<b>Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b>
8:30am All Souls in Purgatory by Rosa & David Oliveira
10:00am Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
11:30am Rudolf Petrus Picavet by Fred Picavet & Family
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Pro Populo
<b>“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”</b>

## CWL TICKETS

**Dear CWL Members:** For those who didn't get a chance to pick up their CWL Bazaar raffle tickets this past weekend, please call Carol Sargeant at 905-775-2778 for delivery or pickup. This is one of our main fundraisers for the year and money from the raffle is distributed to our local charities. We have four wonderful prizes. Everyone's help is needed to make the raffle a success. Thanks!

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The Pilgrimage to Italy has been delayed. We will try again in the Spring 2014. Please wait for more information or you can contact Stan at International Heritage Tours 1-905-886-5610 ext. 339.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the Parish Office is closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the Labour Day Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am. The office will also be closed on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for a Staff Meeting. The office will re-open on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## AN ANGEL IS COMING

If you have been over at our cemetery since the expansion, you have noticed at the end of the road is a turn-around. You will notice rods sticking out of the center. It has always been the desire when the cemetery was expanded not only to make this a place to lay our loved ones to rest, but to remind those who visit that our true home is in heaven and that in Christ there is no death. We on earth are members of Christ's body and the society of the Church as were our loved ones, and, as they still are, nothing separates those bound in Christ. There is no veil that completely cuts us off from them. While our loved ones are never far away, in Christ there is still a mystical union connecting all of us. This is why when we pray for them and in prayer speak to them, we can still, at times, feel them close to us, or indeed they are Christ Himself revealed. As quoted when he said "God the Father is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (Mt. 22:32), not he was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He never speaks of the deceased in the past tense. They are with us. I have been discussing with the Cemetery Board how to represent this in a way that also honours our blessed dead buried at the cemetery. We have decided on a statue of an angel. You can see a picture of it at the back of the Church on the bulletin board.

Keeping to the custom, there will be space on the sides and back of the statue for those who wish a special remembrance of family members. The front of the statue will contain words of universal remembrance. The donation for this is \$200.00. It will be shown on your tax receipt next January. Due to space limitations, and, so as to offer this option to as many people as possible, we are asking that only one name be given per donation, (a maximum of 18 characters including spaces). There is room for about 150 names on the base. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, please contact the office at 905-775-2065.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ON CAMPUS

If you are a student entering college or university this Fall, remember to check out the Catholic ministries that exist on your campus. Catholic associations and clubs provide a great opportunity to meet new people and to grow in your faith while living the student life. Check out your school's website for more information on campus clubs, ask where the Chapel and Chaplaincy services are and look for Catholic ministries at open house events during orientation week. May God Bless you as you prepare for the future.

## RCIA INQUIRY

The RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) is for any adults 18 years old or older who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

## Marriage Preparation Course

Our Lady of Grace Parish will be offering a Marriage Preparation Course on the weekend of:-

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00pm to 9:30pm  
 Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am to 4:30pm  
 Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am to 11:30am

Cost is \$175.00 per couple. Please contact their Parish Office at 705-424-1551. Our Lady of Grace Parish is located at 27 Centre Street, Angus, Ont.



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