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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, FIFTH WEEK of LENT

I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. (John 11: 25-26)

Thank you, Lord, for this exquisite promise of eternal life with you, where "there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain."

MONDAY, FIFTH WEEK of LENT

The whole assembly cried aloud, blessing God who saves those that hope in Him. (Daniel 13:60)

I, too, bless you, Lord, and renew my hope in you, for you are my Saviour and my God.

TUESDAY, FIFTH WEEK of LENT

But with their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses. (Numbers 21: 4-5)

In the desert of my life, Lord, I often complain of your will and your plan; help me today to be rid of self-pity and complaint.

WEDNESDAY, FIFTH WEEK of LENT

I give you my assurance, everyone who lives in sin is the slave of sin. (John 8:34)

I know the truth of your words, Lord, from bitter experience; the slavery of sin takes away my freedom and integrity; liberate me today from that slavery.

THURSDAY, FIFTH WEEK of LENT

I will maintain my covenant with you and your descendants after you throughout the ages as an everlasting pact, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. (Genesis 17:7)

I can never sufficiently express my gratitude to you, Lord, for your unconditional love and fidelity to us, your people; help me to be faithful in return.

FRIDAY, FIFTH WEEK of LENT

If I do not perform my Father's works, put no faith in me. But if I do perform them, even though you put no faith in me, put faith in these works. (John 10: 37-38)

Your marvelous works, Lord, both in times past and still today, speak for themselves; I put my faith in you.

SATURDAY, FIFTH WEEK of LENT

He withdrew instead to a town called Ephraim in the region near the desert, where He stayed with His disciples. (John 11:54)

Before facing death, Lord, you went once again to the desert to engage in prayer; help me to learn the value of prayer and solitude in the difficult times of my life.

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

SUNDAY to SUNDAY.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun Mar 25th - After the 6:30pm Mass on Sundays in Lent, we will be reciting the Rosary

Mon Mar 26th - 7:30pm - CWL Executive Meeting

Mon Mar 26th - 8:00pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tue Mar 27th - 7:00pm - Lenten Parish Reconciliation

Wed Mar 28th - 8:00pm - Easter Choir Practice

Fri Mar 30th - 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Sun Apr 1st - Palm Sunday

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for March 18th - \$5,803.00

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

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

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 28th - 7:30pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church,
56 Hearn Street, Bond Head

The Rev. Jim Keenan (Bradford United Church)

Wednesday, April 4th - 7:30pm

Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 - 10th Sideroad
The Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott (St. John's Presbyterian Church)

Light Refreshments will be served following each service.

TRIDUUM 2012

Thurs. April 5th - Holy Thursday

- 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. April 6th - 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. April 7th - Holy Saturday

- 1:00pm Blessing of Food
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Sun. April 8th - Masses will be:-

- 8:30am
- 10:00am
- 11:30am
- 3:00pm - Divine Mercy Mass
- 5:00pm - Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm - NO MASS

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

This is the complete schedule for the Divine Mercy Novenas

Everyone is welcomed to attend

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|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------|
| Fri, Apr 6 th | 5:00pm | Wed, Apr 11 th | 6:00pm |
| Sat, Apr 7 th | 3:00pm | Thu, Apr 12 th | 6:00pm |
| Sun, Apr 8 th | 3:00pm | Fri, Apr 13 th | 6:00pm |
| Mon, Apr 9 th | 10:00am | Sat, Apr 14 th | 6:00pm |
| Tue, Apr 10 th | 6:00pm | | |

Sunday, April 15th

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Celebration

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

The handmaiden of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your will.

*Mary said to the Archangel Gabriel -
The Annunciation of the Lord - Mar 25th*

Pray for us!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, March 24th

+ Eduardo Gomes & Miguel Gomes by Jack, Gina & Danny
+ All Souls by Helena Peixoto
+ Gorete Rodrigues by Family
+ Palmira Pereira Correia by Silva & Dias Families
+ Stefan Simurda & Michael Lamb by Mary Simurda
+ Alex Ucat & Sotero Quipit by Pacita Proctor
+ Janet Marie Ellis by Elfrieda & Ron Humenchuk
+ Nancy Bova & Madeline Paget by Patty Hofland

Sunday, March 25th

8:30am + All Souls by Ana Paula Manata
10:00am + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
11:30am + Paul Taucar Sr. by K. Spehor
6:30am Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, March 26th

