

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

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Parish Office Hours:

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

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Parish Secretary - Delia McEvenue

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Secretarial Assistant - Patricia Hofland

Youth Ministry - Ray Reitzel

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Parish Social Ministry

Jean Lashley (cell) 905-392-1909

Baptisms: By appointment with at least one month's notice to provide for adequate preparation

Marriages:

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

Holy Communion For Shut-Ins and Sick:

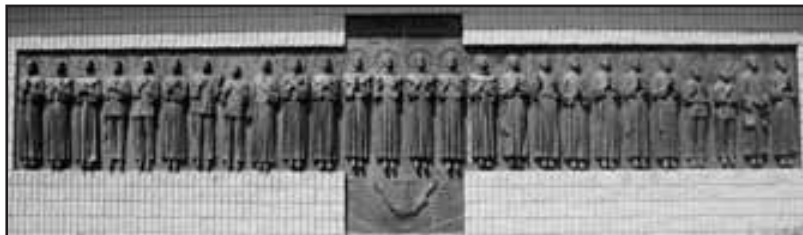
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

Support and Enrichment Ministries

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- 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

Our Parish Catholic Schools:

- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- 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

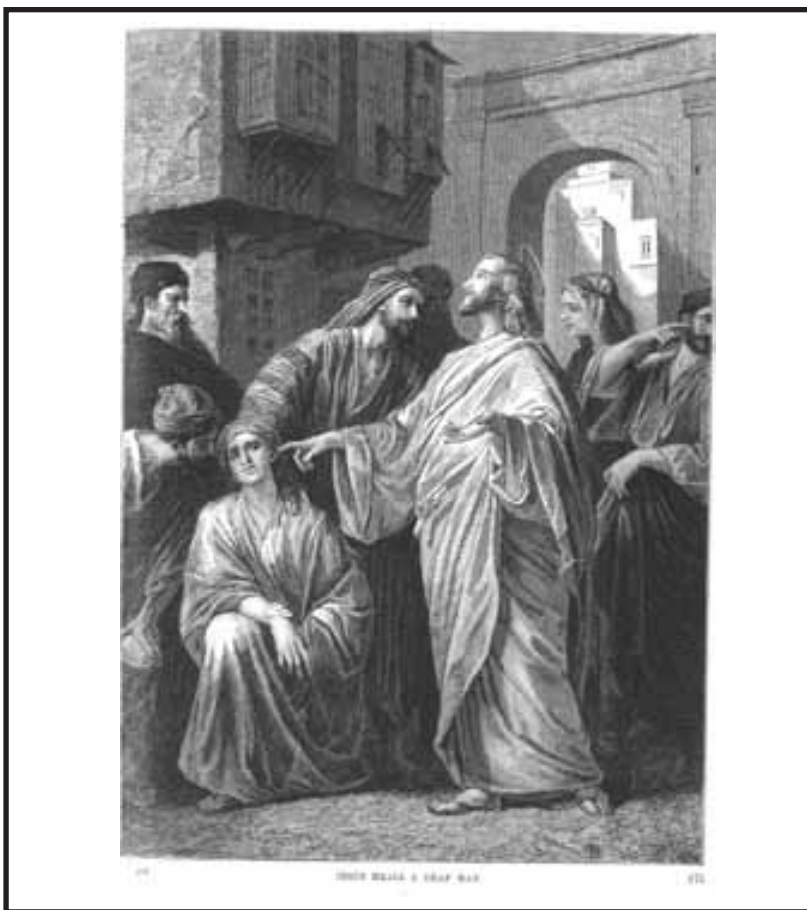
Weekday Masses:

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

Listening to God and Speaking to Him

The liturgy of this Sunday's Mass is a call to hope and absolute confidence in the Lord. In a moment of darkness the prophet Isaiah lifts up his voice to comfort the Chosen People who live in exile. ^{Is35:4-7} He announces the happy return to their homeland: *Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God; He comes with vindication; with divine recompense, He comes to save you.* Christ's healing of the deaf man we see this prophecy fulfilled and the inexhaustible springs of grace convert the world into a new creation. The Lord has transformed everything, especially all souls.

We can see in this cure which our Lord performs an image of His acting in souls: He frees us from sin, He opens our ears to hear the Word of God and loosens our tongue to praise and proclaim the marvellous works of God.

There is but a deafness of soul which is worse than that of the body, since no one is more deaf than he who does not want to hear. There are many who have their ears closed to the Word of God, and many, too, who become more and more insensitive to the innumerable invitations of grace.

