

As a Filipino living in Japan, whether you came here for work or for other personal reasons such as to be with your spouse and start a family, life can also be a challenge. But as Christians it is always our faith in God that helps us through any obstacle in life. It is our faith that gives us the strength to overcome the struggle that comes with living in a different country with a different culture away from our family and friends. And it is also our faith that reminds us to always be grateful and appreciate the good in everyone, every situation, and every place we live in may it be abroad or back home.

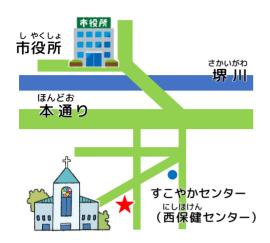
仕事や結婚で日本に来て生活するフィリピン人にとって、日本での暮らしは簡単ではありません。しか かみ わたし しんこう しんこう たいへん ゆうじん かぞく はな りません。しか はは 私 たちクリスチャンに信仰により、いろいろな大変なことや、友人や家族と離れ異国の文化の中で生活することの 難 しさや苦しさを乗り越える強さをお与えになります。そしてまた、どんなときも、す でと かんきょう よ なての人や環 境 には良いところがあり、感謝をすることの大切さを思い起こさせてくれます。



I always believed that religion is a personal relationship between us and God so even if we pray at home or anywhere we find ourselves in need of His guidance He will hear us. But having a church to go to hear mass and praise God with other Christians here in Japan had been such a blessing. It is indeed uplifting to sing hymns and praises and thank the Lord for everything he's given us. To pray together as a family and celebrate God's grace with everybody is important to keep our faith strong.

私はいつも、宗教というものは神とそれぞれの人との関わり合いだと思っています。私たちが神の教え、救い、導きが必要なら、たとえ家の中で一人祈っても、どこで祈っても神はその言葉を聞いています。しかし、ここ日本で他のクリスチャンと神を賛美し、ミサを与る、この教会のような場所があることに感謝しています。讃美歌を聞き、神がお与えになったすべてに感謝し、家族として共に神に祈ることは私たちの信仰を強め、とても胸が高鳴ります。

This church is the "Our Lady of Immaculate Conception" church in Kure where I live. It is in\_ Kure-Shi Washou 1-Chome 1-15. It is also known as just Kure Kyokkai. All my kids were baptized and had their first communions here. It is run by a collaboration of different communities of Catholic Japanese, Filipinos, Americans and also recently Vietnamese. So it is also a great place to meet other Filipinos and other foreigners to make friends. The priests and all the staff in the church are very warm and welcoming and will make you feel part of the community even if you just came there for the first time.



くれきょうかい きょうかいめい この呉教会は"無原罪の聖母マリア"を教会名としています。 ひろしまけんく れ しわしょう でんわばんごう ちょうめ 住所は広島県呉市和庄1丁目1-15 電話番号0823-21-5464 です。 私 の3人の子供たちもここで洗礼を受け,初聖体も授か アメリカ人, 最近ではベトナ りました。日本人やフィリピン人, ひと ム人にも利用され、フィリピン人やいろいろな国の人たちともす ぐに友達になれる場所です。神父様や教 会関係者の方もとても やすく,優しく,初めてここに来た人でも温かく迎えてくれ ますよ。

They hold a Japanese mass every Friday and every Sunday at 10:00a.m. There are also masses for foreigners. For example, on the second Sunday of every month, there is a Vietnamese mass at 2:00pm and a Portuguese mass at 6:30pm. In addition, on the third Sunday of every month, there is an English mass at 1:00pm. The Christmas mass is held on December 24th and December 25th. And finally the New Year mass is held on January 1st. The specific time for each mass may change. Therefore, please confirm with the church ahead of time before going there. They also host different activities for the kids and family such as bazaars and Sunday School.

So if you just came to Kure and want to hear mass, or even just a place to pray in solitude, this church doors are open for you. Come pray with us, Come and celebrate your faith with us.

●日本語ミサ:毎週金曜日,日曜日の午前10時

●ベトナム語ミサ:第2日曜日 午後2時

●ポルトガル語ミサ:第2日曜日 午後6時30分

●英語ミサ:第3日曜日 午後1時

●クリスマスミサ:12月24日,25日

●新年ミサ:1月1日

※ミサの時間は変更する場合もあるので, 教会に電話をして かくにん 確認してください。

■その他にも、子供や家族向けにバザーや日曜学校などの、 きまざま もよお もの かいさい 様々な催し物を開催しています。

