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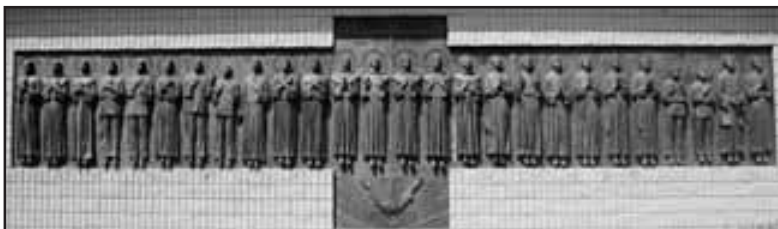
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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm



Pastor: Rev. Father Boniface Perri
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OFFICE STAFF

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
Life Teen Mass—6:30pm
Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am
Saturdays: 9:15am

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492
Mother Teresa—905-778-8653
St. Charles—905-775-6762
St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Bereavement Support Group CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope Development and Peace
Life Teen Knights of Columbus
EDGE Youth Ministry Seniors Club
Liturgical Ministers Social Club
New Beginnings St. Vincent de Paul Society
Parish Library
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT



From the Desk of Father Boniface:

The word Advent is from an old Latin term “to come” or “the coming”. It was used in the Roman empire to announce the arrival of an important person. And so it makes perfect sense that the Church announces the coming of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords and King of Kings, Prince of Peace, Mighty Counselor, Emmanuel -“God with us”. As John the Baptist perfectly did those two millennia ago, we too today hear the words “Hark the Advent of Our Lord is near” we see this Advent coming more and more as Christmas comes nearer and nearer. Our hearts and minds more easily turn to a spirit of peace, joy and charity. This spirit that we so often call the “Christmas Spirit” is really the presence of Jesus coming closer to us: Coming in a special and intimate way to spend His birthday with us, His beloved brothers and sisters. In fact through out our lives, these feelings of peace, joy, charity and truth is what lets us know what is authentically of the Lord and what characterizes an authentic spiritual life. And so, as Christ comes closer and closer we prepare to celebrate His birth, we decorate our homes, we buy gifts for our loved ones and reach out in charity to those who perhaps may not have people to celebrate with. We acclaim the joy of the Lord as we smile and say “Merry Christmas” to all. But we should also prepare the inside of us as well, for it is in our hearts that Jesus comes to dwell and so we ask ourselves, is there something that is preventing me from experiencing all the good gifts of joy, peace and charity that the Lord wants to give me. It may seem that we may have to pray for the person who wronged us, or stretch out our hand in peace to those who angered us. It may also mean that we examine our conscience and make a good confession. Like many, we to offer our fiat “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, let it be done to me accordingly to your word”. (Luke 1:38) Before Christmas so that nothing holds us back from these gifts the Lord brings for us. This is why Advent is a penitential season and why we wear purple, as St. John the Baptist said, “prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths straight” (Luke 3:4). Sometimes it is a lot of work to prepare our homes but when the honoured guests come our joy is made even more. The same is definitely true for Christ. For when our heart is open to receive Him, our joy is made complete.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please check and ensure that you have your right number on the box. If there are any changes to names or addresses, please fill out the forms located on the Lobby counter and give to Father.



If you are a new member, please fill out the information required on the envelopes so that we may enter your particulars in our data base for income tax receipts, and give forms to Father.

Pre – Authorized Giving Plan

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Per-Authorized Giving Plan to assist in the support of our Parish through your regular Sunday offering. Sharing through the Pre-authorized Giving Plan means your Sunday offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will be deposited to the parish account. Forms available at the Lobby counter, please fill out and bring to the Parish Office during office hours.

Lectors – Your 2011 Lector Books are ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please look for your name on bottom right corner of the book.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation was \$5,182.45

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 winter months!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th

- ❖ 6:00pm
- ❖ 8:00pm
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there will be no 8:30am, 5:00pm or 6:30pm Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26th

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am
- ❖ 6:30pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Friday, December 31st

- ❖ 6:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Saturday, January 1st, 2010

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

(Please note that there is no 5:00pm Mass. The Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 2nd, 2011

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am
- ❖ 6:30pm

MINISTRIES IN NEED

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining our Choir, please see Father Boniface or any Choir Director after any of the Masses.



The Holy Martyrs Christmas Concert and Pageant

will be held on Saturday, December 11th at 7:00pm.



Anyone interested in participating in the concert or pageant or wants to help behind the scenes, are to call the Parish Office.

Admission to the concert is free. A Goodwill offering to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or non-perishable food items to the Food Bank is appreciated.

