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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

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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

Mother Teresa—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

Knights of Columbus

Life Teen

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Jesus will endure a lot this week – pain, isolation, fear and death. But that is in the future. Today, He is with intimate friends, enjoying a meal that has been made especially for Him, taking pleasure in the present moment, even though He surely knows what is fast approaching.

Unexpectedly, His good friend Mary, without saying a word, opens a jar of very expensive perfume and pours it over His feet anointing Him in advance of his death.

The oil is said to cost 300 dinarii a year's pay for the average man back then.

Piety and devotion can lead us to God if we are open to it. If we are lavish with God, God will be lavish with us.

Holy Thursday Offertory Collection will be shared by St. Vincent de Paul and the Community Meal. Non-Perishable Food Items will also be collected for the Helping Hands Food Bank.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

The Church of the Holy Land continues to be a witness of hope that challenges and supports us. This Church needs our hope and our solidarity. A prayer, a gesture and generosity can change loyalties. Our gestures of solidarity support the life of the Christian communities, the facilitation of social and charitable works and the maintenance of the Holy Sites. They ensure the training of priests for the present and the future.

The hope is shared and this is transmitted. You just need the heart of a child of God to take in hand the light that passes through time and illuminates our path. A moment of wonder, attention to others and practical support are means always at our disposal to keep intact the memory of Jesus Christ, Hope of the Holy Sites and Christians of the Holy Land.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE for TRIDUUM

Attention Choir Members, there will be a choir practice for the Triduum on the following dates: Wednesday March 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 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

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.**

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 27th - 7:00pm

St. John's Presbyterian Church

2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford

Pastor Kent Nielsen from Bradford Alliance Church

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, March 23rd – Palm Sunday – No Intentions
 Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday – No Intentions
 7:00pm Monday, March 25th

+ Ignazio Polizzi by Wife – Vincenza Polizzi
 + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Mother – Ester & Family
 + Claudino & Maria Neto by Rosa & David Oliveira
 + Antonio Mirassol & Family by Wife & Children
 + Jack MacFadden by Caterina Papparo
 + William Kristman by Mendrek Family
 + Edmond Malleto by Dieno Maquila
 + Maria da Silva by Luis da Silva & Family

8:30am Tuesday, March 26th

+ Joao Batista & Albertina De Jesus by Claudina Crisostomo

7:00pm Wednesday, March 27th

* Special Intentions for Isabel Santos Domingues by Celso & Maria Domingues

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“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
 CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY.
 MONDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:30am

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by April 8th, 2013. For further information, please contact the Education and Health Convener, CWL, at Holy Martyrs – Brenda Dainton at 905- 551-1685.



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 24 – A Bowl & a Towel	Mar 25 – Final Judgement
Mar 31 – Easter Sunday – No Life night	Apr 1 – Easter Monday – No Edge
Apr 7 – Social	Apr 8 – Back to the Beach

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for March 17th was \$7,200.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Christians of the Holy Land

It would be a blessing if you could celebrate the Vigil Mass of Easter in Jerusalem at the Sepulchre Church. Parishioners would fill the Church, courtyard and roof. In Arabic, Holy Saturday is known as “Saturday of the Light”. When the Patriarch exits the Tomb with the Light lit by the Holy Spirit, and passes it from one candle to the next, there is a frantic euphoria of happiness and redemption. On Holy Saturday, our focus is on the Tomb of Christ. This is no ordinary grave. It is not a place of corruption, decay, and defeat. It is life-giving, a source of power, victory, and liberation. I encourage you to visit this Tomb and stand in solidarity with the Christian Palestinians. Do NOT deprive yourself of touching what Christ literally touched! I ask you this Easter, and the next 50 days, to remember the Christian character of the Holy Land in your prayers, namely the Christian Palestinians, and our Holy Sites commemorating Jesus' earthly journey. *Happy Easter. Peace, Rami Qumsieh, (Knight of the Holy Sepulchre)*

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.

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@qoa.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/>

Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 24, 2013

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997. vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

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