

#### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Pastor - Rev. Father Boniface Perri
Deacon: Rev. Mr. David Langley
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**Baptisms:** By appointment with at least one month's notice to provide for adequate preparation

#### Marriages:

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#### Holy Communion For Shut-Ins and Sick:

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
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- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- · Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
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- 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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#### **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

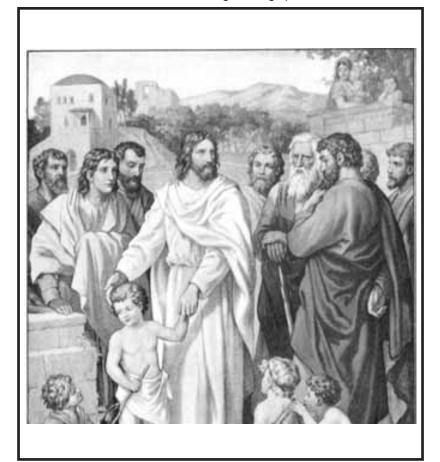
#### Weekday Masses:

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.



#### AROUND THE ALTAR OF THE LORD



#### ENTERING THE CHURCH

The traditional practice of the Church from her very early centuries has been to build churches in such a way that the faithful enter the church facing towards the East. There are a number of historical and theological

reasons behind facing East in liturgical prayer. Historically, it is a natural development from the Jewish practice of facing towards Jerusalem and the Temple, God's dwelling on Earth during prayer. Theologically, the East is symbolically where God is. God led the people of Israel East, out of Egypt, to the Promised Land where they would worship Him and build His Temple where God would dwell with them. The East is also where the Sun rises and where light comes to the world that is otherwise lifeless and in darkness. The Sun is the symbol for Christ who brings the light of Truth into the world and enables us to escape from the darkness of sin and enter into the true Promised Land which is Heaven where we will enjoy the fullness of life, dwelling with God in a way far greater than the Israelites did and greater then we do now in His Church. For as members of His Church, we do dwell with God in a way that is greater than the Israelites did. God dwelt among the Israelites as formless cloud and fire (Exodus 13:21), He dwells among us bodily as Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in every church. Now it is no longer the case where we enter or face East but spiritually this facing 'ad orientum' or towards the East spiritually reminds us that at mass we are moving towards where God is and through the prayers and sacrifice offered there we are brought more closely to our heavenly homeland. Like the Israelites leaving Egypt, we move away from the place of sin to the place where God has called us to worship Him and where He desires for us to dwell with Him. The movement towards the East also reminds us that we return to our homes moving westward leaving the church after Mass we bring the light of Christ to our homes, to the public square, our friends and our family, it reminds us that the world is not our true homes. Our true homes are with God who calls us to be where He is.

Introduction to the Holy Mass

### BISHOPS' COLLECTION for the NEEDS of the CHURCH in Canada

On Sunday, Sept 27th, a special collection is held in parish communities across the country to support the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally. Known as the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*, this collection helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCB is the assembly of all the Bishops of Canada, including those of the Eastern Catholic Churches. In addition to assisting in consultations with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See, the CCCB works in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world, and in particular with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society.

The Bishops of Canada wish to thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION**

### Offertory Donation \$7,230.00

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00 When we all work together, we can reach our goals. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Altar Servers Meeting**

There will be an Altar Servers Meeting On **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am.** All current Altar Servers are asked to attend and must have served <u>one year or more,</u> 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

know. There will be 2 training meetings to which your child must attend. October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>Tuesday</u>, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

There will be a registration and information meeting on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm</u> and again on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am</u> in the Church. At that meeting we would ask that the registration form be brought with you as well as a copy of your child's baptism certificate as only a baptized Catholic is to be admitted to this Sacrament.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting a new Bible Study session at 7:30pm (after Mass) in the parish hall led by our Pastor Fr. Boniface Perri. All are welcome.

Quote from the Saint of the Week

"Pray, trust and don't worry!"

