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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

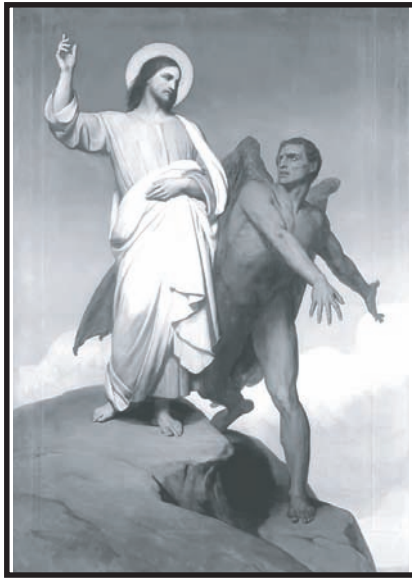
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**St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!**

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Life Teen Mass—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.

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## 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.

LIVING LENT

**Purpose of Lent Today:** Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives.

**Our Lord:** Jesus invited us to follow him by carrying our cross with him each day. (Luke 9:23) He indicated that his followers would pray fast and do penance after he returned to heaven. (Luke 5:33-35). So to make Lent an effective time of renewal for the great celebration of Easter, let us commit ourselves to the practices of Lent.

**Praying:** Jesus and his apostles tell us to pray always, to be constant in prayer. Traditional times for Christians to pray are morning, evening and mealtimes. Personal prayer is a necessary preparation for our sharing in the Church's public worship, the liturgy. In our love, we join Jesus and all God's people in praying for ourselves, our family and friends, for our leaders, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

**Fasting:** Fasting means cutting down on the amount and richness of our food and drink. Done as a penance for sin, it helps us to pray better: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. The money we save on food should be given to others in alms. The law of fasting obliges adults until they are 60 years old.

**Abstinence:** This form of penance needs to be seen as a near cousin of fasting. We may give up meat especially on Fridays, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Our abstinence is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing time and money to work of charity) or other acts of piety.

**Giving Alms:** We give alms to help God's poor and to support the good works of the church and other positive agencies. Again our help is being given to Christ in his brothers and sisters. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta when asked how much to give "give until you can feel it". We do not give in order to show off or keep up with others; instead we give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

Excerpts from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

LENTEN CONCERT



Join us for a special Lenten Concert with Tony Melendez here at Holy Martyrs of Japan on Saturday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Tickets: \$10 (at the door or at the parish office).

Tony Melendez was born without arms, but he can play guitar with his feet.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to support the work of BRIDG for our Syrian refugee family.

Temptation

Temptation came to Adam... The fruit... that was the object of the temptation, exerted an attraction on all of his faculties. It was good and appetizing as food (for the affections), pleasing to the eyes (for the intellect), and desirable (for the will)... This one temptation contained elements adapted to each of our faculties; it attacked all of them and Adam fell and all of creation including us fell with him.

Although Christ was God, he became man so that through the personal choice of his human will he might establish what Adam rejected. Therefore, in a sense, the temptation that confronted Christ was the reverse of that which caused Adam to fall. The reverse, for it does not offer a fruit but rather a stone, and asks him to change this stone into bread by the power of his divine Sonship.

On the other hand, in either case, Adam or Christ, the temptation confronts the senses; it speaks to our feelings. On the porch of the Temple, temptation confronts the intellect. And finally, when Satan takes Christ to the top of the mountain, it confronts the will with the desire to rule the world. Christ permitted the threefold temptation in order to exhaust its possibilities. He met temptation in the three great areas of human life: sensation, intellect and will. He overcomes them and purifies human sensation, intellect and will and by cooperating with grace so can we.

*Father Semenenko(+1886) was a Polish theologian and co-founder of the Resurrectionists.*

LENTEN RETREAT

This Year's Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Monday February 29, March 1 and 2 from 7:00 pm with Father Allan Mac Donald a priest of Companions of the Cross focusing on the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

RECONCILIATION

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation will be held on Thursday March 10, 2016 at 7:00pm. Multilingual priests will be available to hear confessions.

**Archdiocesan Lenten Day of Confessions**

Friday March 11, 2016 11:00-1:00 and 4:30-6:30



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 7 - Alpha Session 9	Feb 15-NO EDGE (Family Day)
Feb 21 Alpha Session 10	Feb 22- A Taste of Adventure

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Eucharistic Ministry at Bradford Nursing Home. Please Inquire at Parish Office.

