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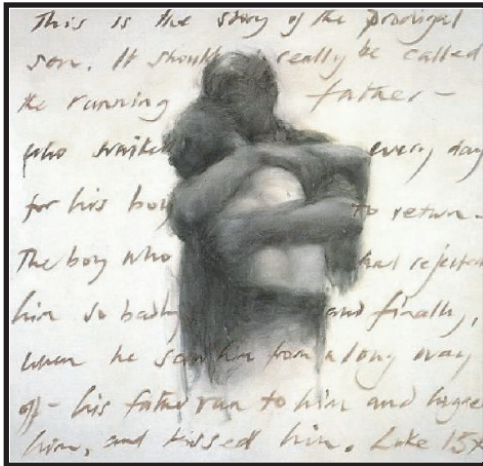
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:00am

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.

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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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 16, 7:00PM

+ Patrick & Margaret Connolly +Carmen Sunga +Maria Rego

TUESDAY, September 17, 8:30AM

+Leo & Michael Mallet

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 7:00PM

*Special Intention In Thanksgiving to Our Lady

THURSDAY, September 19, 8:30AM

+Maria da Luz & Acacio Alberto

FRIDAY, September 20, 7:00PM

+Amerino & Antoinetta Marrelli

SATURDAY, September 21, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 21, 5:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues +All Souls +Fatima & Gil Amleida +Kenneth Quinn +John & Helen Szabo +Eduardo & Irma Lancha + Fernanda de Miranda Rola
*Special Intention for June Quinn

SUNDAY, September 22, 8:30 AM

+Joao Fernandes Barradas & Francisco Rodrigues

SUNDAY September 22, 10:00AM

*Special Intention for Michaela & Enza Pellegrini

September 22, 11:30AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 22, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

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 2067.

EL SEMBRADOR



Helpers needed to store and repair bicycle donations for Migrant workers. If anyone has bikes in good working condition that you would like to donate, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065.

REFLECTION

If you lost something of great value and importance to you wouldn't you search for it until you found it? God the Father does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. He earnestly searches for the lost until they are restored and joyfully united with the whole community of heaven. When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' motive and practice of associating with sinners of ill-repute, Jesus responds by giving them a three-fold lesson in the parables of the lost sheep, the coin, and the lost son. Both the shepherd and the housewife "search until what they have lost is found." Their perseverance pays off. They both instinctively share their joy with the whole community. The poor are particularly good at sharing in one another's sorrows and joys. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that the lost sinner must be sought out and not merely mourned for their separation from God and the community of the just. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone, but desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God. Pray persistently and prayerfully seek after those you know who have lost their way.

What is the main point of the parable of the prodigal son? While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him. His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son- his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life-pure, worthy, and joyful-of each and every person who returns to the merciful embrace of the waiting Father in heaven. The parable of the prodigal son also contrasts mercy and forgiveness with their opposites-an unwillingness to forgive and to be reconciled. The father who had been wronged, was forgiving and merciful towards the younger son who recognized his need for forgiveness. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving and refused to be reconciled with his brother. His refusal to forgive turns into contempt and pride. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners. God is truly generous, kind and forgiving towards us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him. He searches our hearts to show us where true love and mercy can be found and he leads us back to the way of everlasting joy and happiness. God the Father always rejoices in searching out those who have strayed and he welcomes them home with open arms. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS



I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Joshua, Fr. Mani or the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.

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 with any questions or topics you wish to discuss about our faith. You may pick up and drop off the suggestion form in the yellow box at the back counter in the gathering space to be considered for the upcoming session.



ALPHA ... Back by Popular Demand

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be once again hosting the Alpha Series starting on **Thursday October 3, 2019 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 10, October 17, 24, *Tuesday October 29, November 7, 14, 21, 28 December 5, 12. To RSVP, volunteer or if you have any questions please contact Ray at 905 251 8151 or the office at 905 775 2065.

THANKSGIVING IS COMING!

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one"- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Let us not forget to share the blessings we have been given. Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this thanksgiving! Feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the back of the Church.

WELCOME TO OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

CHAPEL... *come be with our Lord in awe of his presence, to know His peace, joy, blessings and mercies. It is time to draw near to His heart and you will be filled with His strength and power.*

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

For those students wishing to register and participate in the 2020 Sacrament of Confirmation there will be two meetings in October of which we would ask parents and confirmation candidates to attend to better understand the registration and celebration process of confirmation. The Parent information meetings are as follows:

Tuesday October 1, 2019 at 7:00pm

OR

Saturday October 5, 2019 at 10:00am

Please attend ONE!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

For those students wishing to register and celebrate First Holy Communion there will be two meetings in October of which we would ask parents and communion candidates to attend to better understand the registration and celebration process communion and reconciliation. The Parent information meetings are as follows:

Tuesday October 8, 2019 at 7:00pm

OR

Saturday October 12, 2019 at 10:00am

Please attend ONE!

YOUTH 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. **Parent Information and Registration night is September 23, 2019 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.**



Starts Sunday September 29 at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall. The theme, "A Healthy Meal"

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