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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!

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Alpha
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Seniors Outreach
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LIVING LENT

Purpose of Lent Today: Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives. Jesus invited us to follow him by carrying our cross with him each day. (Luke 9:23) He indicated that his followers would fast and do penance after he returned to heaven. (Luke 5:33-35) We are to go hungry and thirsty for the sake of justice (Matthew 5:6) and to do our praying, fasting and almsgiving without showing off. (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-17)

From the earliest centuries, Jesus' followers have tried to follow these commands. Since it was on a Friday that Jesus freely died to save us from our sins, the faithful made a special effort to do some form of penance on this day: going without food for most of the day, spending extra time in prayer, doing good works, refraining from eating meat. Like St. Paul, they wanted to offer their penances for Christ's body, the Church. (Colossians 1:24)

Over the centuries, these forms of penance have varied, and sometimes have been neglected. Today, we are being invited once more to obey our Saviour: we are to do penance for our sins and those of others, for the people of God, for peace in the world, and for the building up of God's kingdom on earth. So to make Lent an effective time of renewal for the great celebration of Easter, let us commit ourselves to the practices of Lent.

Praying: Jesus and his apostles tell us to pray always, to be constant in prayer. Traditional times for Christians to pray are morning, evening and mealtimes. Personal prayer is a necessary preparation for our sharing in the Church's public worship, the liturgy. In our love, we join Jesus and all God's people in praying for ourselves, for our family and friends, for our leaders, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

Fasting: Fasting means cutting down on the amount and richness of our food and drink. Done as a penance for sin, it helps us to pray better: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. The money we save on food should be given to others in alms. The law of fasting obliges adults until they are 60 years old.

Abstinence: This form of penance needs to be seen as a near cousin of fasting. We may give up meat especially on Fridays, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Our abstinence is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing time or money to a work of charity) or other acts of piety.

Giving Alms: We give alms to help God's poor and to support the good works of the Church and other positive agencies. Again our help is being given to Christ in his brothers and sisters. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta when asked how much to give "give until you can feel it". We do not give in order to show off or keep up with others; instead we give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

Excerpts from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

ShareLife

"Living the Gospel"

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel", in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world. **Please help by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017 is ShareLife SUNDAY.** This year our ShareLife 2017 Parish goal is \$53,000.00.

CWL General Meeting Monday March 6, 2017

LENTEN PREPARATION



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent and pray with us the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Mass. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

This year's Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on **Monday March 20, 21 and 22nd at 7:00pm** at Holy Martyrs with Rev. Fr. Robert Arsenault of Companions of the Cross. Please plan to join us!

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Our **Parish Lenten Reconciliation** will be held on Thursday March 30, 2017 at 7:00pm. Multilingual priests will be available to hear confessions.

Archdiocesan Lenten Day of Confession will be held on Friday March 31, 2017 between 12-2pm and again at 4:00-6:30pm.

BRADFORD MINISTERIAL SERIES

DATE	HOST CHURCH	GUEST SPEAKER
March 8	St. Catherine of Alexander	Rev. Kent Nielson
March 15	Holy Martyrs of Japan	Rev. Eton Grant
March 22	Green Valley Alliance	Rev. Richard Bodini
March 29	Springdale Christian Reform.	Rev. Jim Keenan
April 5	Bradford United Church	Rev. Tim Walker
April 19	St. Catherine of Alexander	Rev. Paul Van Stralen



St. Patricks Day Dinner/Dance Saturday March 18, 2017 from 6pm-1am \$30.00/person Cash Bar, Silent Auction & Prizes Proceeds to go to youth attending World Youth Day in Panama. Tickets are being sold after each Mass and are available at the Parish office.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT - FREE

In Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima 100 Year Anniversary

Movie: The Miracle of our Lady of Fatima

On **Saturday March 25, 2017 at 6:30pm Sharp to 8:00pm** we will be hosting a movie night in honor of our Lady of Fatima called "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima." ALL ARE WELCOME! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for a \$2.00 donation to help offset the cost of future Parish Movie Nights. Come see what our Holy Mother revealed to the three children and to the rest of the world.

SPANISH RETREAT

Nuestra Vida Catolica en Cuaresma. Director: Rev. Juan Trivino. Sabado, Marzo 11, 2017 9:00am-6:00pm Hora Santa. Holy Martyrs of Japan. Por favor traiga su lunch. El retiro no tiene costo pero aceptan donaciones.

