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We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00am to 4:00pm

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Today as we enter the church, we see our pictures and statues covered. And, indeed they are important. It raises our minds and souls to their object, and for religious art, that is God. It can be a source of piety and devotion to us as well, especially of the saints. Why then, you may ask, as we approach the holiest of seasons would we cover them?

Because this is the time to focus exclusively on the liturgies that commemorate these times of holiness. We put aside the images of the angels and saints to focus on Christ exclusively, and the liturgies that commemorate His entry into Jerusalem, the first Mass, and His passion, death and resurrection. These re-focus us and reintegrate us into our spiritual life and then again with the aid of angels and saints renewed, to daily follow the divine Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Ministerial Association Presents An Ecumenical Lenten Series

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

Wednesday, March 20th – 7:00pm

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Coulson's Hill
Pastor Tim Walker from Bradford Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 27th – 7:00pm

St. John's Presbyterian Church
2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford
Pastor Kent Nielsen from Bradford Alliance Church

Devotions for Our Lady will be starting Saturday, March 2nd at 4:00pm and each first Saturday until July 6th. First Five Saturdays - Novena followed by confessions and Mass at 5:00pm. All are welcome.

We will be praying the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm and in Spanish at 8:00pm

CHOIR PRACTICE for TRIDUUM

Attention Choir Members, there will be a choir practice for the Triduum on the following dates: **Wed Mar 20, and Wed Mar 27 at 7:30pm in the Church**

PRAYER QUEST

Prayer Quest is a four-evening study and practice in prayer for people who feel weary from busy lives or empty from constant caring. Wisdom from some of the Church's great Saints will light the way in this spiritual journey.

Where: Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish, 167 Essa St, Bradford.

When: Thursday evenings: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, at 7-9pm

Provided at no fee by the Office of Formation for Discipleship, Archdiocese of Toronto. Pre-registration is requested to facilitate planning. To register contact Laurie van den Hurk

705-428-5537 or lvandenhurk@archtoronto.org

2013 ONTARIO DEFUND ABORTION RALLY

Campaign Life Coalition's Youth Division has organized a major Defund Abortion Rally at Queen's Park for **Tuesday, March 19th from 12 noon to 2pm**. Ontario Taxpayers currently pay at least \$30-50 million every year to subsidize the cost of medically unnecessary, elective abortions. For that amount, our health care system could hire over 200 family doctors, or 400 nurses, or purchase 20 MRI machines or provide therapy to 500 additional autistic kids each year. Please join pro-lifers on Tuesday, March 19th at the provincial legislature in Toronto to ask our MPPs to defund abortion. For more information, visit www.campaignlifecoalition.com/defund

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE READY FOR HOLY WEEK

Please sign up for **PALM SUNDAY**, and **HOLY WEEK**.
Schedules are in the Sacristy.

LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION

Our Lenten Parish Reconciliation will be held

Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00pm

Multilingual priests will be available to hear confessions.

TRIDUUM 2013

Thurs, March 28th – Holy Thursday

- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri, March 29th – Good Friday

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

Please be advised that this service includes the Eucharist

- 5:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, March 30th – Holy Saturday

- 1:00pm Blessing of Food
- 5:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Sun, March 31st – Masses will be:-

- 8:30am
- 10:00am
- 11:30am
- 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Mass
- 4:45pm – Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm – NO MASS

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

This is the complete schedule for the Divine Mercy Novenas

Everyone is welcome to attend

Fri, Mar 29th 5:00pm	Wed, Apr 3rd 6:00pm
Sat, Mar 30th 5:00pm	Thu, Apr 4th 6:00pm
Sun, Mar 31st 3:00pm	Fri, Apr 5th 6:00pm
Mon, Apr 1st 10:00am	Sat, Apr 6th 6:00pm
Tue, Apr 2nd 6:00pm	

Sunday, April 7th

3:00pm – Divine Mercy Celebration

GARDEN OF LILIES

Easter is a time when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and remember our loved ones. If you would like to bring an Easter Lily to the Church as a remembrance of someone, we will place it in the sanctuary and offer prayer intentions at every Mass for the 6 weeks of Easter. Labels will be available at the back counter to print the name of deceased or intention on outside of potted lily. **Please bring Lilies in on Sat March 30th between 8:00am to 11:00am.**