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, September 19th

- + Antonio Santana, Vitorino 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

Monday, September 21st

- + Joao Gomes Faria Jr. by Augusta Barros
- + Antonio Francisco, Gloria Mendes, Jose Freire by Fatima Francisco
- + John Ferreira by Bernadete Ferreira

8:00am Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

+ All Souls

7:00pm Wednesday, September 23rd

+ Annie Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family

8:00am Thursday, September 24th

+ Noel McGivern by Margaret & Brendan McGivern

7:00pm Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

+ Rosa & George Vernola by Vernola Family

9:15am Saturday, September 26th

+ Kurcz Family by Helen Harrison & Family

5:00pm Saturday, September 26th

- + Francisco & Victoria Rodrigues by Ester Barros & Family
- + Maria, Dennis & Fatima Faria by Joe Faria
- + Maria, Dennis & Fatima Faria by Fernanda Rodrigues & Family
- + Joao & Hirminia Botas by Piedade Janeiro & Family
- + Miguel Gomes & Avelino Costa by Idalina & Carlos Correia
- + Antonio & Onorina Costa by Lurdes Rocha & Family

Sunday, September 27th

8:30am Manuel Carvalho by Annabel Carvalho & Family

10:00am All Souls

11:30am John & Margaret Picavet by Picavet Family

5:00pm Spanish Mass 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

#### ATTENTION:

MEETING FOR LECTORS, USHERS and EURCHARIST MINISTERS

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm in the Church.



#### *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.

#### 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.

#### Sunday to Sunday .....

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH**

- Sun Sept 20th Rosary Sunday
- Sun Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 10:45am Choir Practice Mon Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30 Seniors Club
- Mon Sept 21st 7:30pm RCIA
- Mon Sept 21st 8:00pm St. Vincent De Paul Mtg
- Tues Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Lectors & Eucharist Ministers Mtg
- Wed Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm Bible Study
- Wed Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00pm Al-Anon
- Thu Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Bereavement Group
- Thu Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm EDGE Hockey
- Sat Sept 26th 10:00am RCIA Practice & Retreat
- Sun Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee Sunday after each Mass
- Sun Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30am RCIA
- Sun Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 10:45am Choir Practice
- Sun Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 11:30am RCIA Rite of Acceptance
- Sun Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Life Teen Group



#### BRADFORD'S GOD TALENT September 27<sup>th</sup>

High school aged teen's will preset their talents in a competition for the best act following the 6:30 pm Youth Mass. Student admission is \$2 and is entered into a 50/50 draw. Parish spectators are welcome; we are asking for donations for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Questions call Ray at the youth office 905-778-0373



#### EDGE KICK OFF .....PIZZA SOCIAL

EDGE is starting in full swing on Monday September 28th with and introduction to the EDGE pizza night. EDGE is for all students in grade 6, 7 & 8. EDGE runs from 7 pm to 8:30 pm every Monday in the parish hall except on holidays. There in no charge for the program. Registration forms will be available in the gathering space and on the first EDGE night.

#### EDGE HOCKEY

EDGE Hockey will be starting again on Thursday September 24th. Students in grade 6, 7 & 8 will meet and play road hockey in the back parking lot on Thursday nights from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Please bring your own hockey stick and protective gear.

#### "Caritas in Veritate"

Recently His Holiness has written a social encyclical called "Caritas in Veritate" - "Charity in the Truth".

Here is a small excerpt.

- 4. Because it is filled with truth, charity can be understood in the abundance of its values, it can be shared and communicated. Truth, in fact, is lógos which creates diálogos, and hence communication and communion. Truth, by enabling men and women to let go of their subjective opinions and impressions, allows them to move beyond cultural and historical limitations and to come together in the assessment of the value and substance of things. Truth opens and unites our minds in the lógos of love: this is the Christian proclamation and testimony of charity. In the present social and cultural context, where there is a widespread tendency to relativize truth, practicing charity in truth helps people to understand that adhering to the values of Christianity is not merely useful but essential for building a good society and for true integral human development. A Christianity of charity without truth would be more or less interchangeable with a pool of good sentiments, helpful for social cohesion, but of little relevance. In other words, there would no longer be any real place for God in the world. Without truth, charity is confined to a narrow field devoid of relations. It is excluded from the plans and processes of promoting human development of universal range, in dialogue between knowledge and praxis.
- 5. Charity is love received and given. It is grace (cháris). Its source is the wellspring of the Father's love for the Son, in the Holy Spirit. Love comes down to us from the Son. It is creative love, through which we have our being; it is redemptive love, through which we are recreated. Love is revealed and made present by Christ (cf. Jn 13:1) and poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5). As the objects of God's love, men and women become subjects of charity, they are called to make themselves instruments of grace, so as to pour forth God's charity and to weave networks of charity.





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