

We welcome you to

# 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.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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Mother Teresa—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

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.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH

The first record of organized Catholic worship in the township of West Gwillimbury is a land deed, dated February 18, 1837, whereby John McGann sold a part of Lot 12 on the Ninth Concession to Garret Mollow, James Cronan and Thomas Cronan, in trust for the use of the Catholic Church in that township. A Catholic burying ground was here established, and shortly afterwards a small frame church, dedicated to St. Francis De Sales, was built. This church was dismantled around 1815, but the cemetery is still in use.

This original church was served from time to time in those early years by priests from Tecumseh, Toronto, Barrie and Newmarket, who also had "stations" in the district. These were the private homes of the early settlers, where Catholic neighbours gathered for holy Mass when a missionary priest was available. Some of the stations were at the O'Donnell and Moriarty homesteads.

In 1857 Bradford was incorporated as a village, and six years later the Catholic families purchased three lots on Queen Street. The church was built in the centre of this property by Rev. G.A. Christie, parish priest of Newmarket; and blessed in 1864 by Bishop John Joseph Lynch, or Toronto. It was dedicated to the Twenty-Six Martyrs of Japan, who had been canonized at a historic ceremony in Rome two years earlier, at which Bishop Lynch has been present. Holy Martyrs' Church was served in the ensuing years from St. John Chrysostom's Parish, Newmarket.

In the fall of 1940, the mission church at Bradford was separated from St. John's parish, Newmarket; and erected into a separate parish with Rev. Melville Bolan as its first parish priest. In the early summer of 1949 Fr. Bolan bought the large home and grounds at Barrie and Letitia Streets from Mr. Gilbert Lukes as a parish house and site for a future Catholic School. The present parish priest, Rev. F.R. McGinn, was appointed the second resident pastor on July 1, 1949, and took up his residence in the new parish house on Barrie Street. The Catholic School, known as St. Mary's, Queen of Martyrs, was opened in September 1950 with an enrollment of 53 pupils. In August of that year four Ursuline Sisters arrived from Chatham to make a foundation at Bradford and to take charge of the new school.

In 1957 a new church was built to accommodate increased growth due especially to the post war immigration, particularly of Dutch families. Again the Church grew and at its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the doors were open to the present Church which has from the beginning dedicated themselves to be a community of the faithful following and worshipping the Lord in love and joy.

### MEMORIAL MASS

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00pm we will be having a memorial Mass to remember members of our parish who have died this past year. There will be light refreshments in the Gathering Space after Mass.

### Adoration

On Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Benediction will be at 6:00pm to accommodate the Memorial Mass at 7:00pm.

### CWL THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the people who donated and baked, made crafts, plants and sold our treasures to make our Bazaar a huge Success. Thank you and God Bless. Tina Gasper your CWL President.

### RUN WITH IT SERIES

**Time: 7:30pm Location: Parish Hall**  
**Wednesday, November 18 – Deacon Pedro**  
**Pope Francis – What he really said!**

### PARISH CALENDAR

Nov. 15 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish – 11:30am Mass  
Nov. 17 – Memorial Mass – 7:00pm  
Nov. 18 – Run With It – Pope Francis - What he really said  
Nov. 19 – Confirmation Session 6  
Nov. 26 – Confirmation Session 7  
Nov. 27 – Social Action Advent Family Fun Night  
Dec. 1 – First Reconciliation – St. Jean de Brebeuf  
Dec. 2 – Run With It – This session is in the Large Meeting Room  
Dec. 2 – Baptism Preparation Session – Church  
Dec. 2 – Confirmation Session 8 – Grade 8's  
Dec. 3 – Confirmation Session 8 – Grade 7's  
Dec. 3 – First Reconciliation – Mother Teresa  
Dec. 4 – Holy Hour – After 7:00pm Mass



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| 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. |
| Nov. 15 – Social Night   | Nov. 16 – Living Monopoly   |
| Nov. 22 – Alpha - Session 3                                      | Nov. 23 – Praying, Waiting, Anticipating                                      |
| Nov. 29 – Alpha - Session 4                                      | Nov. 30 – Amazing Grace   |

### WYD 2016 FUNDRAISER

The Youth Attending World Youth Day in Poland 2016 will be having a chocolate-covered almond fundraiser following all Masses on the weekend of November 21st and 22nd. Great stocking stuffer idea at only \$3/box. If you are interested in taking a case to work and selling on behalf of the Youth, please contact Debbie at 905 778-0977. Thank you for your support!

