

We welcome you to

# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

P.O. Box 1180, 167 Essa Street, Bradford, Ont. L3Z 2B6

Telephone 905-775-2065 Fax 905-775-9241 Parish subscription with Formed.org

Email: holymartyrs of japan@archtoronto.org website: holymartyrs of japan.archtoronto.org

Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



**Pastor:** Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

**Associate Pastor:** Father Massillamani Zacharias

**Deacons:** Deacon David Langley  
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



## St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

### OFFICE STAFF

**Office Manager:**

Delia McEvenue

**Office Assistant:**

Anna Maria Mongillo

**Custodian/Maintenance:**

Anthony Venroy

### MINISTERS

**Youth Minister:**

Ray Reitzel Email: reitzel@hotmail.com

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:45am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

### MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

### 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.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

St. Angela Merici—289-231-2085

### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Divino Espirito Santo

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

### NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME !

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, March 7, 7:00PM

+Michael Joseph DeFreitas

+Elizabeth Stephen

### TUESDAY, March 8, 9:00AM

\*Special Intention for Oliveira Family

### WEDNESDAY, March 9, 7:00PM

+Deolinda Oliveira

### THURSDAY, March 10, 9:00AM

\*Special Intention for the McEvenue Family

### FRIDAY, March 11, 7:00pm

+Isabelle Fisher

### SATURDAY, March 12, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

### SATURDAY, March 12, 5:00PM

+Rafael Chavez & +Delia Mendez +Margaret

Connolly +Mario Di Re +Augusta Pais +Ernesto

Correia +Augusta Barros +Alfredo Palmeirio,

+Joseph Mendrek, +Stanley Cemas & +Matija

Cadonic, +Paola Abate, +Alfredo Carreiro &

+Cila Abreu, +Alvina & Natividade Miranda

### SUNDAY, March 13, 8:00AM

+Carlos Marques & +Grandparents

### SUNDAY, March 13, 10:00AM

+Lino & Walter Andrade

### SUNDAY, March 13, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, March 13, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

## Ukrainian Relief

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief –  
Humanitarian Relief

(Parishes, please gather funds and send one parish cheque to the Development Office, made out to Archdiocese of Toronto – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief)

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.

## REFLECTION

What a painful experience for Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Creator of the Universe, the great I AM, the second person of the Most Holy Trinity, is in the desert, suffering for forty days while He is tempted by the devil and living among the wild beasts. Why in the world would He do this and why would God the Father allow it to happen? And what's more, it says that it was actually the Holy Spirit who drove Jesus into the desert to experience this painful 40 days!

Perhaps we rarely reflect upon all that Jesus endured and all that He suffered in His human life. Sure, we think about the Crucifixion at times, but even that is often overshadowed by our knowledge that He rose. It's easy to miss the suffering He experienced throughout His life.

So, what is it all about? It's about love for us all. It's about God loving us so much that He was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives. It's about God being able to look say, "Yes, I do understand what you are going through. I really do." THIS IS LOVE. A love so deep that God Himself was willing to experience our weaknesses and pain so that He would be able to meet us there, console us in the midst of it and gently lift us out of it to the new life He has in store for us. THIS IS LOVE.

The spirit "led" (Matthew's and Luke's version) Jesus out into the desert. This was a way of telling us that this experience was the plan and will of God. It was suffering for a purpose. Suffering with an intention. The intention in part, to experience and embrace all that we experience and must embrace. Temptation in life is real. It's the result of our fallen human nature. It comes from our weakness but also from the evil one. Temptation can be a heavy burden and cause heavy emotional and psychological pain. And when the temptation is given in to, it causes an even deeper spiritual pain. Jesus did not give into temptations at any time of his life, instead He suffered and endured them. This tells us that He can be our strength and inspiration in the midst of whatever we are tempted with each and every day.

It is Jesus Himself who is able to meet you in this desert within. He is there waiting for you, looking for you, calling to you. He is there in the midst of all you may be going through. He is the one who defeated this desert of temptation, who will gently guide you out. And just as the angels ministered to Jesus in this desert, so also does He send those angels to minister to you.



## UPDATE REGARDING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

As of Wednesday March 2, 2022, there will be 100% seating capacity at Mass with no physical distancing restrictions. Please note, that masks will be mandatory, and we will continue with hand sanitization practices, along with cleaning procedures for extra precaution. We look forward to celebrating Mass together as a parish community.

