

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



Pastor: Father Joshua Roldan
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 18, 9:00AM

+Francisco Jose Rodrigues +Tina & Manuel Neto +Joe Pereira +Antonio Martins & Parents +Augusto Marques & Sidonio Marques + Arminda & Aurora Peixoto

TUESDAY, February 19, 8:30AM

+Matthew Talarico

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 7:00 PM

+Jose Pereira

THURSDAY, February 21, 8:30 AM

*Special Intention for the health of Louise & Lino Arruda

FRIDAY, February 22, 7:00 PM

*Special Intention for Mary Brewer

SATURDAY, February 23, 9:00 AM

+All Souls

SATURDAY, February 23, 5:00 PM

+Toni & Johanna McEvenue +Bruno Serato
+Joao Ferreira +Francesca & Giuseppe Beninati
+ Bento Ferreira +Joaquim Afonso + Luigi Di
Pronio +Walter & Maria Bak +Keith Gordon
+Stan Kaczorowski & Julia Adamczyk
+Giuseppe Mancuso *Special Intention in
Thanksgiving to St. Anna

SUNDAY, February 24, 8:30 AM

+All Souls

SUNDAY, February 24, 10:00 AM

+ Ignazio Polizzi

SUNDAY, February 24, 11:30 AM

+ ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 24, 6:30 PM

+Tobias Rego & Jose Dias



LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Wednesdays at 7:30pm

March 13 – Bradford Baptist Church 3224 Sideroad 10, Bradford. Speaker: Pastor Richard Bodini, Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church.

March 20 – Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Bradford. Speaker: Pastor Tim Walker, Bradford Baptist Church.

March 27 – St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. Bond Head. Speaker: Rev. Jim Keenan, Bradford United Church.

April 3 – St. John's Presbyterian Church 2940 Sideroad 10, Bradford. Speaker: Rev. Joshua Roldan, Holy Martyrs of Japan, Roman Catholic Church.

April 10 – Holy Martyrs of Japan Roman Catholic Church, 167 Essa St. Bradford. Speaker: Rev Dana Dickson, Trinity Anglican Church.

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REFLECTION

When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word *beatitude* literally means *happiness* or *blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however demands a transformation from within – a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the word and spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression. The beatitudes strengthen us in virtue and excellence. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

Lord, May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will.

Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager



FAMILY DAY Monday February 18, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: Mass will be at 9:00am on this day and the parish office will be closed for the holiday and will reopen on Tuesday February 19, 2019. Wishing you and your family a blessed Family Day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 17, 2019

LENTEN PREPARATION



PANCAKE TUESDAY



The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to a pancake/sausage supper on **Shrove Tuesday March 5th from 5-7pm** in the parish hall prior to the start of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday March 6, 2019



Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent beginning with adoration at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

Each ministry team is assigned a date to lead the Stations of the Cross. Please sign up with ministry co-ordinators.

Station of the Cross – Ministry Schedule

Friday March 8, 2019 – Stations led by K of C

Friday March 15, 2019 – Stations led by Lectors

Friday March 22, 2019 – Stations led by Youth Ministry

Friday March 29, 2019 – Stations led by CWL

Friday April 5, 2019 – Stations led by Musicians/Choirs

Friday April 12, 2019 – Stations led by Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Friday April 19, 2019 – Stations led by clergy

REMINDER



February 26, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Church
surnames beginning from "A-L"

February 28, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Church
surnames beginning from "M-Z"

First Reconciliation

If coming other than your assigned evening will avoid hardship for your family, then come on the other day. We are, however trying to keep the numbers for each evening balanced. There will be two priests available to hear the children's confessions and two made available for parents. If you are unable to come on the above mentioned dates there will be an additional time during our Parish Lenten Reconciliation on Thursday March 28, 2019 to receive the sacrament.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE – Spanish Mass

Please note that there is no longer a 4:45pm Spanish Mass being held at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish. It has been moved to St. John Chrysostom Parish located at 432 Ontario St. in Newmarket, (Davis and Main St.). The first Mass will be celebrated on February 17, 2019 at 5:00pm.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION

For those confirmandi who registered for the Confirmation Program (Youth Alpha), session will be held on Thursdays from 6:45-8:45pm in the parish hall. Session Dates are as follows: February 21,28 March 7,21,28 and April 4.

Confirmation Enrollment Date:

For those who have missed the Confirmation Enrollment date, please have your child complete and submit the blue form directly to Fr. Joshua after Saturday evening or Sunday Mass. We do require the blue enrollment forms to complete the confirmation registration process.

Confirmation Dates:

Saturday May 25, 2019 at 11:00am – St. Angela Merici

Saturday May 25, 2019 at 2:00pm – St. Marie of the Incarnation

Saturday June 1, 2019 at 11:00am – St. Charles, St. Jean de Brebeuf, Public, Private & Other Catholic Schools

Saturday June 1, 2019 at 2:00pm – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Communion: Communion Date Requests Are Being Processed! Email your **three** choices of communion dates along with your child's name and school name to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY



Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome.

Monday's from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall

February 18 Family Day – No Edge

February 22 Snow Tubing - \$25.00



February 17 Family Day – No Life Night

February 24 Love Defined - Catechesis

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