We Christians cannot remain silent when we must speak of God and transmit His message openly; parents to their children, teaching them their prayers and the basics of their faith from their infancy; a friend to his friend, when the opportune moment presents itself.

Saint Augustine advises us: *If you love God, draw to you all those who gather around or live in your house, so that all will come to love Him. If you love the Body of Christ, which is the unity of the Church, impel everyone to rejoice in God and tell them with David: 'Magnify with me the Lord, and let us together praise His holy name' (Prov 21:28); and in this do not be calculating or stingy, but rather win for the Lord all those you can by whatever means possible, according to your abilities: exhorting them, bearing them up, pleading with them, arguing with them and giving them the reasons for the things of faith, with all gentleness and tact.* ^{St. Augustine, Commentary on the Psalms, 33:6-7}

May we not remain silent when God wants to say so much through our words.

In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

HOLY HOUR

This Friday being the first Friday of the month, there will be an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments followed by Benediction. Please come and spend an hour in prayer with Christ.

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.

Offertory Donation \$5,219.03

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.

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 are 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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED — Monday Sept, 7TH for Labour Day.
Also note that the Mass for Monday will be at **9:15am** in the morning and no evening mass.

Quote from the Saint of the Week

Speaking of the poor, St. Peter Claver said "We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips."

St. Peter Claver (Sept 9th)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, September 5th

- + **Pasquale Baccilieri** by Wife Antonietta & Family
- + **Julio Barroso** by Anesia Barroso & Sons
- + **Paola Gucciardo** by Sister & Saracino Family
- + **Antonio Lanno** by Gerarda & Family

Sunday, September 6th

- 8:30am Pro Populo**
- 10:00am Donny Adams** by Judy & Doug Adams
- 11:30am William Yaszczyszyn** by Taucar Family
- 5:00pm Spanish mass**
- 6:30pm All Souls**

**PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO THE LABOUR DAY
HOLIDAY, MASS FOR MONDAY SEPT 7TH
WILL BE AT 9:15AM**

9:15am Monday, September 7th

- + **Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira** by Fernandes Family
- + **John Ferreira** by Bernadete Ferreira
- + **Arminda Maia** by Fernanda Alcaide & Ceu Perdiz
- + **Manuel Marques** by Fernanda Alcaide & Ceu Perdiz
- + **Grandparents & Isaura Domingues** by Ceu Perdiz
- + **Special Intentions** by Ceu Perdiz

8:00am Tuesday, September 8th

- + **All Souls**

7:00pm Wednesday, September 9th

- + **Manuel Moniz** by Maria Da Conceicao

8:00am Thursday, September 10th

- + **All Souls**

7:00pm Friday, September 11th

- + **All Souls**

9:15am Saturday, September 12th

- + **Spek Family** by Helen Harrison & Family

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**

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

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.

**ATTENTION: MEETING FOR LECTORS, USHERS and
EUCCHARIST 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.

ITALIA BELLA DAY

Saturday, September 12th, 2009

All day festival and picnic

9:30am to 9:30pm

Fairy Lake Park, Newmarket

Free Admission

Official opening with Town officials and Italian Consulate. There will be Food Vendors, Traditional games, Mini Soccer tournament, Spaghetti eating contest, Dancing under the stars.

Registration for children's games, soccer & bocce – 9:00am

For more information please phone:

Maria DeSimone 905-895-9665

Angela Tangreda 905-898-5944

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.

25th Annual Rosary Sunday

**September 20th, 12:00 noon - onwards
at Martyrs Shrine, Midland, Ont.**

The day will start out with an outdoor Mass celebrated at the Polish Altar by Rev. Alex Kirsten, S.J., Director of the Shrine. After Mass, at 2:00pm, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Living Rosary, with Homily preached by Archbishop Thomas Collins, and Benediction at the Papal Altar.

- Bring your rosary, lawn chair and blanket
- Bring your voice and sing Marian Hymns with the choir
- Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic, then take time to visit Canada's National Shrine to the Canada Martyrs
- For more information, please call 705-435-3406, 705-428-3540 or email rosary-Sunday@rogers.com

For those interested in attending this outdoor Mass, please be advised that the CWL and Knights of Columbus have sponsored a bus to the Martyrs Shrine. The cost is \$10.00 per person and the bus leaves at 12:30pm from Holy Martyrs of Japan parking lot. Please contact Avia at 905-775-7059 or Manual at 905-775-9149 to reserve a seat.

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.

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