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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

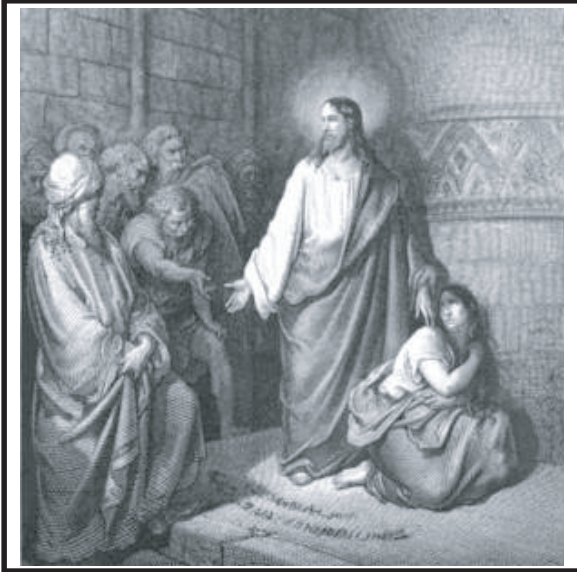
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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



## 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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Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



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

### OFFICE STAFF

**Parish Administrator:**  
Delia McEvenue  
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catechist.hmoj@hotmail.com  
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## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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El Sembrador  
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Life Teen  
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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis  
Seniors Club  
Social Club  
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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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#### GOING WITH GOD

*Father Timothy Bellamah, O.P.*

It is important for us to remember that unlike most people who know our faults, God loves us in spite of them, warts and all. It is all the more comforting to realize that God loves us in spite of our actual sins, that no evil deed of ours can cause him to stop loving us and place us beyond the reach of his mercy.

So it is understandable that people often say that God loves us just as we are. But this remark is often made to suggest that God would somehow love us less if he were to call us to change. On this way of thinking, any requirement on God's part for us to transform our ways of thinking and acting would suggest that he is insulting his own creative work. Taken for granted in this view is that the pursuit of our natural inclinations is justifiable and good, that we have no need for redemption.

After the woman's accusers leave, Jesus alone remains with her, as he alone is sinless. The only one there who could condemn her without injustice replaces a barbaric application of the Mosaic law with the logic of pardon. But his mercy takes the form of forgiving her sin, not condoning it. Perhaps the latter course of action would have been more tactful, more polite. But it would have been no act of mercy. The logic of pardon, of forgiveness, presupposes acknowledgement of and contrition for a wrong done. Neither this woman nor any one of us can be forgiven unwillingly. To enjoy God's mercy, we must be willing to receive it by acknowledging our need for it. Christ loves this woman too much to leave her where she is, as he loves each one of us too much to leave us where we are. Why would anyone want to be left behind?

*Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada*

#### PONTIFICAL COLLECTION OF GOOD FRIDAY

##### ON MARCH 25, 2016 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLY LAND

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday March 25, 2016. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. *"He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness."* Rm12,8 *With Gratitude,*

Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM

*Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

#### ASSISTED SUICIDE PROTECT THE VULNERABLE AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM!

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit

[CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) and support the coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1, 2016



#### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Friday March 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm
Saturday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm
Sunday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm
Monday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00pm
Tuesday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm
Wednesday March 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm
Thursday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm
Friday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm
Saturday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00pm
Divine Mercy Sunday April 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm	

### TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY

March 24, 2016 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 2016

3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

(Celebration includes the Eucharist and Veneration of the Cross)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

6:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

#### HOLY SATURDAY

March 26, 2016

(8:30am- 1:00pm Parish Decorating Garden of Lillies)

1:00pm – Blessing of Food

6:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena

8:00pm – Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016

Mass Times as Follows:

8:30am

10:00am

11:30am

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

4:45pm Spanish Mass

6:30pm – NO MASS



#### OUR GARDEN OF LILIES

Saturday March 26 2016 – Holy Saturday

*No Morning Mass*

You are welcome to help decorate our parish for Easter by bringing a lily plant in memory of a loved one on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> between 8:30am and 1:00pm. Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put the names of your loved ones on the lilies. We will also have a sheet so everyone can pray for those remembered in our Garden of Lilies.