### ADVENT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Social Action Committee is holding an Advent Family Fun Night on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30 in the Parish Hall. Admission is a new unwrapped gift or gift card or both. These will be distributed to local families in need. It will be a fun-filled night of games, crafts, cookie decorating, a movie and family pictures. We ask you to register on the boards on the counter in the Gathering Space. That way we will be sure to have enough crafts and cookies for all.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES & DATABASE

*Some Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2015 are still available for pick up in the Parish Office. Envelopes that are not picked up for this year will be deleted from our database. The envelopes for 2016 will be available in the gathering space at the end of November. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.*



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a marriage preparation course over two weekends, January 22/23 and January 29/30, 2016. The cost is \$120 per couple and covers lunch both Saturdays. Please come to the Parish Office to register.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**5:00pm Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

+ Antonio Janeiro by Wife & Children  
 + Augusto Balugas by Carlos & Idalina Correia  
 + Maria & Eugenio Arruda by Lucy, John & Lui  
 + All Souls Friends & Family by Milan Bobala & Family  
 + Rocco & Maria De Bartolo by Children & their Families  
 + Angelina Vecchiarelli by Husband Donato & Family  
 + Manuel Da Silva by Paulo Jorge & Elizabeth Cabral & Family  
 + Jose Correia by Jack & Gina Gomes

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Emmanuel & Estelle Macdonell by Macdonell Family  
 10:00am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana  
 11:30am Pro Populo  
 4:45pm Spanish Mass  
 6:30pm + Antonio Martins by Wife & Children

**7:00pm Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

+ Antonio Cece by Family  
 + Orson Ombac by Rosemarie  
 + Joao & Herminia Botas by Piedade & Family  
 + Michele Ricciuto by Wife & Family  
 + Chiara & Francis Ferragine by Family  
 + All Souls in Purgatory by David & Rose Oliveira  
 + Manuel Pontes & Daughter Joann Pontes by Joseph Pontes  
 + Dominico Ferragina by Celso & Maria Domingues

**8:30am Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

+ All Souls by Maria da Silva

**7:00pm Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

+ Saul Domingues & Family by Celso & Maria Domingues

**8:30am Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

+ Margrit Weiss by Gasko Family

**7:00pm Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

+ Leonardo Racioppo by Joanne Racioppo

**9:30am Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

+ Luis & Maria Borges by Maria da Silva

**5:00pm Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

+ Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati by Family  
 \* Sp. Int. Jose Santos Domingues by Celso & Maria Domingues  
 + Jose & Rosa Barroso by Children  
 + Teresa Silva by Family  
 + Marjorie McEvenue by McEvenue Family  
 + Albina Barbosa & Benedito da Silva by Lucia & Orlando Araujo  
 + Antonio Janeiro by Wife, Children & Grandchildren  
 + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am + Aurora Peixoto by Portuguese Choir  
 10:00am Pro Populo  
 11:30am + Maria Ceu & Son Manuel by Silverio & Purfy Marques  
 4:45pm Spanish Mass  
 6:30pm \* Spt. Int. by Christianne & Norm Fex

**"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"**

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 Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### BRADFORD COMMUNITY MEAL

Helpers are needed for the Bradford Community Meal. The meal is served at the Bradford United Church on Barrie Street on Friday's. They need help with set up, prep, cooking and serving. There are six teams so you will only help once every six weeks. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please call Edna @ 905 775-9018.

## GIFTS THAT GIVE FAIR 2015

The 2015 Gifts That Give Fair is taking place Saturday November 21 from 10-3 and Sunday November 22 from 9-1 at St. Mary's Church Hall, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie. Speak to the participating groups about their work in social justice, not-for-profit and aid and development projects and select gifts from tables featuring fair trade products and foods, arts and crafts and more.

**Discover how the gift you give can give twice!**

For more information contact Becky at [beckerooski@sympatico.ca](mailto:beckerooski@sympatico.ca) or 705 325-4614

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples: You deserve a weekend to cherish being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Upcoming Weekend Date: November 20-22, 2015

For more information and application, please go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at [Gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:Gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905 792-1925).

## Advent Mission

Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Georgina is offering an Advent Mission, titled "Waiting...in Hope," with guest speaker Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC. Fr. Ben is a priest of the Companions of the Cross and has a heart for evangelization. He has been helping establish the Queenship of Mary Community, a new community of religious sisters in Canada. Many have experienced healing, spiritual empowerment and greater freedom in Christ as a result of his ministry.

Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 – Dec. 2, 2015 7:00pm-9:00pm

Our Lady of the Lake Church,  
 129 Metro Road, N. Keswick

## OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH

The Office of Catholic Youth is teaming up with local parishes to serve up some Theology on Tap! All young adults (ages 19-35) are welcome to come out to Donaleigh's Irish Pub, 28 Dunlop Street East in Barrie on November 23 at 7pm to hear Fr. Paul Magyar speak about his journey: From Body Guard to Priest".

## Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 January 5<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station).

**For further information, please contact Alex Lopechuk at 416 921-1164.**



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