**FAMILY DAY**  
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 15 2016**  
**OFFICE CLOSED – MASS AT 9:30AM ONLY**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Sat Feb 13	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun Feb 14	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism Celebration - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass
Mon Feb 15	- 9:30am Daily Mass <b>Canada Family Day – Office Closed</b>
Tues Feb 16	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 7:00pm Adoration - Chapel
Wed Feb 17	- 7:00pm Daily Mass - 7:30pm "Run With It"
Thur Feb 18	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 7:00pm Confirmation Session 1
Fri Feb 19	- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat Feb 20	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass - 7:30pm Lenten Concert with Tony Melendez
Sun Feb 21	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism Celebration - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass
Mon Feb 22	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Tues Feb 23	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 7:00pm Adoration – Chapel
Wed Feb 24	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Thur Feb 25	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 7:00pm Confirmation Session 2
Fri Feb 26	- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat Feb 27	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE**

An Irish night of fun, food and dance, Saturday, March 12, 2016 starting at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$30 per person

Live Band Music: Connors Brothers, Caterer: O'Malley's  
All proceeds will go towards helping youth from our parish attending World Youth Day in Poland this summer.  
**Tickets are available at the parish office.**

**Retiro De Cuaresma** - Redescubramos la Misericordia de Dios en cada uno... venga..caminemos ...Juntos...el Domingo 21 de Febrero, 2016 de 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm Rev. Juan Trivino....Reflexión y Confesiones.. Hall- Holy Martyrs Of Japan

**Blood Donor Clinic March 16 2016 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm in Parish Hall. Please Give.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**5:00pm Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Rafael Chavez & Johanna McEvenue** by Vilma LaRoche and Family  
+ **St Claire & Marjorie McEvenue** by Vilma LaRoche and Family  
+ **Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues** by Wife and Mother Ester  
+ **Giuseppe & Francesca Beninatti** by Tony and Franca Sciafani  
+ **Antonio Martins** by Wife and Children  
+ **Joao Fernandes Barradas** by Rosalina Rodrigues and Family  
+ **John Ferreira** by Bernardette Ferreira  
+ **Jose Correia** by Capela and Domingues Families

**Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am** + **Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa** by Carolina Santana  
**10:00am** **Pro Populo**  
**11:30am** \***Special Intention Brenda Jacobs** by Family  
**6:30am** \***Special Intention Mark Meulenayks** by Family

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Virgilio, Arminda Almeida & Son** by Mondesto & Lurdes Covaco  
+ **Antonio Mirassol & Family** by Wife and Family  
+ **Virgilio Pinho** by Wife and Children  
+ **Cezer & Antonio Francisco** by Fatima Neto  
+ **Stephen LaRoche** by George & Eva Schmich  
+ **Virgilio Pinho** by Joao & Fernanda Alcaide  
\* **Blessed Sacrament** by John & Maria Conceicao  
\* **Blessed Heart of Jesus** by Dinis Family

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Virgilio Pinho** by Wife & Children

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Manuel & Son Fernando Domingues Parpela** by Celso & Maria Domingues

**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Stephen LaRoche** by Christine Taucar & Family

**Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Antonio Janeiro** by Wife & Children

**5:00pm Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

+ **Pro Propulo**

***"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"***

**BRADFORD MINISTERIAL LENTEN SERIES**

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

**Wednesday February 17, 2016 – 7:30pm**

Bradford Baptist Church, 3224, 10<sup>th</sup> Side Road

The Rev. Paul Van Stralen, Springdale Christian Reformed Church

**Wednesday February 24, 2016 – 7:30pm**

Green Valley Alliance Church (formerly Bradford Alliance Church)

758 Simcoe Rd. Bradford

The Rev. Richard Bodini, Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church

**Wednesday March 2, 2016 – 7:30pm**

St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church

56 Hearn St., Bond Head

The Rev. Kent Nielson, Green Valley Alliance Church

**Wednesday March 9, 2016 – 7:30pm**

Bradford United Church

66 Barrie St., Bradford

The Rev. Rob Sweet, Trinity Anglican Church

**Wednesday March 16, 2016 – 8:00pm**

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church

167 Essa Rd., Bradford

The Rev. Eton Grant, Greater Life Community Church



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