#### BRADFORD MINISTERIAL LENTEN SERIES

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

Wednesday March 16, 2016 – 8:00pm

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church

167 Essa Rd., Bradford

The Rev. Eton Grant, Greater Life Community Church

**SUNDAY MARCH 13 2016 is Sharelife Sunday. Please give generously. You can work Wonders!**

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun Mar 13	- 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 Mar 14	- 7:00pm Daily & CWL Regional Mass
Tues Mar 15	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 7:00pm Adoration – Chapel
Wed Mar 16	- 7:00pm Daily Mass - 8:00pm Bradford Ministerial Lenten Series
Thur Mar 17	- 8:30am Daily Mass
Fri Mar 18	- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat Mar 19	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Palm Sunday Mass
Sun Mar 20	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> - 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - <b>4:00pm Spanish Mass*</b> - 6:30pm Sunday Mass
Mon Mar 21	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Tues Mar 22	- <b>8:00am Daily Mass**</b> <b>NO ADORATION</b> - 7:00pm Chrism Mass
Wed Mar 23	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Thur Mar 24	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> - 7:00pm <b>HOLY THURSDAY MASS</b>
Fri Mar 25	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> - 3:00pm <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <i>Celebration of the Lords Passion</i> - 6:00pm Divine Mercy Novena - 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat Mar 26	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> - 8:30am – 1:00pm Church Decorating Garden of Lillies - 1:00pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets - 6:00pm Divine Mercy Novena - 8:00pm <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
Sun Mar 27	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> - 8:30am Daily Mass - 10:00am Daily Mass - 11:30am Daily Mass - 3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena - 4:45pm Spanish Mass <b>6:30PM NOMASS</b>

\* Please note Spanish Mass time has been changed

\*Por Favor note la Misa en Espanol es a las 4:00pm

\*\* Please Note Mass time has been changed



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.

Mar 20 – Session 12

Mar 14 – March Break No Edge

March 27 – Easter No Lifeteen

Mar 21 – Movie Night

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 5:00pm Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

+ **Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues** by Wife & Mother  
Ester  
+ **Giuseppe & Francesca Benninati** by Tony and Franca Scalfani  
+ **Antonio Martins** by Wife and Children  
+ **Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa** by Carolina Santana  
+ **Jose Cardoso** by Wife and Children  
+ **John Ferreira** by Bernardette Ferreira  
+ **Lionia Pontes** by Husband Joseph  
+ **Maria & Eugenio Arruda** by Lucy, Lui and John  
+ **Victor Latoszek** by Wife and Children

### Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am** + **Jose & Maria Romeiro** by Emidio Romeiro & Family  
**10:00am** + **Pro Populo**  
**11:30am** + **Laszlona Szecsodi** by Daughter Christina & Family  
**6:30pm** + **Tobias Rego** by Wife and Children

### Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

\* **Spec. Int. St. Joseph** by Carolina Santana  
+ **Jose Correia & Teresa Silva** by Family  
+ **Stephen LaRoche** by Dan & Carole Sargeant & Sylvia and Paul Castellani  
+ **Jack & Beatrice Purcell** by Dan & Carole Sargeant & Sylvia and Paul Catellani  
\* **Spec. Int. In Thanksgiving** by a Parishoner  
+ **Parker & Fred MacIntyre** by Florence Szabo and Family  
+ **Stephen La Roche** by CWL Bradford  
+ **Katharina Schmich** by CWL Bradford

### Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

+ **Vitorino Nazarino & Olimpia Sousa** by Carolina Santana

### Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

+ **Samuet & Maria Conceicao** by Daughter Fernanda & Family

### Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

+ **Alanna Muscate** by Taryn Read

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

+ **Antonio Janeiro** by Wife and Children

*“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”*

### THE SOURCE WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE

Tuesday March 15, 2016 – 7:00pm

St. Paul's Basilica – 83 Power St., Toronto

Join us for an evening of prayer and fellowship. From 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the main chapel, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditative music.

Contact: The Sisters of Life 416-463-2722

### TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be practices for the Triduum Choir on Tuesday March 15 and March 22 at 7:00pm in the church.

**ALL MUSICIANS ARE INVITED**



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

**CWL Special Meeting for March 14, 2016**



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