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Rev. Father Boniface Perri

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Rev. Mr. David Langley



*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him.*

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BONIFACE



There is an old legend that gives the names of the wise men as Balthasar, Gaspar and Melchior. The legend says they first came

from Europe, the second from India and the third from Africa. To the ancient Romans, who did not know of any countries past India, this represented all humanity. The wise men also were not Israelites, they came from every tribe and nation to see the Lord and remind us that Jesus came not just for a select group of people but all people. We can say thus, that the wise men represent us.

Therefore in a sense we can say that their gifts became our gifts. The first gift is gold reminding us that Jesus is a King and not just a king but our King saying, 'Lord in all things, where you go I will follow, what you say I will do'. They bring Him frankincense; the most fragrant type of incense for Christ too is our High Priest. Incense has an ancient connection in prayer. Its full meaning was given in Psalm 141.2 "Receive my prayers like incense" and so we too join our prayers to Christ's prayers.

Myrrh was a mineral that when dissolved in oil had an odd fragrance. It was used to anoint the body of a king at death. It reminds us when Jesus was anointed for His own death. John 12: 1-7 It also reminds us that Christ's mission was to carry His cross to die and rise again. So we too in our own pains, physical, psychological and emotional unite it with Christ so that we too will also rise with our King, not only in the last day but from all that troubles us.

"Receive my prayers like incense O God" for I hope and trust in you my King and my God.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of some volunteers to help take down the decorations, flowers etc. from the Church. Please come on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00am. Thanks!

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 2nd, 2011

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park – 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca or www.vocationstoronto.ca

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation for Dec 19 was \$6,707.50

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A VERY HEARTFELT THANK YOU from Reverend Dave Langley, Father Joseph and Father Boniface for all the prayers, cards and gifts received over the Christmas Season.
May God Bless You All!

Attention: Confirmation Facilitators

Please be advised that there will be a meeting with Fr. Boniface on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekends of January 15/16 or January 22/23 and enroll in the program for immediate preparation for confirmation. In so doing, they publicly state that they wish to live an active Catholic life style. We will give them a cross to wear as a symbol of that commitment. Please pray for these young people that they may always be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
R. Amen.
--St. Francis of Assisi

Upcoming Events at Holy Martyrs

- Ministry Fair – Sunday Jan 23rd
- Volunteer Appreciation Night – Wed Feb 2nd
- Holy Martyrs Feast Day – Sunday Feb 6th

Please watch the bulletin for more details on these events!

QUOTE of the WEEK

It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful painting.

St. Andre Bessette – January 6th

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 2nd	
8:30am	+ Thaddeus Doucette by Charles Ang & Family
10:00am	+ Tony & Adele Caruso by Belanger & Caruso Families
11:30am	+ Elizabeth de Rose by Family
6:30pm	Pro Populo
9:15am Monday, January 3rd	
	+ Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
	+ John Ferreira by Bernardete Ferreira
8:00am Tuesday, January 4th	
	+ Nicholas Klinger by Sister & Family
7:00pm Wednesday, January 5th	
	+ Special Intentions by Manuel Gomes
8:00am Thursday, January 6th	
	+ All Souls
7:00pm Friday, January 7th	
	+ All Souls
9:15am Saturday, January 8th	
	+ All Souls
5:00pm Saturday, January 8th	
	+ St. Clair McEvenue by McEvenue Family
	+ Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
	+ Anne Paola Gucciardo by Sorelle Saracino & Family
	+ Marjorie McEvenue by Helen & Ed Gres
	+ Giovanni Varaschin by Paul & Sylvia Castellani
Sunday, January 9th	
8:30am	+ Pro Populo
10:00am	+ Stefania Tomizza by Maria Devald
11:30am	+ Gregorio Saracino by Fratello Saracino & Family
6:30pm	+ Angela & Antonio Gutta by Grandchildren – Tony, Michael, Carla & Nelson
<i>“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”</i>	

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes on Friday, January 28th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, January 29th from 10am to 4pm and on Friday, February 4th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 4pm. Cost of this course is \$50.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes. Please call the Parish Office for registration 905-775-2065 or see Father after any Mass or drop by the Office for forms.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – Why use them?



The new offering envelopes for the year 2011 are available in the parish office for pick up. For new parishioners and those who have not yet used envelopes are encouraged to do so for these reasons:

- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your support of the parish
- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your generosity
- use of offering envelopes is a sign of your commitment
- use of offering envelopes gives us an opportunity to thank you for your particular gifts

~ Thank you for your support ~

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun Jan 9th – 12:30pm – RCIA
 Mon Jan 10th – 7:30pm – RCIA
 Tue Jan 11th – 7:00pm – Confirmation Facilitators Meeting
 Wed Jan 12th – 7:00pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting
 Wed Jan 12th – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
 Sat Jan 15th – 5:00pm – Confirmation Enrollment
 Sun Jan 16th – at any Mass – Confirmation Enrollment



January 2nd – NO LIFETEEN
 January 9th - TBA



January 3rd – NO EDGE
 January 10th - Prayer of St. Francis

Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Social Committee

Are proud to present **1 hour of free skating on Saturday, January 8th from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Bob Fallis Arena.** Free Hot



Chocolate and Goodies for all that attend. So get your skates out and bring the kids for an enjoyable hour of fun, frivolity and fellowship.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on the following days: Monday, January 3rd.

From all the parish staff at Holy Martyrs, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. We hope to share this joy with you all year round.

SUPPORT for RECENTLY SEPARATED or DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. Some topics include: coping with loss and finding support, dealing with anger and shame and finding new beginnings. The group will run for 10 weeks:

Date & Time: February 8th 2011 – April 12th 2011 (10 wks)
 Tuesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Catholic Family Services of Toronto (North Branch) 5799 Yonge street, Suite 300 (located in the Newtonbrook Plaza – Southeast corner of Yonge St. & Cummer). For further information – call facilitator - Mario Esposito at 416-222-0048.



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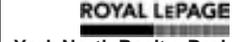


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