

We Welcome You To The Catholic Community of **HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN**

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday - 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Pastor - Rev. Father Boniface Perri

Deacon: Rev. Mr. David Langley

Parish Secretary - Delia McEvenue

Pastoral Care - Sr. Jean Doyle o.s.u.

Secretarial Assistant - Patricia Hofland

Youth Ministry - Ray Reitzel

LifeTeen Youth Ministry Line 905-778-0373

E-mail Bradfordlifeteen@gmail.com

Parish Social Ministry

Jean Lashley (cell) 905-392-1909

Baptisms: By appointment with at least one month's notice to provide for adequate preparation

Marriages:

By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

Holy Communion For Shut-Ins and Sick:

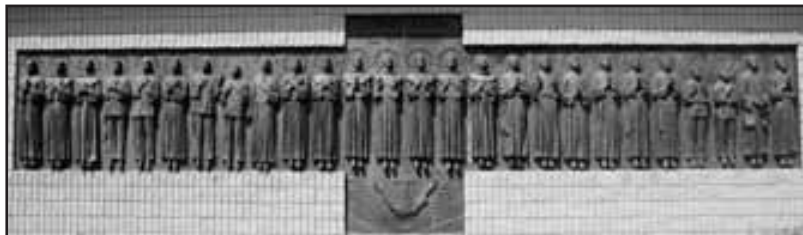
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

Support and Enrichment Ministries

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

Our Parish Catholic Schools:

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



Sunday Eucharist:

Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM

Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

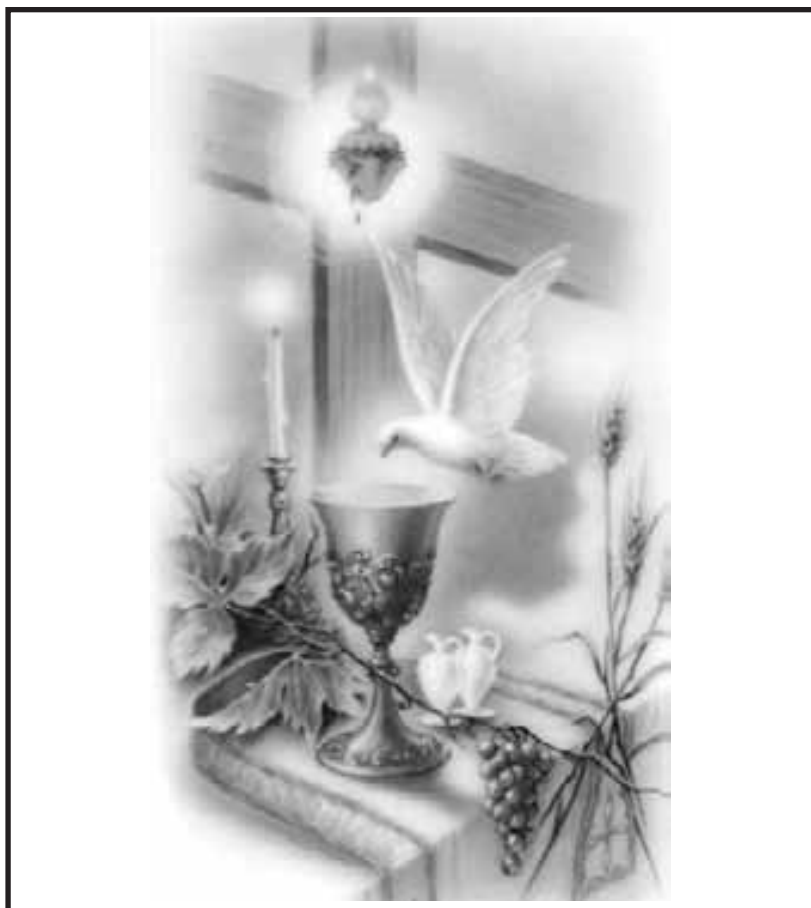
Weekday Masses:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

New Parishioners: WELCOME! You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



Our Mission: We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

A Nossa Missao: Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus

The Pledge of Eternal Life

The First Reading of today's Mass (Prov. 9:1-6) includes the Lord's timeless invitation to all men and women, *"Come eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed"*. The banquet is an image which is frequently to be found in Sacred Scripture. It is used to announce the coming of the Messiah, full of good things and blessings. In a special way the banquet is a prefiguring of the Holy Eucharist, wherein Christ gives himself to us as food. Saint John speaks to us of this meal, recalling those final words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capharnaum: *"I am the living bread which came down from the heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. And then he adds: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.... This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever'."* John 6:51-58

As food for the soul, Holy Communion increases the supernatural life of the recipient. At the same time and as a consequence, Holy Communion builds up our defences against what is not from God, whatever is in opposition to Christ. It helps us combat our inclination to evil while strengthening us against sin. It enkindles our charity and inspires contrition for our faults. It also erases the effects of venial sins we have confessed, and preserves us for mortal sin.

In addition, the Holy Eucharist is a pledge of eternal life and a foretaste of Heaven. A pledge is what is given as a guarantee for the fulfillment of a promise. cf W. Morris, ed., *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, Boston, 1969, p 1006

In Holy Communion we have an 'advance' on the life to come and an enormous help towards achieving it – that is, if we remain faithful to the Lord.

What happiness to be able to be with Christ and enter in some way into Heaven while still here on earth! *Build up a gigantic faith in the Holy Eucharist. Be filled with wonder before this ineffable reality. We have God with us; we can receive Him every day and, if we want to, we can speak intimately with Him, just as we talk with a friend, as we talk with a brother, as we talk with a father, as we talk with Love itself.* J. Escriva, *The Forge*, 268

Our Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation \$4,362.50

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 slower summer months.

