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

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.

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:	Father Joshua Roldan
Associate Pastor:	Father Massillamani Zacharias
Deacons:	Deacon David Langley Deacon 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

Youth Minister: Ray Reitzel Email: reitzel@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 LifeTeen 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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 11, 7:00PM +Manuel Maria Marques & Maria de Oliveria

TUESDAY, March 12, 8:30AM +Margaret Connolly

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 7:00 PM

* Special Intention for All Parishioners of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

THURSDAY, March 14, 8:30 AM *Special Intention for Joe Mendrick

FRIDAY, March 15, 7:00 PM +Alfredo Palmerio

SATURDAY, March 16, 9:00 AM +All Souls

SATURDAY, March 16, 5:00 PM

+Maria Kostov & Delia Mendez +Jose Lancha & Joao Ferriera +Francisco Jose Rodrigues +Mario Di Re +Adelino Oliveira +All deceased members of Ferreira Family +Joaquim Afonso +Joao Neves +Jose Maltez +Luisa & Garcia Miguelo +All Souls *Special Intention for all communion candidates and their families

SUNDAY, March 17, 8:30 AM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues **SUNDAY, March 17, 10:00 AM** +ProPopulo **SUNDAY, March 17, 11:30 AM** + Antonio J Diogo **SUNDAY, March 17, 6:30 PM** +Alfredo Palmerio

REMINDER

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE Under Spiritual Leadership of Fr. Massillimani Zacharias

Please contact Agnes or Sandra at QS Travel & Tours at 905-412-3355 to confirm your travel arrangements to the Holy Land. A \$300.00 per person, non-refundable deposit is required by **May 8, 2019** to ensure your spot. Availability will be based on a first come first serve basis.

"RUN WITH IT" Series

The next "Run With It" series will be held on Wednesday March 20, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Large Meeting Room. All are welcome!!

REFLECTION

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and willpower for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and selfcontrol. The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and strength in times of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on him (James 4:6) and he helps us to stand firm against the attacks of Satan who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them, and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) with the strength and help which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you seek God's wisdom and guidance for overcoming sin and avoiding the near occasions of sin? The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager



GOLDEN JUBILEE FOR REV. GERRY DUNN

Rev. Gerry Dunn is celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, March 24 at 12:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Church in Barrie, (located at 65 Amelia St.). A reception will follow in the parish hall. As a former associate pastor of Holy Martyrs of Japan, the support of his previous parish would be a wonderful recognition of his faithful service and this milestone anniversary. All are welcome to attend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN PREPARATION

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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.

LENTEN FAST and RECONCILIATION

- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE
- \checkmark Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY
 ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE
- to others
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen

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.

STATION OF THE CROSS – MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

SACRAMENTS

PARISH LENTEN CONFESSION



Thursday March 28, 2019 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Church

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

COMMUNION

In preparation of receiving First Holy Communion children are to partake in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. For parents of those communion candidates who missed their day of First Reconciliation you are encouraged to come on the Parish day of Confession on Thursday March 28, 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We would kindly ask that your child approach Fr. Joshua or Fr. Mani for this Sacrament at that time.

Communion: Communion Date Requests Are Being

Processed! Email your **three** choices of communion dates along with your child's name and school name to <u>sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com</u>

CONFIRMATION

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: March 21, 28 and April 4.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome. Monday's from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall March 11 March Break – No Edge March 18 Movie Night – 7:00pm -9:00pm March 25 Pray for Enemies



March 10 March Break No Life Night March 17 Band – Social – St. Patrick's Day March 24 Truth & Freedom – Catachesis