Please give generously!

Quote of the Week

The children would not let me say my office or eat or sleep until I taught them one prayer or another. Then I began to understand: “the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these”.

Letter from St. Francis Xavier to St. Ignatius de Loyala Dec 3rd

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, November 27th

- + Emi Chavez by McEvenue Family
- + Augusto DoPrado by Paulina Ferreria
- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
- + Michele & Giuseppina Bianco by Maria & Severino Bianco
- + Valentim Marques by Grandchildren
- + Tony Mertens by Family
- + Maria Meireles & Gabriel Lopes by Antonio & Piedade Janeiro
- + Anne Andrunyk by Jean Nahorniak

Sunday, November 28th

- 8:30am + Eduardo Coelho Sr. by Eduarda Romeiro & Family
- 10:00am + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
- 11:30am + Frank & Katherina Kuppek by Kuppek Family
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, November 29th

- + Claudio & Maria Rosa De Jesus by David & Rosa
- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + Alziro & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio & Piedade Janeiro
- + John Ferreira by Bernadette Ferreria
- + All Souls by Clotilde Teixeira
- + All Souls by Helena Peixoto
- + Maria Da Silva by Luis Da Silva
- + Marylinn Bondi by Michael Lawrence

8:00am Tuesday, November 30th

- + Guomal Teixeira by Clotilde Teixeira

7:00pm Wednesday, December 1st

- + All Souls by Manuel Gomes

8:00am Thursday, December 2nd

- + Celeste Henriques by Husband & Children

7:00pm Friday, December 3rd

- * Special Intentions for Alicja & Andrzej Jasinski by Teresa Kazimierz & Damian Madyda

9:15am Saturday, December 4th

- + All Souls

5:00pm Saturday, December 4th

- + Quintino Carvalho & Nicola Munge by Assunta Carvalho
- + Virgilio Domingues, Rosa, Manuel, & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
- + Pasquale Baccilieri by Antonietta Baccilieri
- + Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family
- * Special Intentions by Assunuta Bocchichio
- + Anna Hawrylak & Stefania Czarnecka by Maria Kosmyanko
- + Charo Ellen Flynn by Parents & Family
- + Stefania Tomizza by Family

Sunday, December 5th

- 8:30am + Maria Pereira, Manuel Festa, Francisco Mauca & Josefina Pereira by Emidio & Eduarda Romeiro
- 10:00am + Antonio Santana, Vitorino Nazario & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am + Joseph Srebot by Anna Likon
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

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.

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Mon Nov 29th – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Mon Nov 29th – 7:30pm – CWL – Executive Meeting
- Tue Nov 30th – 7:30pm – RCIA
- Tue Nov 30th – 7:00pm - First Reconciliation – Mother Teresa School
- Wed Dec 1st – 8:00pm – AI –Anon
- Fri Dec 3rd – 7:30pm – Youth Band Practice
- Sun Dec 5th – 12:30pm - RCIA
- Sun Dec 5th – 4:30pm – Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- Sun Dec 5th – 5:00pm – Spanish Mass



- November 28th – Scripture Night
- December 5th – Gals night out, Guys night in!



- November 29th – Praise and Worship
- December 6th – The Lord's Prayer



EDGE Hockey - Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30pm until December 16th in the back parking lot of the church

Coffee Sunday

December 12th after the morning Masses.

By 2025, an estimated 1.8 billion people will live in regions where water will be a scarce resource. With this year's campaign, Development and Peace wants to send a clear message: On a global scale WATER IS A COMMON GOOD THAT MUST BE SHARED.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE.....Did you know



- * In most of the United States and Canada, 2 out of 5 food bank users are children.
- * Children who are hungry are less likely to succeed in school and more likely to get sick.
- * 841,640 Canadians use food banks every month. We will be collecting donations of food for the food bank for the upcoming Christmas Season and any cash donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society would be appreciated.

Please give generously.

REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Rehearsals are in the Church on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 27th at 1:00pm in the Church
- Saturday, December 4th at 1:00pm in the Church

OUTSIDE EVENTS

New Beginnings: Mini Renewal: For those who are separated, divorced or widowed. **Topic:** Dealing with Stress and Loneliness: A mindfulness approach. **Tuesday Dec 7, 2010. Begins at 8:00pm to 9:30pm. Location:** St. Bonaventure's Church – St. Francis Room – 1300 Leslie St. Toronto, On. No pre-registration required. **Enquiries –** Deacon James Shaughnessy 416-921-1163 ext 2246



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