## 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 Formed.org parish code: 2K8FFT Email:holymartyrs@rogers.com website: holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am 6:30pm Spanish 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 St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653 St. Charles—905-775-6762 St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460 St. Angela Merici—289-231-2085 Pastor:Rev. Father Joshua RoldanAssociate Pastor:Rev. Father Massillamani ZachariasPriest Celebrant Spanish Mass: Rev. Father Efren Alvarez-PelayoDeacons:Rev. Mr. David Langley<br/>Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



### St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

#### OFFICE STAFF

Office Bus Manager: Delia McEvenue Office Assistant: Lynn Lush Anna Maria Mongillo MINISTERS Ministry to Housebound/Shut-ins: Sister Jean Doyle O.S.U. Youth Ministry: Ray Reitzel reitzel@hotmail.com Catechist: Nicole Fernandes catechist.hmoj@hotmail.com El Sembrador (Ministry to Migrant Workers): Nancy Mora elsembrador.hmoj@gmail.com

#### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha Consolation and Hope CWL (Catholic Women's League) EDGE Youth Ministry El Sembrador Knights of Columbus Liturgical Ministers RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis Seniors Club Seniors Outreach 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.

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



#### Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 7:00pm.

On August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady.

This is very different from the Ascension of the Lord, where Jesus ascended by His own power, whereas Mary was taken up into heaven by God.

I remember when a high school student asked a youth minister, "How do we know Mary is in heaven?" He replied, "Well, if the woman who God specifically chose to bring His Son into the world and raise Him is not in heaven, none of us have a shot." Our Lady, from the earliest days of the Church, was highly exalted and honored throughout the community, which is true even to this day.

For all of us, Our Lady is a model of faith and hope. She is the "first-fruits" of all those who belong to Jesus. There is a venerable tradition that marks the date of Mary's "falling asleep" and her heavenly birthday when she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is meant to be a sign for all believers of Christ of the promise that we too would be received into paradise. The Assumption of Our Lady is a reminder of the fact of the Resurrection of Christ, and the Resurrection of the Body. Her assumption and heavenly presence is a foreshadowing of our own future glory (Cor.15)

One of the things I learned during my time in the seminary, and continue to learn as a priest, the Catholic Church has a rich understanding of Our Lady and has a great tradition of honoring her. She teaches all of us by her example of virtue and faith. Pray WITH Mary and she will lead you into a deeper relationship with Her Son than you could ever do on your own.

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Hail Mary, full of grace! Pray for us!



#### HOLY MARTYRS CEMETERY Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Knights of Columbus invite everyone to come together to pray the Rosary for our deceased relatives and friends at the cemetery on Sunday August 13, 2016 at 3:00pm. All are welcome.



#### **CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERIES SERVICES**

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families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday August 16, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass are as follows:

#### CEMETERY

Assumption, Mississauga Christ the King, Markham Holy Cross, Thornhill

Mount Hope, Toronto Resurrection, Whitby St Mary's, Barrie Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge

#### CELEBRANT

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins Rev. Msgr. Robert Nusca Rev. Msgr. John Pilkauskas Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick Most Rev. Robert Kasun

#### ALL ARE WELCOME

In the event of rain, Mass will be held in the mausoleum at Assumption, Holy Cross, Resurrection and Queen of Heaven Cemeteries. Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate mass on site in the reception Centre. Mount Hope Cemetery to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave., Toronto. St. Mary's Cemetery to St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia St. Barrie.



Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, Please contact Fr. Joshua, Fr. Mani or the Parish Office.

**StareLife** Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Please continue to help us achieve our goal of \$53,000.00.

#### Offering Envelopes

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS-OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Welcome to Holy Martyrs of Japan! If you would like to register, please pick up and complete a registration form located in the narthex of the Church on the credenza and drop off your completed form at the office. Pre-Authorization and Offering Envelopes will also be made available to you. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database 905 551 2067.



#### **BREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

St. Mary's Church, Barrie is holding a Breavement Support Program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The program starts on Septemeber 6

to 25 2017 Wednesday evenings. Pre-Registration is required. Please call the parish office at 705-728-2985 leaving your name and phone number and a member of the breavement committee will call you back with further details.

#### SUMMER ATTIRE

As we are in the summer months and vacation time, we are all greatful for a time of rest and relaxation. The coming months might best be characterized as "casual". However, we respectfully ask that all parishioners make an effort to dress appropriately for the Sunday Eucharist. Beach and gym attire e.g. tank tops, low cut blouses, leggings, yoga pants, short skirts etc. are inappropriate for the Sunday Eucharist. Our respect for the Lord and the other members of Christ's body demands that we dress appropriately. Please also remember to turn your cell phone off as you enter the Church.



#### **Blood Donor Clinic**

Wednesday September 13, 2017 from 3:00- 8:00 pm in Parish Hall

#### MOM'S GROUP MEETING

Saturday September 2, 2017 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the St. Therese de Lisieux Meeting Room. All are welcome!

#### CWL GENERAL MEETING: Monday September 11, 2017

#### **"RUN WITH IT"**

Questioning your faith is not a sign of weakness but one of strength, validating that your faith is alive and well! Due to it's success, we are going to continue with our "Run with it" series again this coming fall. Please complete the suggestion form below with any questions or topics you wish to discuss about our faith. You may drop off the suggestion form in the yellow box at the back counter in the gathering space to be considered for the next session.

#### "RUN WITH IT" SUGGESTION FORM An ongoing Process of Adult Catechesis

Are there any questions about the Catholic Faith that you would like answered? A topic that you would like to explore? Please print your questions and /or topic in the space below:



