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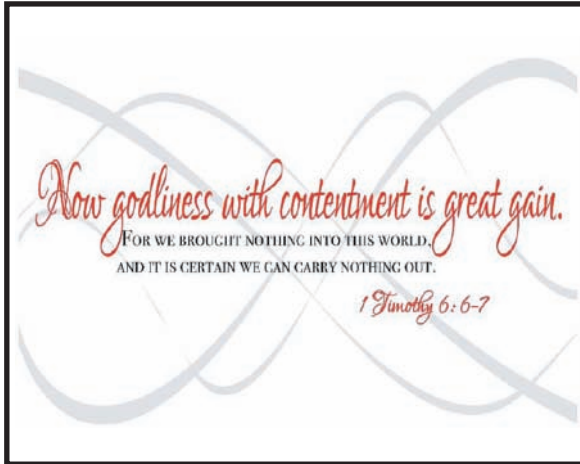
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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## 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

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## HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

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.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, September 23, 7:00PM**

+ Leokadia Karpienia +Noella Gillan

\*Special Intention for Vanessa & Leslie

**TUESDAY, September 24, 8:30AM**

+All Borges & DaSilva Deceased Family Members

**WEDNESDAY, September 25, 7:00PM**

+Anna Yaszczyszyn

**THURSDAY, September 26, 8:30AM**

+Joao Ferreira

**FRIDAY, September 27, 7:00PM**

+Leo Mallet

**SATURDAY, September 28, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, September 28, 5:00PM**

+Ignazio Polizzi +Maria Faria & Fatima Faria +Francesca & Giuseppe Beninati +John DiRe +Franco Trotta +Jakie

Coles +Luisa & Garcia Miguelo + Joao Cordeiro +All

Souls \*Special Intention for Jose & Maria Pereira

\*Special Intention in Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel

**SUNDAY, September 29, 8:30 AM**

\*Special Intercession to St. Michael the Archangel

**SUNDAY September 29, 10:00AM**

+AnnaMary&Pat Malloy

**SUNDAY, September 29, 11:30AM**

+Santhyo & Jeyasilya Addaikalamuthu

**SUNDAY, September 29, 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.

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## REFLECTION

What's the point of Jesus parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behavior but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money", to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures *generous giving* is connected with *alms giving* – the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need (Luke 12:33) Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others. Paul the Apostle reminds us, "We brought nothing into this world and we cannot take anything out of this world" (1Timothy 6:7). The Lord Jesus wants us to make good use of all the resources that he gives us and that come into our possession. Our life is short – but how we invest in this present life will determine our future in the age to come when the Lord Jesus will raise our mortal bodies to immortality and give to each what he or she has sown in this present life with *alms giving* – the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need (Luke 12:33). What is the enemy of generosity? It's greed, the excessive desire for personal gain and security. However, we do not need to be afraid for true generosity does not impoverish the giver, but enriches that person a hundredfold! Generosity expands the soul – but greed contracts it. God is generous and superabundant in lavishing his gifts upon us. We can never outmatch God in generosity. Not only are we given the gift of salvation through His only begotten Son, and the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the fruit of peace, joy, patience, kindness, love, and self-control, but everything we have is an outright gift of God. Do you know the joy and freedom of blessing others with the gifts and resources that God has generously bestowed on you? Jesus concludes his parable with a lesson on what controls or rules our lives. Who is the *master (or ruler)* in charge of your life? Our "*master*" is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, and controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things-the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamor of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions. Ultimately the choice boils down to two: GOD or material wealth or worldly possessions, or whatever tends to "control our appetites and desires". Our money, time and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need – and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Servants of the word,  
[www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net) Don Schwager

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS

### I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 3, 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**  
Catholic Middle School 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 Monday September 23, 2019 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.**



**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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

## PARISH EVENTS



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*Details to Follow*



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