We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am 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

 St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

 St. Charles—905-775-6762

 St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

 St. Angela Merici—289-231-2085

Pastor:Rev. Father Joshua RoldanAssociate Pastor:Rev. Father Massillamani ZachariasPriest Celebrant Spanish Mass: Rev. Father Efren Alvarez-PelayoDeacons:Rev. Mr. David Langley
Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

OFFICE STAFF

Office Bus Manager: Delia McEvenue Office Assistant: Lynn Lush Anna Maria Mongillo MINISTERS

Ministry to Housebound/Shut-ins: Sister Jean Doyle O.S.U. Youth Ministry: Ray Reitzel reitzel@hotmail.com Catechist: Nicole Fernandes catechist.hmoj@hotmail.com El Sembrador (Ministry to Migrant Workers): Nancy Mora elsembrador.hmoj@gmail.com

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha Consolation and Hope CWL (Catholic Women's League) EDGE Youth Ministry El Sembrador Knights of Columbus Liturgical Ministers RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis Seniors Club Seniors Outreach St. Vincent de Paul Society

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo Nossa Senhora De Fatima Santissima Trindade

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS:</u> 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.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you..."

What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? One of the most important things that we have to learn as Christians is how to forgive one another. The mercy of God is not only given to us to free us from our sins, but also be given away to those who have sinned against us. But sometimes, forgiving can be difficult for people-because the wounds and pains from sin can cut deep into the heart.

Christ guides us on how to forgive through His own example and through His word.

First, don't sulk or brood over an offense – that can poison the mind and heart and make it difficult to speak to the person who hurt you.

Second, seek the advice of someone wise, like a spiritual director, or someone who can honestly give you an objective view of the situation. The emphasis here is that they are trying to help you restore a broken relationship, not put the person on trial. Finally, Pray, pray and pray for the offender – pray for healing, pray for reconciliation – cause we know only God can give us the grace to forgive.

We cannot put obstacles in healing and reconciliation – the love of Christ purifies and sets us free to do good to all, even to those who cause us grief.

"Lord, make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love..."



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Come join in the festivities! ALL are welcome to a wonderful night out for the whole family at Holy Martyrs of Japan. Doors open at 6:00pm Schnitzel and Oktoberfest sausage for dinner. \$15.00/person, \$10.00 per child (12 and under) and children under 5 years of age are FREE! Entertainment will be provided by Acclamation Nation. Any donations for raffle prizes are most appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Tickets will be available for sale in September after Sunday Masses. Please come out and support our parish youth ministry!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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This ministry takes place at the 10am Mass every Sunday, as volunteer you will be paired up with a partner and your volunteer commitment will be approximately 20-30 min. every six weeks or so and about half an hour to prepare using the available book. If we cannot find enough volunteers for this ministry it may have to be suspended until further interest.

"Whether, therefore, we receive what we ask for, or do not receive it, let us still continue steadfast in prayer. For to fail in obtaining the desires of our heart, when God so wills it, is not worse than to receive it; for we know not as he does, what is profitable to us. "- St. John Chrysostom

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Sunday September 17, 2017



There will be a Mexican Independence Day Celebration with potluck (Latin Food Festival) following the

Spanish Mass at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please confirm your participation and attendance to this event on Sunday September 3 or Sunday September 10 by writing your name, number of family members and your potluck dish on a list that will be provided at the entrance of the Church before and after the Spanish Mass. Please note your dish is your ticket to the event for you and your family. Dishes donated should be made to serve 8-10 people.

Please keep our guests, the Mexican Agricultural workers in your hearts and remember, they are our parish mission. If you are interested in helping with the organization of this celebration please contact the parish office at 905-775-2065.

CELEBRACION DEL DIA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA DE MEXICO

Domingo 17 de Septiembre, 2017 habrá una celebración de dia de la Independencia de Mexico con potluck (festival de comida Latina) después de la Misa a las 4:00pm en el salón parroquial. Por favor confirme su participación a esta actividad, los Domingos 3 y 10 de Septiembre, 2017 en la entrada de la parroquia encontrara una lista coloque su nombre y el numero de personas de su familia que van asistir y el nombre de plato con que va a participar, esto lo puede hacer antes o después del la Misa. Tenga en cuenta que su plato es su boleto al evento para usted y su familia. Platos donados deben hacerse servir 8-10 personas.

Recuerden en su corazon, que los trabajadores Agricolas son nuestros invitados y nuestra mission en esta parroquia. Si desea colaborar en la organización por contacto de información: oficina parroquial 905 775 2065.

"With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

--Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY FOR BRADFORD NURSING HOME

Volunteers Needed for Eucharistic Ministry at Bradford Nursing Home. This commitment would require you to be part of a team of three or four volunteers to distribute the sacrament of the Eucharist once a month to our elderly brothers and sisters who no longer have the privilege of coming to receive it on their own. If this is a ministry that speaks to your heart, please inquire at the parish office.



PASTORAL REFERENCE FOR TEACHERS

Planning to become a Catholic Teacher? It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario, as part of your application for

employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. (Due to requirement and policy changes you are required to produce a letter each year. If you (or your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, it is highly recommended you conatact the pastor directly. Please plan in advance to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid any disappointment and stress at the time when applications are being submitted.



Blood Donor Clinic

Wednesday September 13, 2017 from 3:00- 8:00 pm in Parish Hall

Offering NEW PARISHIONERS-OFFERING ENVELOPES Envelopes

Welcome to Holy Martyrs of Japan! If you would like to register, please pick up and complete a registration form located in the narthex of the Church on the credenza and drop off your completed form at the office. 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 2067.

"RUN WITH IT"

Questioning your faith is not a sign of weakness but one of strength, validating that your faith is alive and well! Due to it's success, we are going to continue with our "Run with it" series again this coming fall. Please complete the suggestion form below with any questions or topics you wish to discuss about our faith. You may drop off the suggestion form in the yellow box at the back counter in the gathering space to be considered for the next session.

"RUN WITH IT" SUGGESTION FORM

An ongoing Process of Adult Catechesis Are there any questions about the Catholic Faith that you would like answered? A topic that you would like to explore? Please print your questions and /or topic in the space below:



[&]quot;Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