+ Claudino & Maria Neto by Rosa & David Oliveira
+ Luis Sequeira & Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Family
+ Fernando Milheiras by Family
+ Teresa Silva by Family
+ John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
+ Maria da Silva by Luis da Silva & Family
+ Fernando Vias & Gloria Camelo by Gil & Laura Santos
+ Ferrera Family by Gil & Laura Santos

8:00am Tuesday, March 27th

+ Gioacchino Cristina & Pietro Asaro by Wife

7:00pm Wednesday, March 28th

+ Anna Hawrylak by Beata Arent & Family

8:00am Thursday, March 29th

+ Isabel Santos Dominques by Celso & Maria Domingues

7:00pm Friday, March 30th

Stations of the Cross

9:30am Saturday, March 31st

NO MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM Saturday, March 31st

NO MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 1st – PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK

8:30am - NO MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am- NO MASS INTENTIONS

11:30am- NO MASS INTENTIONS

5:00pm – Spanish Mass

6:30pm – Pro Populo

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross for Youth

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”



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

Mar 25th – TBA



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

Mar 26th – Needs & Wants

SHARE LIFE FOR 2012

To help ShareLife reach the \$12.3 million parish goal for the 2012 campaign, Holy Martyrs Parish has been assigned a suggested minimum of \$41,000.00. There will be 3 collections on March 25, April 29th, and June 3rd in order for us to reach this target amount. Please give generously.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

goes out to a Parishioner who donated a new Thurbile for incensation at our Parish Celebrations. Your generosity is most appreciated.

CWL ANNOUNCEMENTS

I would like to thank all the parishioners who knit/bought and donated mitts, scarves, hats, and socks to our drive for Northern Catholic Missions. The response was amazing. We collected about 100 hats, 100 mitts and 70 scarves and about 60 pairs of socks. Many children will be kept warm thanks to your generosity. Our drive is now over and our local used clothing stores will appreciate any items you have to donate. Please keep Rose of Sharon (Newmarket) in mind. Thanks. Carol Sargent, CWL, Community Life Convener

- **Please note DATE CHANGE for the CWL GENERAL MEETING** - Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00pm.
- **CWL Feast Day – Thursday, April 26th** - Mass at 6:30pm with dinner following after Mass in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$22.00 per lady. Open to CWL members and to new ladies (16 yrs or older) who are interested in joining the CWL. Tickets available at the Church or from Tina – 905-775-4386. Ticket deadline is April 15th
- **CWL TORONTO CONVENTION** – Friday May 4th & Saturday May 5th at the Double Tree Hotel. Admission to the convention is \$20.00 per day or \$35.00 for 2 days. The Saturday evening Banquet cost is \$55.00. Please purchase tickets from Tina (775-4386) by April 1st.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Social Committee presents our 3rd Annual Multi-Cultural Dinner Night on Saturday, April 14th after the 5:00pm Mass



We have had such a great response the last 2 years that we are going to do a few things differently this year. Tickets will be sold in



advance for the dinner. There will be no ticket sales at the door. You must have a ticket paid for in advance before the dinner in order to get into the Parish Hall. These tickets will also be for a door prize so do not lose them. Ticket sales will be limited to 200 tickets for the event, so purchase your tickets early to avoid sell out. You can purchase tickets after Sunday Masses or come to the Parish Office during office hours (9am-4pm).

As last year, Parishioners are invited to bring an dish from their homeland (i.e. Italy, Portugal, Mexico, etc). Any Parishioner that brings in an ethnic dish or dessert will be given 2 FREE admission tickets to the dinner.

Ticket Sales are Adults, Seniors, Youths (12 years of age & up) are \$20.00each. Kids under 11 years of age are \$5.00 each and Children under the age of 5 are Free! You can also purchase a Family Pass for \$50.00 for a family of 4 persons.



Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the box at the back of the Church or bring it into the Parish Office. Thanks for participating!

MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER EVENING

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Nationality: _____

Type of Dish: _____

Type of Dessert: _____

(Choose one or both)

Please Label your dish if there is any allergic ingredients (i.e. nuts, milk products, shellfish etc.) Try and use disposal dishes so that you don't lose your good ones. Label your dishes and utensils with your name so you make pick them up after dinner. Make enough for 10 – 12 people.

Place this tear off sheet and put in box in lobby of church or bring to Parish Office.

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