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
Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

MINISTERS

OFFICE STAFF

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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 Outreach St. Vincent de Paul Society

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo 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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of their quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace and King of, gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes available to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eves of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace.

The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

CHRISTMAS BASKET DISTRIBUTION - THANK YOU

To ALL of you, from those who generously donated food and toys, to the volunteers who gave of their time to organize and sort through it all, to the community who vigourously campaigned for those less fortunate, your gestures of kindness have been gracefully received. May your kindness and generosity continue to shine even after the season is over. May we continue to keep the light of Christ shining in our everyday interactions with one another. Where we go, what we do, who we meet. The kind smile we give a stranger, the patience and understanding we wear in crowds and towards one another and in the heart we carry, that constantly celebrates Christ's birth all year long.



PARISH DECORATION TAKEDOWN

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that have adorned our altar this year. If you are free on Saturday Januray 13th 2018 after the 9:30am Mass we would love your help! All are welcome. "Many hands make light work"-John Heywood

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that Master you are serving is Christ." Colossians 3:23-2 Please come join us for Mass on Friday February 2, 2018 at 7:00pm. We invite all of our volunteers to join us after Mass for a reception in the Parish Hall in gratitude to all those who have given of their time in service to the Lord. If you have donated any of your time this past year in service to our parish we would like for you to join us for this volunteer appreciation reception. Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 to confirm your attendance by January 28, 2018.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING REMINDER: ALL ENROLMENT FORMS DUE BEFORE JANUARY 14, 2018

Please ensure you have completed and submitted an enrolment form along with your child's baptismal certificate to any one of the priests or deacons after the Saturday evening or any one of the Sunday Masses by January 14th 2018. There will be two meetings in January of which we will ask parents and confirmation candidates to attend so that you understand the process of confirmation. The information meeting dates are:

Thursday January 18th 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church OR Saturday January 20th 2018 at 10:00am in the Church **Please attend ONE!**

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION PARENT MEETING **REMINDER: ALL ENROLMENT FORMS DUE BEFORE JANUARY 14, 2018**

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Thursday January 25th 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church OR Saturday January 27th 2018 at 11:00am in the Church

Please attend ONE!



HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating the Feast of Holy Martyrs of Japan on Saturday February 3rd at 5:00pm and at all Masses on Sunday February 4th 2018. In honor of our Feast Day, there will be a reception following the 11:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. We invite everyone to join us for this wonderful celebration.



MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Marriage is the intimate union and equal partnership of a man and a woman. It comes to us from the hand of God, who created male and female in His image, so that they might become one body and multiply. Though man and woman are equal as God's children, they are created with important differences that allow them to give themselves and to receive the other as a gift. To celebrate this gift of marriage, the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated Sunday February 11, 2018 as Marriage Sunday. In prayer and petition, we will be honoring and celebrating this holy union of all married couples at all Masses.

WHAT: EDGE is a youth ministry program designed to help youth learn more

about their Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship!

WHO:	Grades 6-8
WHEN:	Mondays 7- 8:30pm
WHERE:	Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall
COST:	FREE FREE FREE
JAN 8	Brite Lights – Social
JAN 15	Center – Issue



COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on **Sunday January 14, 2018** in the parish hall. The cost for the breakfast is \$7.00/person. Come and enjoy some good food and great company! All proceeds raised from this event will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A ministry whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. We look forward to seeing you there.

RUN WITH IT SERIES

It's that time again! Thank you for all your suggestions, questions and input over the last couple of months in preparing for this year's "Run With It" Series. The first session will be held on **Wednesday January 31, 2018 from 7:30pm-9:30pm** in the St. Joseph's Meeting Room (large meeting room). ALL are welcome!

Offering Envelopes

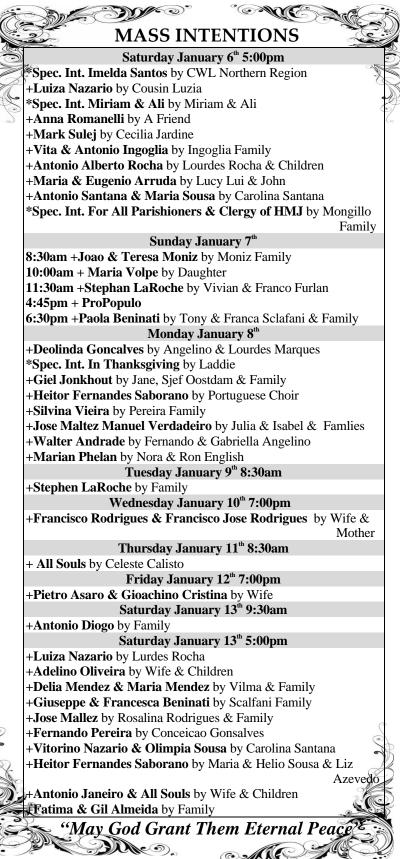
IMPORTANT NOTICE ENVELOPES

New envelopes are available for pick up again during the month of January in the Narthex (back of the Church). After this date, envelopes can be picked up at the parish office. Before you take a box of envelopes make sure your name is on it. If you would like to start using envelopes again please take a box with NO NAME on it and complete the *New Envelope User* form attached and include the completed form with your first envelope offering. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE February 11, 2018 Marriage Sunday February 13, 2018 Pancake Tuesday February 14, 2018 ASH WEDNESDAY February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent February 19, 2018 FAMILY DAY

CWL Executive Meeting Monday January 29 2018 at 7:30pm





Blood Donor Clinic Wednesday January 10, 2017 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

