We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

P.O. Box 1180, 167 Essa Street, Bradford, Ont. L3Z 2B6 Telephone (905) 775-2065 Fax (905) 775-9241 holymartyrs@rogers.com www.holymartyrs.ca Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:00am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday:5:00pmSunday:8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30amLife Teen Mass—6:30pmSpanish Mass—4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am Saturdays: 9:30am

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 St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492 Mother Teresa—905-778-8653 St. Charles—905-775-6762 St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460 Pastor:Rev. Father Boniface PerriAssociate Pastor:Rev. Father Allyn RosePriest Celebrant Spanish Mass: Rev. Father Juan TriviñoDeacons:Rev. Mr. David Langley
Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

OFFICE STAFF Parish Administrator:

MINISTERS

Parish Administrate Delia McEvenue Office Assistant: Lynn Lush Ministry to Housebound/Shut-ins: Sister Jean Doyle O.S.U. Youth Ministry: Ray Reitzel reitzel@hotmail.com Catechist: Christina Schrobback El Sembrador Co-ordinator: Nancy Mora elsembrador.hmoj@gmail.com

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Consolation and Hope CWL (Catholic Women's League) EDGE Youth Ministry El Sembrador Knights of Columbus Life Teen Liturgical Ministers RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis Seniors Club Social Club St. Vincent de Paul Society

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo Nossa Senhora De Fatima Santissima Trindade

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS:</u> 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.

<u>A LETTER FROM THOMAS CARDINAL</u> <u>COLLINS</u>

To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto,

As we celebrate Marriage Sunday once again this year in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I wish to extend my deep gratitude to all married couples. Your fidelity, commitment and faithfulness serve as an inspiration to your own family and the greater community at large.

Marriage and the family were important priorities for the global church in 2014 and this focus will continue in 2015. The Synod on the Family in Rome will continue later this year and we look forward to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this September, with Pope Francis in attendance. The theme for the meeting in Philadelphia will be Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." These encounters in the life of the church emphasize ways in which we can support married couples who offer their many gifts and talents to our parishes and our families, the domestic church. We are also exploring opportunities to care pastorally and lovingly to those who have experienced great pain in relationships that are broken.

In my travels throughout the archdiocese, I am inspired by the loving relationships that I encounter: the young couple prayerfully discerning as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage; the mother and father with four kids ensuring that Sunday Mass is a time for family to be together in prayer; and the couple celebrating 60 years of marriage, navigating the winding path that comes with a lifelong journey.

I have also encountered those who are widowed and others who have suffered the pain of a broken relationship. Be assured that all are in my prayers, each one a treasured member of our family. Our archdiocese offers a variety of programs in the areas of marriage enrichment, counselling and pastoral care to assist those who may need our support.

I know that your local parish will affirm and celebrate Marriage Sunday in diverse ways this year. However, I wish to personally express my gratitude and admiration for married couples throughout our archdiocese. As we pray for the Sacrament of Marriage and in anticipation of the many initiatives underway both locally and globally, thank you for all that you continue to do to strengthen our faith community. Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto

MORTGAGE

Another \$4,000.00 has been paid on the Mortgage. We now owe \$1,056,000.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

RUN WITH IT SERIES Time: 7:30pm Location: Parish Hall February 10 - Deacon Dave How to be a Good Catholic – A Practical Guide

LIFE	EDGE Cothelic Middle School Ministry
All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass	All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.
Feb. 8 – Game Night	Feb. 9 - Movie Night
Feb. 15 – Life	Feb. 16 – No Edge – Family Day
Feb. 22 - Death	Feb. 23 – The Season of Lent

HOLY MARTYRS FEAST DAY

In the fall of 1940 Holy Martyrs was separated from St. John Chrysostom Parish in Newmarket to become its own Parish. This year Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish celebrates it's 75th Anniversary. The feast of the Holy Martyrs

falls on Friday, February 6th but we will celebrate the feast on February 8th at our 11:30am Sunday Mass. There will be a Luncheon afterwards in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. However the main celebration of our Parish will occur on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the



11:30am Mass. It will be celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. Mark your calendar. It will be an exciting time for us. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

ANOINTING MASS

The Ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. On Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00pm (The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick), we will be having an anointing Mass which highlights the healing ministry of the church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. Those who are frail, have an illness where a cure is in serious doubt or are facing surgery are especially welcome to join us for this Anointing Mass.

Devotion to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

A few of our Parishioners have expressed an interest in a Devotion to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Devotion will be on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 in the Chapel. Please bring your Rosary. Some books will be made available for use in the Chapel.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 7/8, 2015 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community.

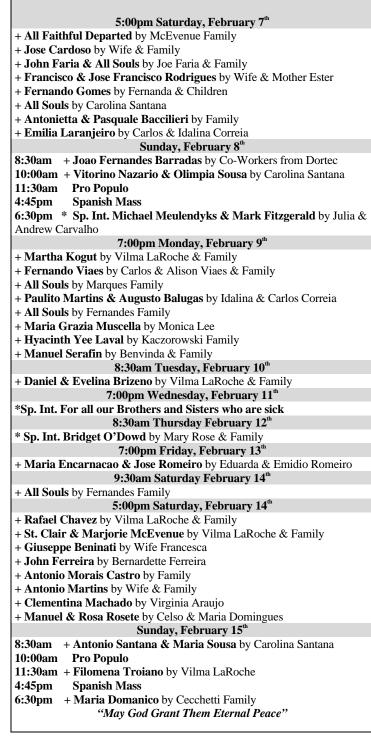
CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

General Meeting – Mon. Feb. 9 – after 7pm Mass – please note change in date due to Volunteer Appreciation Reception.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR BRADFORD VALLEY NURSING HOME. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

MASS JNTENTJONS



VALENTINES DAY DINNER & DANCE

The Our Lady of Fatima Committee is hosting a Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Portuguese Cultural Center. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call: Tina (905) 775-4291, Paula (289) 221-3278, Sara (905) 775-4825, Jean (905) 716-4723.

LENT IS COMING

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb. 18, 2015

We remind everyone that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass, and distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 8:30am & 7:00pm.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Please come and pick them up. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.



<u>SHARELIFE</u>

"(The common good...)It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about."- Pope Francis.

Pope Francis encourages us to show loving concern for each other, and in so doing care for those who are often forgotten. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. As we begin the ShareLife Campaign, please consider ways of supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this approaching Lenten season.

- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Bradford Ministerial Lenten Series

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent as we worship together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Wednesday, Feb. 25th – 7:30pm Bradford United Church, Barrie Street. The Rev. Kent Nielsen (Bradford Alliance Church)

Wednesday, Mar. 4th – 8:00pm

Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Essa Street Pastor Paul Van Stralen (Springdale Christian Reformed Church)

Wednesday, Mar. 11th – 7:30pm St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church, 56 Hearn Street, Bond Head

Rev. Eaton Grant (Greater Life Community Church)

Wednesday, Mar 18th – 7:30pm St. John's Presbyterian Church, – 10th Sideroad The Rev. Jim Keenan (Bradford United Church)

Wednesday, Mar. 25th – 7:30pm

Trinity Anglican Church, Church Street The Rev. Richard Bodini (Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church)

Wednesday, Apr. 1st – 7:30pm

Holland Marsh Reformed Church 18935 Dufferin Street, Newmarket The Rev. Daniel Graves (Trinity Anglican Church)

Light Refreshments will be served following each service.