25th Annual Rosary Sunday

**September 20th, 12:00 noon - onwards
at Martyrs Shrine, Midland, Ont.**

The day will start out with an outdoor Mass celebrated at the Polish Altar by Rev. Alex Kirsten, S.J., Director of the Shrine. After Mass, at 2:00pm, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Living Rosary, with Homily preached by Archbishop Thomas Collins, and Benediction at the Papal Altar.

- Bring your rosary, lawn chair and blanket
- Bring your group's banner and join in the procession
- Bring your voice and sing Marian Hymns with the choir
- Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic, then take time to visit Canada's National Shrine to the Canada Martyrs
- For more information, please call 705-435-3406, 705-428-3540 or email rosary-Sunday@rogers.com

Have you registered yet for the

"THEOLOGY of the BODY:

DISCOVERING THE MASTER PLAN

for YOUR LIFE!!! Conference?

This exciting weekend is sure to be thought provoking, and life changing! Well know Catholic speaker and author Christopher West will be in Toronto on **October 16-17**, igniting the "Theological time bomb"! Discover what many are calling a radically new way of looking at the Church's teachings on human sexuality and love. Discover Pope John Pauls II's "Theology of the Body".

The conference takes place on **October 16th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday, October 17th from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario. (Don Mills and Eglinton Avenue). Registration is \$40.00. Registration closes on September 9th. Register on our website: www.godsexmeaningoflife.homestead.com or by email at: stbreg@gmail.com or by phone at: 416-471-5465. Don't miss out!**

Quote from the Saint of the Week

Life is only for love, and time is only that we may find.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux – August 20th,

FROM THE WORKBENCH OF FR. BONIFACE



Now that the summer has providing a few quiet weeks, we have taken this opportunity to make some necessary repairs and renovations to keep our church as beautiful a sanctuary for the Lord as we can and a worthy gathering place for His holy people.

Some repairs are unseen but necessary such as replacing a lot of damaged and missing shingles on the roof. We will also be replacing the parish office door which was in bad repair. More noticeable the vestibule in the parish office and the hall will be getting a new look and we hope that when the ministries start in earnest in September the painting will be completed. Most people have noticed already the repainted meeting rooms, and many people agreed it has made a huge difference. Currently we are also looking at new flooring and fixtures in the parish hall washrooms and smaller repairs here and there, such as refreshing the upstairs washroom. I want to thank the many people who have given their time so generously in helping us with these repairs and to also thank you for your generosity for this is very much a joint event and without your commitment to our parish none of this would have been possible. God Bless.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, August 15th

+ John Da Silva by Maria Da Silva
+ Manuel Moniz by Maria Da Conceicao
+ Celeste Henriques by Frank P. Henriques & Family
+ Alziro & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio Janeiro & Family

Sunday, August 16th

8:30am + Robert Koch by Cecile & Adam Koch
10:00am + Maria & Antonio Marques by Maria Sousa & Family
11:30am + Edwardo Lancha by Reg & Connie Ferreira
5:00pm + Spanish Mass
6:30pm + Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, August 17th

+ Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
+ Celeste Henriques by Cursillo Group in Bradford

8:00am Tuesday, August 18th

+ All Souls

7:00pm Wednesday, August 19th

+ Rosa & George Vernola by Family

8:00am Thursday, August 20th

+ All Souls

7:00pm Friday, August 21st

+ Virgilio & Jose dos Santos Conceicao by John & Maria Conceicao

9:15am Saturday, August 22nd

+ Patrick Connolly by Lynn Lush & Family

5:00pm Saturday, August 22nd

+ Maria Rosa Miranda, Manuel & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
+ Emi Chavez by McEvenue Family
+ Special Intentions – Rafael Chavez & Family by McEvenue Family
+ Maria Meireles & Gabriel by Janeiro Family
+ Our Lady of Fatima by Maria Perna
* Special Intentions for Antero & Rosa Silva

Sunday, August 23rd

8:30am + Manuel Carvalho by Annabel Carvalho & Family
10:00am + Special Intentions – Santissimo Sacraments by Maria Sousa & Family
11:30am + Special Intentions by Maria Sousa
5:00pm + Spanish Mass
6:30pm + Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

NEEDED

The Parish is in serious need of people who can help Carol and the choir to bring a richness to the 10:00am Sunday Mass. We are in special need of musicians, organ or piano would be ideal and people who can play guitar are welcome. This person should be able to read music. For further details call Carol at 705-775-7068 or the office.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed all day on Tuesday, August 18th

We will be checking for phone messages throughout the day and will return calls asap. Thank you for your co-operation.



COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU – WHICH IS HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH!!!!

UPCOMING NEW PROGRAMS , SUPPORT GROUPS & MINISTRIES & EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Bereavement Support Group
- Marriage Preparation Program
- New Beginnings
- Social Committee

Existing

- Bible Study
- Choir Members
- Confirmation Preparation
- First Communion Preparation
- First Reconciliation Preparation
- New Members are welcome to the Knights of Columbus, CWL, Development & Peace, and Seniors Club
- Youth Ministry – Edge and Lifteen



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Ultimate Frisbee

We are entered in an Ultimate Frisbee tournament on August 16, 2009. We are playing on Wednesday nights throughout the summer to prepare for the tournament. If you are in high school and would like to join the team or just come out and play a few games, please contact Ray at the office.



"Holy, holy, holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory."

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