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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  
Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm  
Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am  
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.

## On the Road to Jerusalem

### SUNDAY, THIRD WEEK of LENT

*Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty. (John 4:13-14)*

My spirit is often dry and thirsty, Lord; I pray today that I may avidly receive the living water of your word and your Spirit.

### MONDAY, THIRD WEEK of LENT

*But his (Nathan's) servants said, "if the prophet had told you to do something extraordinary, would you not have done it?" (2 Kings 5:13)*

This story of Nathan is a good reminder for me, Lord. He was looking for some extraordinary healing event and almost rejected the ordinary means offered to him. I do that a lot, and so I ask you to help me see your will in the ordinary things of my life.

### TUESDAY, THIRD WEEK of LENT

*Then Peter came up and asked him, "Lord, when my brother wrongs me, how often must I forgive him?" (Matthew 18:21)*

Your answer to Peter, Lord, "seventy times seven times," means that our forgiveness, like yours, must be without limit; help me today to forgive from my heart all who have hurt me in any way.

### WEDNESDAY, THIRD WEEK of LENT

*For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? (Deuteronomy 4:7)*

I so easily forget, Lord, how near you are to me; give me the grace to be more aware of your life-giving presence at every moment of my life.

### THURSDAY, THIRD WEEK of LENT

*They walked in the hardness of their evil hearts and turned their backs, not their faces, to me. (Jeremiah 7:24)*

Your prophet Jeremiah gives a profound description of sin, Lord; I have often turned my back, not my face, to you; I repent today of all my sins.

### FRIDAY, THIRD WEEK of LENT

*One of the scribes came up, and decided to ask him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" (Mark 12:28)*

I know how you answered the scribe, Lord, and emphasized that the first of the commandments is love; I stand in need of the grace to love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

### SATURDAY, THIRD WEEK of LENT

*He (Jesus) then spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt. (Luke 18:9)*

Your parable about the proud Pharisee and the humble tax collector, Lord, is one that I need to remember; I am often self-righteous and hold others in contempt; once again I pray for a change of heart.

Weekday's Readings and a thought of the day taken from "Mini-Meditations for Lent" by Daniel L. Lowery, C.S.S.R.

### New Beginnings Widow/Widowers Support Group

St. Louis de France Church, 1415 Don Mills Road, North York. Beginning Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and going to April 27<sup>th</sup>. To register call Deacon James Shaughnessy at 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or email [jshaughn@cfstoronto.com](mailto:jshaughn@cfstoronto.com)

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for March 4<sup>th</sup> - \$5,793.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

One or two dollars more with help us through the winter months.

## SHRINE APOSTOLATE

### Mary, Queen of All Hearts



The "Mary, Queen of All Hearts" Shrine Apostolate was initiated by the Heralds of the Gospel Association in 2001, and was warmly welcomed by the faithful. Currently, more than 500,000 families receive the shrine in their homes once a month in the various countries where the Heralds of the Gospel are active.

When the statues of the International Association of the Heralds of the Gospel were approved in Rome in 2001, making it an Association of Pontifical Right, Blessed John Paul II blessed the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as well as the first shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, encouraging the Heralds to be, "Heralds of the Gospel through the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

### The Bradford West Gwillimbury Ministerial Presents

## An Ecumenical Lenten Series

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

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm**

Holy Martyrs of Japan Roman Catholic Church, 167 Essa St.

The Rev. Richard Bodini

(Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church)

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:30pm**

Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie Street

The Rev. Fr. Boniface Perri

(Holy Martyrs of Japan Roman Catholic Church)

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church,

56 Hearn Street, Bond Head

The Rev. Jim Keenan (Bradford United Church)

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott (St. John's Presbyterian Church)

Light Refreshments will be served following each service.

## OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

St. Patrick – Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

## Pray for us!

## OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012

The Offering Envelopes have been returned to the Church Lobby for pick up. These boxes are now in **ALPHABETICAL ORDER by LAST NAME** in order to help you locate your box of envelopes better.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### 5:00pm Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester
- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Jose Fernandes
- + Teresa Silva by Rosa & Tino Barroso
- + Maria Nazare by Maria Pataro
- + Eleanor Blake by Nora & Ron English
- + Gonzalo Mendez by McEvenue Family
- + Fernando Viaes by Cousin Alece & Family
- + John Douglas Newman by Newman Family

### Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Scott Vieira by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
- 10:00am + Eugenio Arruda by Joe & Lucy Andrade
- 11:30am + Paul Taucar Sr. by K. Spehor
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

### 7:00pm Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Joao & Maria Oliveira by David & Rosa Oliveira
- + Laurindo Neto by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- + Antonio Mirassol & Family by Wife & Family
- + Tina Marques by Family
- + David Tarenta by Fernando & Maria Tarenta
- + Alice Fernandes by Silva Family
- + Petra Quipit by Pacita Proctor

### 8:00am Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

- + Sandra & Jennifer by Maria Da Silva

### 7:00pm Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

- + Francis, Chiara & Peter Ferragine by Family

### 8:00am Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

- + Maria & Luis Borges by Maria Da Silva

### 7:00pm Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

- + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Children

### 9:30am Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

- + All Souls & Special Intentions by David & Rosa Oliveira

### 5:00pm Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

- + Laurindo Neto by David & Rosa Oliveira
- + Maria Calquinhass by Vieira Family
- + Paul Taucar Sr. by Mary Kerkhof
- + Maria Balugas by Family
- + Eleanor Blake by Ed & Helen Gres & Family
- + Giuseppina D'Agostino by Family
- + Peppino Vittiglio by Anna & Gaetano Costanza
- + Julio Barroso by Silva Family

### Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Manuel Manata & Maria De Ceu by Ana Paula Manata & Family
- 10:00am + Maria & Luis Borges by Maria Da Silva
- 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

## SUNDAY to SUNDAY.....

### UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Mar 11<sup>th</sup> - After the 6:30pm Mass on Sundays in Lent, we will be reciting the Rosary
- Mon Mar 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Tue Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm - Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
- Wed Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm - Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- Wed Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm - Ecumenical Prayer Service
- Sat Mar 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm - Knights of Columbus - Spaghetti Dinner
- Sun Mar 18<sup>th</sup> - After the 6:30pm Mass on Sundays in Lent, we will be reciting the Rosary



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass

Mar 11<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> - Under the Influence



All EDGE events start at 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall. Questions or Concerns - Call Diane at 705-737-5260 ext 79203 or 705-458-1718

Mar 12<sup>th</sup> - No EDGE

Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - Defeat of Humanity

## CALLED BY NAME

The "Called by Name" program is now underway. As you know, this program asks that people throughout the Archdiocese pray and seek amongst their parish communities those whom they feel have the qualities to serve as priests, religious and deacons in today's Church. Have you been touched by someone in your parish community whom you feel might have a calling to be a Diocesan Priest, Religious Sister or Deacon? Consider the impact you might have on that person when he or she realizes that you saw those qualities in them and the impact on yourself when a young person you nominated to the "Called by name" stands before you celebrating the Eucharist!!! Nomination forms are available - see Fr. Boniface for the forms.

## Celebrations for the Month of January and February

*Congratulations to the following couple who were married at Holy Martyrs of Japan*

David Murray and Amy Mothershall

*And we welcome into our parish those who have been Baptized.*

Jayden Calisto  
Ricardo Calisto  
Owen Ciccotelli  
Claudia Gervasi  
Rosalia Muto  
Isaella Sciotto  
Sophia Kovacs  
Marek Zigah

Luca Araujo  
Mia Araujo  
Lynkin Heath  
Kolbe Reitzel  
Kaylee Vergucht  
Abigail Heim  
Katherine Mierzejewski  
Emily Zwierko

*Please pray for those who passed away.*

Baby Katrina Puntillo  
Marta Kogut  
Margaret Andruszko  
Eleanor Blake

Maria Mendes  
Michael Mulcahy  
Aida Catania



## Knights of Columbus presents

### "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner



*Proceeds to Parish and Council Activities*

**Saturday, March 17, 2012**  
Holy Martyrs of Japan, Parish Hall  
167 Essa Street

**Buffet Dinner being offered**  
6 pm to 8 pm

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Tomato Sauce, Caesar Salad, Bread/Rolls  
Coffee/Tea/Juice and Dessert

**Cash bar**

**\$10** / PERSON • **\$25** / FAMILY  
CHILDREN 7 AND UNDER FREE



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