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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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Mother Teresa—905-778-8653  
St. Charles—905-775-6762  
St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460  
St. Angela Merici—289-231-2085

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Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



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

### OFFICE STAFF

**Parish Administrator:**  
Delia McEvenue  
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Lynn Lush

### MINISTERS

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## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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EDGE Youth Ministry  
El Sembrador  
Knights of Columbus  
Life Teen  
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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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### JUBILEE OF MERCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

The Jubilee of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis as a year to be lived intensely in each local Church throughout the world, allowing every person to encounter the mercy of God. The most evident sign of this pastoral care is the Change to open a Door of Mercy in every diocese. These doors, analogous to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas in Rome, will allow people who cannot travel to Rome to make a Jubilee pilgrimage.

After the solemn inauguration of the Holy Year – marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 8, 2015 – all locally-designated Churches through the world will open their own Doors of Mercy in communion with the Church of Rome as part of the Eucharistic celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday.

Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his Intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended)

Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

#### St. Paul's Basilica

83 Power Street, Toronto

#### St. Patrick's Parish

131 McCaul Street, Toronto

#### Merciful Redeemer Parish

2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga

#### St. Anthony of Padua Parish

940 North Park Drive, Bramalea

#### St. Patrick's Parish

11873 Gore Road, Brampton

#### St. Theresa's Parish

2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough

#### The Martyrs' Shrine

16163 Highway 12 West, Midland

### 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.

Hall to discuss a few glitches that we experienced and to see if there are any ideas on how we can improve things in the future.

#### CWL

Our meeting on Dec. 7 will be a Bingo Night. Please come join us and have some fun.

### PARISH CALENDAR

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  
Dec. 5 – Mom's Group @ HMOJ 10-12 in Small Meeting Room  
Dec. 8 – Adoration – Benediction at 6:00pm  
Dec. 8 – First Reconciliation – St. Marie of the Incarnation  
Dec. 10 – First Reconciliation – St. Angela Merici  
Dec. 10 – Confirmation Session 9

### NOTICE

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for Bradford Valley Nursing Home. If you are interested in helping with this very rewarding ministry, please call the Parish Office.



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. 29 – Alpha – Session 4	Nov. 30 – Amazing Grace
Dec. 6 – Alpha – Session 5	Dec. 7 – Light of the World
Dec. 13 – Social Justice	Dec. 14 – Advent Party

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2016 will be available in the gathering space November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.



#### THE MOMS GROUP @ HMI

Search us on Facebook or contact [jennreitzel@gmail.com](mailto:jennreitzel@gmail.com) for more events and info. On Dec. 5 we will read chapter 5: The Young Mother – Imitating Mary's Endurance

### ADORATION

ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8, & 15, 2015 BENEDICTION WILL BE AT 6:00PM TO ACCOMMODATE FIRST CONFESSION AT 7:00PM.

### RUN WITH IT

Wednesday, December 2 – Fr. Boniface

Making it Matter – Prayer at Mass

Fasting & Abstinence

Making this Advent & Christmas Matter

THIS SESSION IS IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM

### Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant will be held at 5:30pm just before 6:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>). There will be 4 speaking parts and so we are looking for interested children (Grades 4 and up, please) for these parts only. There will be a practice/try-out for interested children on Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Closer to the event, we will have additional practices for other children interested in participating in the Pageant (in non-speaking roles). For more info please contact Debbie at 905 778-0977.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>5:00pm Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Manuel Borges & Mercedes da Silva	by Maria Borges & Family
+ Amelia & Antonio Packeco	by Maria Borges & Family
+ Manuel & Mercedes Melo	by Maria Borges & Family
+ Madelena & Antonio Rocha	by Maria Borges & Family
+ Matthew, Andrew & Marija Zic	by Mary & Family
+ Salvatore Cipponeri	by Wife
+ Maria Costov	by McEvenue Family
+ All Souls Family & Friends	by Milan Bobala & Family
<b>Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:30am	+ Emilia Laranjeiro by Augusto & Laura Marques
10:00am	+ Adelino Oliveira by Wife & Family
11:30am	+ Pro Populo
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	+ Peter Ferragine & Parents by Family
<b>7:00pm Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Antonio Janeiro by Wife, Children & Grandchildren	
+ Vincenzo Pagliuca by Wife & Children	
+ Antonio Mirassol & Family by Wife & Family	
+ Adelino Oliveira by David & Rosa Oliveira	
+ Aleixo Custodio & Arsenia Dos Santos Ferreira by Isabel & Family	
+ Ernesto & Maria Marques by Helio & Maria Sousa	
+ Richard Wachter by Cheryl Bobesich	
+ Leonardo & Domenico Ferragina by The Marques Family	
<b>8:30am Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
+ Adam Koch by Lucia Leblanc	
<b>7:00pm Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
+ Antonio Janeiro by Wife & Children	
<b>8:30am Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
+ Roger Beland by Cecile Koch	
<b>7:00pm Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Manuel Gomes & Dos Anjos Ferreira by Augusto Gomes	
<b>9:30am Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ Luis & Maria Borges by Maria da Silva	
<b>5:00pm Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
+ All Faithful Departed McEvenue Family	
+ All Souls by Carolina Santana	
+ Antonietta & Pasquale Baccilieri by Family	
+ Paul Taucar by Wife, Children & Grandchildren	
+ Jose Cardoso by Wife & Children	
+ Jose Correia by Piedade Janeiro	
+ Jose Freire & Antonio Francisco by Fatima Neto & Children	
+ Paul, Elixabeth, Mary Gres by Family	
<b>Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:30am	+ Maria Aususta da Silva by Portuguese Choir
10:00am	+ Giuseppe Di Fede by Salvatore Di Fede
11:30am	+ Joseph Matys by Vilma LaRoche & Family
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	Pro Populo
<b>"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"</b>	

### ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL OPEN HOUSE

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, and Father Michael Busch, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, invite the entire community to experience the beauty, architecture and unique historical journey of St. Michael's Cathedral. Extensive restoration has taken place over the last several years with the cathedral closed since June 2015 for major work. Two days of open houses during the Advent season will provide visitors with a preview of these efforts. From sculptors to brick layers and stone masons, restoration artists will showcase their expertise inside the church, with diverse exhibits highlighting the incredible efforts to restore the mother church of the Archdiocese of Toronto. **Open houses will take place Dec. 8 and 9 from 10am to 7pm with a prayer service each day at 12noon.**

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 6:00pm Mass
- ❖ 8:00pm Mass
- ❖ 9:30pm Spanish Mass
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

### Christmas Day – Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

### Boxing Day – Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 9:30am (Daily Mass)
- ❖ 5:00pm

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 27<sup>th</sup>

#### REGULAR MASS TIMES for Sunday

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

- ❖ 6:00pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Friday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

#### (Holy Day of Obligation)

### Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016

#### Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 10, 2016

#### Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

## PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00pm. Priests will be available to hear confessions in many languages. We invite everyone to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

### ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Boniface and Fr. Allyn will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, December 18, 2015, 9-10am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm, and 6-7pm.

## CHURCH DECORATING



We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to help and enjoy fellowship while decorating the Church for Christmas.

## GARDEN of POINSETTIA



Christmas is a sacred time for the faithful and people often celebrate by assembling and decorating their churches. Parishioners are invited to **bring a poinsettia (red only) to the church preferably on December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**. Labels will be supplied (at back of church) for the name of your loved one so that they will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer at all Masses during the Christmas Season.



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