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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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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, SECOND WEEK of LENT

He was transfigured before their eyes. (Matthew 17:2)

Your Transfiguration, Lord, is a beautiful reminder to me, as it was to your first disciples, that your power and glory will ultimately overcome the darkness of evil in the world; help me to be renewed in the spirit of hope today.

MONDAY, SECOND WEEK of LENT

Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate. (Luke 6:36)

I often lack compassion toward others, Lord, even though I long for it myself; give me a new heart, full of compassion toward my brothers and sisters.

TUESDAY, SECOND WEEK of LENT

Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. (Matthew 23:12)

Most of the "conventional wisdom" I hear every day tells me that humility is for losers, Lord; but today let me listen to your wisdom which tells me that humility is really for winners.

WEDNESDAY, SECOND WEEK of LENT

Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest, and whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. (Matthew 20: 26-27)

I aspire to the greatness of being one of your disciples, Lord; I have many opportunities – at home, at work, in my neighbourhood, in my parish – to serve; give me the grace to do it.

THURSDAY, SECOND WEEK of LENT

Once there was a rich man who dressed in purple and linen and feasted splendidly every day. (Luke 16:19)

Sometimes I get my priorities mixed up, Lord, and I begin to think that clothing and food and material possessions are much more important than they really are; let this Lent be a time of rearranging my priorities in light of your Gospel.

FRIDAY, SECOND WEEK of LENT

With that they seized him, dragged him outside the vineyard, and killed him. (Matthew 21:39)

I recall this parable, Lord, and I know that it speaks to me of your suffering and death; I know that your sufferings and death have set me free, and I am deeply grateful.

SATURDAY, SECOND WEEK of LENT

You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins. (Micah 7:19)

I carry with me, Lord, the burden of sin and guilt; but today I am joyful in the realization that you are loving enough to forgive my sins and take away my guilt.

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

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

If we look forward to receiving God's mercy, we can never fail to do good!

St. John of God – Mar 8th

St. Casimir – Mar 4th

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity – Mar 7th

St. Frances of Rome – Mar 9th

Pray for us!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ONE and ALL!

I soon on, March 10th, will be leaving from here and shall be going for a new assignment. I certainly enjoyed my stay at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish, Bradford, while I was assigned to Chaplaincy at South Lake Regional Hospital, Newmarket.

I shall cherish fond memories of Bradford, of the clergy and the parishioners even though I had a short stay.

I do appreciate the warm welcome the Pastor, Fr. Boniface Perri, Fr. Joseph, Deacon David and you, the entire parish, gave me on the first Sunday at Bradford.

I shall remember the nice comments you all made and the support you all gave me during my stay here with you.

Most enjoyed my jokes although some said a few were really brain-storming. Others wanted to hear an extra joke after Mass or during the social gatherings.

Please keep me in your prayers for my new assignment and I likewise shall pray for you too.

God bless the Clergy, the staff, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and the others of the parish at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, Bradford.

May you all be like a light shining, to bring forth the Joy, Love and Peace of Christ to those you meet in your life.

I shall surely keep in touch with the Parish.

God bless you all abundantly.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Arthur Sequeira

P.S. I wish I could stay and learn Portuguese to converse with the older Portuguese folks. Some would say to me, you have a Portuguese name, do you speak Portuguese??

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."



CWL - GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 5th - 7:30pm

Agenda items - Resolutions for May Convention and Heart Pillow Stuffing for Southlake Cancer Clinic.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, March 3rd

- + Giuseppe Beninati by Wife Francesca
- + Margaret Langley by Rev. David Langley
- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Jose Fernandes
- + Josephine & Gerard Di Fonzo by Giulio & Maria Di Fonzo
- + Vergili Domingues & Maria Rosa Miranda by Lurdes Domingues & Family
- + Fernando Viaes by Deonilde Bento
- + Maria Nazare by Maria Sergio
- + Pasquale & Antonietta Baccilieri by Family

Sunday, March 4th

- 8:30am** + Fernando Viaes by Carlos, Alison, Tiago & Niko
- 10:00am** + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana
- 11:30am** + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 5:00pm** Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm** Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, March 5th

- + James Fullerton by Sheri & Dave Gilmour & Family
- + All Souls by a Parishioner
- * Special Intentions & All Souls by Rosa & David Oliveria
- + Aida Catania by the CWL – Bradford
- + Eleanor Blake by the CWL – Bradford
- + Marian Janek by Dasha Roman Sakach & Family
- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Family
- + Sophie Sponder by Dias Family

8:00am Tuesday, March 6th

- + Suzana Paulos by Family

7:00pm Wednesday, March 7th

- + Aida Catania by Antonette Bak Alexandrowicz

8:00am Thursday, March 8th

- + Teresa Tavares by Family

7:00pm Friday, March 9th

Stations of the Cross

9:30am Saturday, March 10th

- + All Souls by a Parishioner

5:00pm Saturday, March 10th

- + 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 11th

- 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

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”



SUNDAY to SUNDAY.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Mon Mar 5th – 9:30am-2:45pm** – Retreat Day for St. Charles & St. Jean de Brebeuf Schools
- Mon Mar 5th – 7:30pm** – CWL General Meeting
- Tue Mar 6th – 9:30am-2:45pm** – Retreat Day for Holy Trinity High School
- Wed Mar 7th – 9:30am-2:45pm** – Retreat Day for Marie of the Incarnation and Mother Teresa Schools
- Fri Mar 9th – 7:00pm** – Stations of the Cross
- Sun Mar 11th** - 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



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 3th – Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Mar 4th – NO Life Night

Mar 11th – Movie Night

Mar 18th – Under the Influence

Mar 5th – Near & Far

Mar 12th – No EDGE

Mar 19th – Defeat of Humanity

The Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Women's League is collecting Mitts, Toques, Scarves and Socks for the Northern Catholic Missions in Canada.

We have received an urgent request and these items are always in demand in our cold Canadian winters. There will be a basket in the Church entrance for these items and will be collected each Sunday morning until March 11th. Donations of these items will be much appreciated. Thank you. Carol Sargeant, Community Life Convener. (905-775-2778).



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 7th – 7:30pm

St. John Presbyterian Church, 2940 – 10th Sideroad
The Rev. Canon Barb Hammon (St. Pauls Anglican Church)

Wednesday, March 14th – 8:00pm

Holy Martyrs of Japan Roman Catholic Church, 167 Essa St.
The Rev. Richard Bodini
(Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church)

Wednesday, March 21st – 7:30pm

Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie Street
The Rev. Fr. Boniface Perri
(Holy Martyrs of Japan Roman Catholic Church)

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.

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