Reservations for Mass via Eventbrite are no longer necessary.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us EVERY FRIDAY during the season of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

## MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

During the winter months, please join us in a Mass celebration at the Church for the faithful departed, on the first Friday of every month at 11:00am. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

## PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:** If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

## ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open for prayer, Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm.



*Lord, I acknowledge Your perfect love for me. I believe that You love me enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering, and to bring me out of my own interior dryness and pain. May I let you be driven*

*into the desert of my own soul; and there, as I encounter You, may I allow You to lead me to the cool and refreshing waters. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

For parents wishing to baptize their child, please contact the parish office via email with your request and we will forward you a baptismal package. Please complete the required documents and email them back to the parish office. Upon receipt of your email a clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details, covid protocols, and to confirm a date.

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Thank you to all who have registered wishing to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2022.

After many months of reminders, bulletin announcements, and school communications regarding the sacramental registration for 2022 celebrations, the registration process for the sacraments, is now closed and we are now able to move into the next stage of our planning process; Sacramental preparation and mapping out the number of Masses required to be able to safely accommodate all those who registered, based on the numbers. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time as it is an arduous task of planning with many layers.

Information on preparation, and the dates of the sacraments will be given out sometime after February, taking into account the number of registrants and Covid restrictions.

Please continue to attend Mass in preparation for the Sacrament and visit our website and bulletin for further updates and communications.

**CONFESSIONS:** In light of the current Covid numbers Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact the parish office for further information.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

### VOCATIONS

The Lord calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**21 CENTURY 21**  
Heritage Group Ltd.  
Antero, Carlos & Cristina Silva  
Sales Representatives  
905-967-2946  
www.SilvaTeam.ca



**L&C**  
LOMONTE & COLLINGS  
INSURANCE SERVICES  
AUTO • HOME  
BUSINESS • FARM  
126 Bridge St., Unit 9  
905-775-5411

**KAR-LOS BUILDING SUPPLIES**  
ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING NEEDS!  
SELLING TO HOMEOWNERS AND CONTRACTORS ALIKE  
MINI-BIN RENTALS 6yd-20yd  
OPEN M-F 7-5,  
Sat 7-3, Sun closed  
20400 Hwy 11, 1 km S. of Bradford (W. side)  
905-775-4861  
WE DELIVER!  
WWW.KARLOS.CA

**SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**  
Family Owned & Operated  
30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford  
905-775-3335 800-209-4803  
www.SkwarchukFuneralHome.com

Bradford Greenhouses  
**GARDEN GALLERY**  
Barrie 705-725-9913 Bradford 905-775-2942

*Luesby*  
Memorial Co. Ltd.  
(since 1865)  
93 Main St. S., Newmarket  
905-895-4931

The **Elden**™  
of Bradford

**Hank's Cleaners**  
Since 1969  
Drycleaning & Alterations  
done on premises  
95 Holland St. W. 905-775-3561

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Membership with benefits  
Follow us on Facebook  
Facebook.com/KofC4915

Call 1-800-268-2637 for this space

**UN-RETIREMENT RESIDENCE**  
YOUR COMMUNITY LIVES HERE  
CALL 905-775-1700

**Sobeys**  
Ready to serve.  
Melbourne & County Rd. 88  
905-775-3301

**Remember...**  
Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.



**Jeanny Salmon**  
Counselling Services  
Couple & Play Therapy  
Anxiety & Depression  
289-383-4670

**THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**  
TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637



305 Barrie Street, Bradford  
**NOFRILLS** Realit's

**Bradford Smiles Dentistry**  
Looking for a New Dental Home?  
Dr. Joe Lehri & his team at Bradford Smiles  
Welcome new patients with free home smile whitening.  
478 Holland St. West 905-778-8877

**HOLY MARTYRS C.W.L.**  
WELCOMES MEMBERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

*Signature Memorials*  
Traditional & Custom Monuments Crafted in  
Our Shop In Home Appointments Available  
Bill Sheppard  
1-800-833-1560

905-775-5228  
**F.F. FERMIAL**  
Home of the Sod Squad  
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

**BIANCHI'S AUTO CENTRE**  
Hwy. 88  
Repairs, Tune-ups, Wheel Alignment,  
Air Conditioners Re-charged  
905-775-4594 **GOODYEAR** 905-775-8050

**Shopping Locally Saves Gas**



**Desjardins Insurance**  
Debbie Moran, Agent  
100 Dissette St. 905 775 3584

**F.M.A.**  
F.M. ALMEIDA CONTRACTING LTD.  
General Contractors  
905-775-8161