FIRE ROUTE ACCESS

Recently, we have had several medical incidents where the firefighters and paramedics have had to be called. Unfortunately they had delays in entering due to people parking below the portico and time can be critical at these moments.

We remind everyone that there is no parking along the front of the Church or under the portico because it is considered a fire route and may be ticketed should the police decide. Its okay to pick up a person with mobility issues as Mass begins or ends but there can be No parking there. Thank you for your understanding.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat Mar 4	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun Mar 5	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass
Mon Mar 6	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Tues Mar 7	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 9:30am Adoration Chapel - *6:00pm Benediction
Wed Mar 8	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Thur Mar 9	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 6:30pm - <i>Alpha</i>
Fri Mar 10	- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm Daily Mass
Sat Mar 11	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun Mar 12	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass
Mon Mar 13	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Tues Mar 14	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 9:30am Adoration Chapel - 7:00pm Benediction
Wed Mar 15	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Thur Mar 16	- 8:30am Daily Mass
Fri Mar 17	- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm Daily Mass
Sat Mar 18	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun Mar 19	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass

***Please Note: Benediction Time Change**



We invite our youth (grades 6-8) to join us on Mondays at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall for Edge Night!

March 6 - Crosswords

March 20 - Games

FOOD BANK NOTICE: Due to health regulations the food bank can no longer accept egg cartons. Thank you for your support and understanding.

RUN WITH IT

Wednesday March 29, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room
Being a Catholic in the Modern World

Tax Receipts have been mailed out Tuesday February 15, 2017. With our most sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 4th 5:00pm

+**Stan & Mary Chafe & All Souls** by Vilma LaRoche & Family
+**Antonio Alberto Rocha** by Lurdes Rocha & Children
+**Margaret Langley** by Rev. David Langley
+**Giuseppe & Francesca Sclafani** by Tony & Franca Sclafani
+**John Ferreira** by Bernardete Ferreira
+**Maria & Eugenio Arruda** by Lucy, Lui & John
+**Maria Albina & Natividade Miranda** by Silverio & Purfy Marques
+**Tobias Rego** by Wife & Children

Sunday March 5th

8:30am +**Anabel Crisostimo** by Maria & Fernando Miranda
10:00am +**Lino Andrade** by Joe & Lucy Andrade
11:30am +**Margaret Langley** by Rev. David Langley
6:30pm +**ProPopulo**

Monday March 6th

+**Jose Freire & Antonio Francisco** by Fatima & Children
+**Andy & Anna Mikos** by Dinis Family
+**Augusto Balugas & Paulito Martins** by Idalina & Carlos Correia
***Spec. Int. for All Souls** by Lourdes Marques & Family
+**Maria Orzolek** by Family
+**Fernando A Vias** by Wife & Family
+**Margaret Nizzery** by Rosa & David Oliveira

Tuesday March 7th

+**Anibal Crisostomo** by Guilhermina Batista

Wednesday March 8th

+**Silvina Vierra** by Family

Thursday March 9th

+**Alziro & Laurinda Janeiro** by Janeiro Family

Friday March 10th

+**Maria & John Conceicao** by John & Maria Conceicao

Saturday March 11th 9:30am

+**All Souls**

Saturday March 11th 5:00pm

+**Francisco Rodrigues & Jose Rodrigues** by Wife & Mother
+**Pietro Asaro & Gioachino Cristina** by Wife
+**Victor Latoszek** by Wife, Children & Grandsons
+**Maria Helena Oliveira** by Celeste & Manuel Cruz
+**Fernando Morais & All Deceased Members** by Maria & Fernando Miranda
+**Manuel Louro & Maria de Jesus** by David & Rosa Oliveira
+**Aleixo Custodio & Arsenia Ferreira** by Isabel & Family
+**Antonio Ingoglia** by Brother Giuseppe Ingoglia

Sunday March 12th

8:30am +**Scott Vieira & Lucinda Sousa** by Jose & Lucia Viveiros
10:00am +**Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario** by Carolina Santana

11:30am +**ProPopulo**

5:30pm +**Oliver Charbonneau** by Kevin & Sharon McCardle

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

FIRST FIVE SATURDAY ROSARY DEVOTION

3rd Saturday April 1, 2017 at 4:00pm

Upcoming Dates of Devotion: May 6, and June 3, at 4:00pm



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