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, March 16th

+ Sidonio Marques by Augusto & Laura Marques
 + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family
 + Angelina Mirabelli Hamilton by Angelina Muraca & Family
 + Nello & Clara Del Bel Belluz by Daughter
 + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
 + Teresa Silva & Aurora Goncalves by Family
 + Jose Raposo & All Souls by Wife & Children
 + Ferdinando, Carmela & Giacomo Di Benedetto by Saverio & Grazia Bianco

Sunday, March 17th

8:30am + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Fik Family
 10:00am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana
 11:30am + Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family
 4:45pm Spanish Mass
 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, March 18th

+ Antonio Martins by Wife-Celeste & Family
 + Saint Joseph by Carolina Santana
 + Joao & Maria Oliveira by Rosa & David Oliveira
 + Ferdinando, Carmela, Giacomo Di Benedetto by Assunta & Rodolfo Bocchicchio
 + Joe Balon by Laddie & Children
 + Jose Rodrigues by Idalina & Carlos Correia
 + Joe & Edward Lancha by Grace Lopes & Family
 + William & Will Kristman by Elisabeth Kristman

8:30am Tuesday, March 19th

* Special Intentions for St. Joseph by Fernandes Family

7:00pm Wednesday, March 20th

+ Patrick Connolly by Daughter-Lynn & Family

8:30am Thursday, March 21st

+ Adamaxtor Crisostomo & Carmelina Batista by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Friday, March 22nd

+ Claudino & Maria Rosa de Jesus by Joaquim Neto

9:30am Saturday, March 23rd

+ Claudino & Maria Rosa de Jesus by Joaquim Neto & Family

5:00pm Saturday, March 23rd – Palm Sunday – No Intentions
Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday – No Intentions

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

The Community Meal is in need of volunteers for set up, dinner prep and cooking. If you are interested in helping to provide a hot meal for those in need, please call Johanne Wilson at (905) 778-1841.



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 17 – Sent

Mar 18 – Mysterious Love

Mar 24 – A Bowl & a Towel

Mar 25 – Final Judgement

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for March 10th was \$5,954.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

One or two dollars more will help us during these last few weeks of winter!

CATHOLICISM SERIES PRESENTATION

2013 is the “Year of Faith”. Holy Martyrs Parish will be presenting a 10 week series of videos and discussions, starting on **Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm** and every Tuesday thereafter until **Tuesday, April 30th**. The Videos are by Rev. Robert E. Barron. The discussion will be lead by Fr. Boniface with refreshments to follow afterwards in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this very informative free event.

CWL ANNOUNCEMENT

The CWL is looking for a member to join the Executive as the Social Activities Chair. This person would assist with CWL events such as Feast Day, snacks and other social activities. If interested please contact Imelda asap.

SPRING MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Fr. Mariush Runevich will be conducting a weekend Marriage Preparation Course beginning **Friday, March 22nd, from 7:00pm to 9:30pm, Saturday, March 23rd from 8:30am to 4:30pm, and on Sunday, March 24th from 8:30am to 11:30am.** If you are interested in taking this course, please call 705-424-1551 – Our Lady of Grace Church, 131 Centre Street, Angus, Ont. olgrace@rogers.com

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 23rd at the Sheraton Airport from 8:30am to 5pm. Guest speakers are Damian Goddard, TV & Radio Personality, Dorothy Pilarski, Catholic Register Columnist & author of Motherhood Matters. Leticia Valsquez, author of Parenting a Special Needs Child. For more information, visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905-279-7702

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-- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

YOU DESERVE A WEEKEND AWAY...

Consider a fulfilling “Marriage Enrichment” weekend in the secluded garden-like setting at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. A Good marriage can become a great marriage with proper nourishment.

Register now for the next Marriage Enrichment weekend held on April 5-8, 2013. Please call Kathleen at 905-278-5229 or email: ksmith@goa.ca or for further information, contact Father Tomy at 905-278-5229 ext 225 or visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/queenofapostlesca/>

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