

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

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

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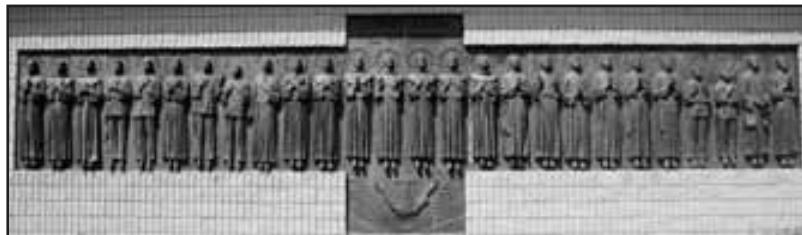
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

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

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- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
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- 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

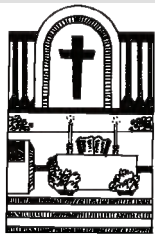
New Parishioners: WELCOME! You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



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

AROUND THE ALTAR OF THE LORD



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Not too long ago a young boy asked me "Father, why do we pray the same words over and over again at Mass?" So I asked him, what was the most important words he heard at Mass today? He said, that the words of institution was most important when "Jesus took the bread and wine and turned into His Body and Blood". The next week I asked him the same question, and he said, he noticed the "Gloria", then he stopped and said, "That's it, isn't Father?" We say the same things over and over as we hear new things every time we say it".

For most of us, the Mass is a source of comfort and joy. In its words and symbols we see God's wonder and in the Eucharist we receive Christ our Lord and God in our hearts becoming tabernacles of the Most High. And while these words and symbols are so familiar, like that young boy it is good at times to ask why we do what we do. To grow more confident in our understanding of the Mass or even to discover something new or to fall in love with the Mass again, the source and summit of our faith. To help us do this, in the bulletin we will be presenting a little reflection on the Mass and our Worship during the Sundays in Ordinary Time. I hope that these small reflections may edify all of us as we approach the Altar of the Lord and experiencing anew His awesome presence and love for us all.

THE SACRIFICE and WHY MASS on SUNDAY?

Christian communities have gathered on Sundays to participate in the Sacred Liturgy from the earliest centuries. They would celebrate with the vigil the night before gathering for the celebration. Sunday is sacred to Christians and appropriately replaces the Jewish Sabbath Day, Saturday, primarily because Sunday is the day of Our Lord's Resurrection. Every Sunday the Church celebrates the resurrection as the single most important event in salvation history. It was for the redemption of all of us that God became man, Jesus Christ, and the Resurrection completes His act of redemption which He began on the cross. By raising His Son from the dead, God the Father accepts His Son's sacrifice of His life on the Cross for the redemption of us, which is the same sacrifice that is offered at every Mass. Mass offered on the day of the Resurrection reminds the faithful that the sacrifice that the Church offers in union with Christ has been found acceptable and that as members of Christ's Church we can participate in Christ's Resurrection.

Sunday is the appropriate day for the Resurrection because it is the first day of the week and the day following the Old Testament Sabbath. The Resurrection of Christ marks the first day the new creation. Man who had sinned in the first creation and fallen away from friendship with God, has been restored to friendship with God through the redemption that the Resurrection completes. Sunday, in celebration of Christ's completed work of the New Creation that has enabled us to become freed from sin and to rise from the dead and while it is true that we celebrate mass during the other days of the week, of course they are all valid masses but are of a more devotional nature and for our edification they are simpler and in no way can they replace the knowledge and joy that it was on this day that we are saved.

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation \$5,050.70

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Help us to reach our weekly goal. Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week to carry us through the slower summer months.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Catholic Parish of Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a 10 week Bereavement Support program. This ministry will provide individual and group bereavement support for those people who have experienced the death of one whom they have loved.

The sessions are every Thursday in the parish hall starting at 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The first session starts on September 17th and ends on November 19th.

The cost of this program is \$20.00 per person for the 10 week course, and is payable at the first meeting.

To register or if you require any further information, please call the parish office.

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an Altar Servers Meeting On **Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00am**. All current Altar Servers are asked to attend and must have served one year or more. Please come to this meeting as it will give us an opportunity to continue to aid you in performing this important ministry here at Holy Martyrs. If you cannot attend, please contact Fr. Boniface at 905-775-2065.



Altar Servers Needed

To All Children and Youth:

We need your help to make our Mass truly beautiful. Altar Servers not only help the priest in leading the community in prayer, but add a sense of solemnity and dignity to the Mass. If you have received your First Communion and are interested in serving at the altar, please let Fr. Boniface know. There will be 2 training meetings to which your child must attend. **October 10th**

and **October 17th beginning at 11:00am** in the church. Your presence at these meetings will be welcomed.

