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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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

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

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Mother Teresa—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

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El Sembrador

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Life Teen

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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.

SITTING WITH SCRIPTURE

Jesus' original audience must have been puzzled indeed when they heard one of the Lord's better-known parables for the first time. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one...." Well, they probably thought, precisely no man! Sheep were a precious commodity in the ancient world, and no shepherd worth his salt would willingly risk ninety-nine in order to find one. The Lord's follow-up story would most likely have left them equally confused. "What woman having ten coins and losing one would not...sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she callher friends and neighbors and says...'Rejoice with me.'" The coin in question was of very little value, less than a penny. For that miniscule amount of money, she would turn her house upside down and then, upon discovering it, would call for a party?

And thus we come to the point. Jesus speaks of the God who loves us lavishly, extravagantly, exuberantly, ever, dare I say it, irrationally. Think of the father of the Prodigal Son, who violates every canon of justice and right order when he welcomes back (with a party!) the child who had spurned him. One way to sum up the good news of the Gospel is to say, quite simply, that the Father of Jesus Christ is crazy about us.

No matter how important we are in this world, no matter our history, God the Father is there always waiting for us with open arms. All we need to do is turn toward Him. This at times can be scary! It calls for courage and hope. The tax collectors and public sinners would have heard the call to repent". The prodigal son actually did repent "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son", in essence he confessed his sins. But they were rewarded with a love and a joy beyond all expectations.

Excerpted from: A Light unto My Path by Very Rev. Robert Barron

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 September 8th, was \$6,072.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

St. Mary's Church is holding a Bereavement Support Program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The program starts September 18th and runs every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm for eight weeks. Please call the Parish Office at 705-728-2985 and a member of the bereavement committee will call you back with further details.

What is a Parishioner?



It is a person or family who either live within the parish boundaries and/or have registered based on their weekly attendance at Sunday Mass to make Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish their spiritual home. Parishioners have a right to the sacramental ministry of the parish, including marriage or having their children Baptised or Confirmed here. They are remembered in the daily prayers for the people and the benefactors of the church. They are included in all spiritual and educational events at the parish. They have the opportunity to participate in the ministries at the parish.

If you know of anyone who would like to belong to our Parish, there are welcoming envelopes on the counter at the back of the Church. Please give these envelopes to them so that they can find Christ's love and mercy.

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. The RCIA is looking for sponsors to journey with our candidates.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 18, 2013 – Blood Donor Clinic 3-8pm

Oct. 5, 2013 – Blessing of Animals - 10:00am

Oct. 6, 2013 – Mothering Full of Grace 10-12noon

Oct. 12 & 13, 2013 – Our Lady of Fatima

October 12, 2013 Feitas da Irmandade, Santissima Trindade de Bradford

Oct. 10, 17 & 24 2013 – Canadian Saints Workshop

Canadian Saints & Us

On October 10, 17, and 24, Jim Dunn from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of the Formation of Discipleship, will be speaking to us about our Canadian Saints. Three such saints, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (1620-1700), St. Andre Bessette (1845-1937), and St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) are inspirations for us as we seek to discover, or re-discover the God within us. Come and join these interesting, informative and faith-filled discussions on how we can relate to these early Canadian servants of Christ through our own discipleship. The evenings will start at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

REGISTRATION DATES for FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Registration for First Communion is on

Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00pm in the Church.

We will be having two Registration dates for Confirmation

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

Saturday, October 26th at 2:00pm in the Church

If your child is in Grade 2 for First Communion and Grade 8 for Confirmation, be sure to attend these very important meetings.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, September 14th

- + Jim Vonk by Vonk Family
- + Celia Hand by Jardine Family
- + Antonio Martins by Wife Celeste & Children
- + Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
- + Sidonio Marques by Carvalho & Marques Families
- + Carmel & Jerry Colford by son Joe
- + Maria Gomes & Joao Abreu by Fernandes Family
- + Johanna McEvenue by Vilma LaRoche & Family

Sunday, September 15th

- 8:30am +Pro Populo
- 10:00am +Antonietta Baccilieri by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- 11:30am +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm + Adam Koch by Joe & Mary Mendrek

7:00pm Monday, September 16th

- + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
- + Joao Laranjeiro & Augusto Clemente by Family
- + Judy Tate & Janos Szabo by Florence & Family
- + Saints Jude & Gerard by a Parishioner
- + Jerry & Carmel Colford by son Joe
- + Eugenia Francisco by Braganza Family

8:30am Tuesday, September 17th

- + Michael Mallet by Mom & Dad - Marie & Leo Mallet

7:00pm Wednesday, September 18th

- + Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family

8:30am Thursday, September 19th

- + All Souls

7:00pm Friday, September 20th

- + Joseph Giglio by Family

9:30am Saturday, September 21st

- + All Souls by Maria da Silva

5:00pm Saturday, September 21st

- + Claudino Neto & Maria De Jesus Rosa by Rosa & David Oliveira
- + Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
- + Teresa Silva by Family
- + All Souls by Jose & Maria Pereira
- + John Schankula by Wife & Family
- + Blossom D'Croix by Carl & Family
- + Silvano & Alice Fernandes by Silva Family
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

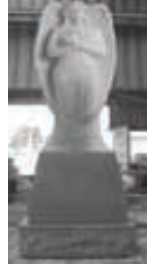
Sunday, September 22nd

- 8:30am +James & Gary Mulligan by Rick & Lois Girard & Family
- 10:00am Pro Populo
- 11:30am +Annie Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm + Gloria Mendes & Antonio Francisco by Fatima & Children

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

AN ANGEL IS COMING

As some of you heard by now, there is a statue of a large angel being placed in the cemetery, where the turn-around is, to honor our blessed dead. 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.



Mexican Independence Day Sunday, September 15th

2013

at 4:00pm

POT LUCK!

Please bring any typical or favourite dish of your country. Please email Nancy Mora at nmora@rogers.com



Blood Donor Clinic



There will be a blood donor clinic in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 from 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Feitas da Irmandade

Santissima Trindade de Bradford
Dinner and Dance

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall
Saturday, October 12, 2013 6:30pm

For tickets please call:

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| Joao Vieira | (905) 775-4473 |
| Eduarda Furtado | (905) 775-4085 |
| Marcia Raposo | (905) 775-5179 |
| Adults | \$30.00 |
| Children (7-12 years) | \$15.00 |

Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday Oct. 12, 2013 Mass at 7:00pm
followed by candlelight procession

Sunday Oct. 13, 2013 Mass at 1:00pm followed
by procession

Syria Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto is asking all its parishes to gather funds for the people of Syria. Please make cheques payable to Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish - Syria - Humanitarian Relief, or you may donate online www.archtoronto.org

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416 968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca

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