SACRAMENTS

First Communion and First Reconciliation

Registration and information meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th 2009 at 7:00pm in the Church.

Children 7 years old (grade 2).

IMPORTANT REMINDER - We ask everyone to bring a **copy of their child's baptismal certificate** and a **completed registration form** to this meeting. Forms are available at the back of the church after Mass or at the Parish Office.

Quote from the Saint of the Week

"Cheer up, where there is life, there is hope!"

St. Robert Bellarmine (Sept 17th)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, September 12th

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Ester Barros & Family
- + All Souls by Maria Da Silva
- + Alziro & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio Janeiro & Family
- + Julio Barroso by Silva Family
- + Celeste Henriques by Idalina & Carlos Correia

Sunday, September 13th

- 8:30am All Souls
- 10:00am John Schankula by Wife & Family
- 11:30am Pro Populo
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm All Souls

7:00pm Monday, September 14th

- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca Beninati
- + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- + Celeste Henriques by Maria Rosa & Jose Fernandes
- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + All Saints by Bernardete Ferriera

8:00am Tuesday, September 15th

- + All Souls

7:00pm Wednesday, September 16th

- + All Souls

8:00am Thursday, September 17th

- + All Souls

7:00pm Friday, September 18th

- + All Souls

9:15am Saturday, September 19th

- + All Souls

5:00pm Saturday, September 19th

- + Antonio Santana, Vitorina Nazario, Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- + Maria Rosa Miranda, Manuel & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
- + Emi Chavez by McEvenue Family
- + Special Intentions – Rafael Chavez & Family by McEvenue Family

Sunday, September 20th

- 8:30am Pro Populo
- 10:00am Patrick Malloy by Neil & Ellen Rombough
- 11:30am All Souls
- 5:00pm Spanish
- 6:30pm All Souls

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Sept 13th – 6:00pm – El Sembrador Mexican holiday – Parish Hall
- Mon Sept 14th – 1:30pm – Seniors Group
- Mon Sept 14th – 7:30pm – RCIA Meeting
- Mon Sept 14th – 7:30pm – CWL General Meeting
- Tue Sept 15th – 7:00pm – New Beginnings Group
- Wed Sept 16th – 3:00pm – Blood Donor Clinic
- Thu Sept 17th – 7:00pm – Bereavement Support Group
- Sun Sept 20th – ROSARY SUNDAY
- Sun Sept 20th – 10:45am – Choir Practice

ATTENTION:

MEETING FOR LECTORS, USHERS
and EURCHARIST MINISTERS

Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7:00pm in the Church.

ATTENTION:

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be sign up sheets in the Sacristy for the following ministries:-

- Workbooks for the Lectors for 2010
- Visiting the Sick & Homebound for the Eucharistic Ministers

Please sign your name to the list so we can order books accordingly. Any concerns or questions, please contact the parish office.

SOCIAL GROUP



Holy Martyrs of Japan would like to start up a social group to offer events to bring the parish together. Events may include pilgrimages social nights, and outings. But we need help to arrange these events. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact

Fr. Boniface or the Parish office.

What is New Beginnings? It is a ministry to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a NEW BEGINNING in life. We hold retreat weekends, monthly meetings and parish support groups.

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be holding the NEW BEGINNING MEETINGS on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** commencing at **7:00pm** in the parish meeting rooms. The first meeting is on **Tuesday, September 15th**. All are welcome.

RCIA · WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

Each year individuals approach our Church to inquire about becoming a full member of the Catholic faith. The rite of Christian initiation is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. It is the grace of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives as they seek to learn to fully know the lord and live fully the life he has given us.

If you are interested, please see Father Boniface or call the parish office.

SENIORS GROUP

If you are retired or age 55 years or older and would like to come together for a bit of social time, then join our Seniors Group on **Mondays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**. If there is any interest, we will be introducing new venues for example: A Knitting Circle. And of course there is always Cards – (Bid Euchre), but other cards games if there an interest. The Seniors Group will start up again on **September 14th**. Come out and join one of our new clubs and support your parish in these new venues.

LIBRARY NEWS

With much joy, we are re-opening our Parish Library now located in its new home in the Small Meeting Room. If anyone would like to make use of the library please come to the Parish Office. We are however, looking for additional books, especially of a devotional or catechist nature. Or even books on the Saints or Scriptures, for adults or children. If you have such a book, please bring it into the office and if suitable we would be more than happy to place it in our library for all to enjoy.

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