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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 9, 9:00AM -Thanksgiving

+Ondina Gomes & Fatima Gomes +Mary Gres +Maria de Jesus Carreiro +John Lawlor +Maria Ragno & Maria Resendes +Stefania Hong *Special Intention for All May & Fenchak Family Members *Special Intention for Celestina May

TUESDAY, October 10, 9:00AM

+Jennifer Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, October 11, 7:00PM

*Special Intention of the McEvenue Family

THURSDAY, October 12, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, October 13, 7:00PM

+Augusto Bertocchi

SATURDAY, October 14, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 14, 5:00PM

+Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Maria Theresa & Jose Melo +Maria da Conceicao & Euclides Pinho +Fred Oliveira +David Harrison +Joe Lancha & Joao Ferreira + Mauel DaSilva +David & Silvana Medeiros +Emilia & Joao Laranjeiro +Gloria & Manuel Grego

SUNDAY, October 15, 8:00AM,

+Michael & Gabriela Mongillo

SUNDAY, October 15, 10:00AM,

+Manuel Laranjeiro

SUNDAY, October 15, 12:00PM,

+Salvatore Vena

SUNDAY, October 15, 4:30PM

El Sembrador *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 15, 6:30PM

*ProPopulo

WITH THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who have supported and donated to our thanksgiving food bank drive! Your acts of kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated. When food is placed into the hands of those in need, struggling with hunger, a profound change takes place. HOPE is restored! Thank you for you're your gift of HOPE! Please continue to give and donate to our local food bank as the need is great and Christmas is soon approaching. Together, we can make a difference!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Monday October 9, 2023

Wishing everyone a peaceful long weekend as we celebrate this time of gratitude for our many blessings. Mass will be at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day, and the parish office will be closed for the day.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling roses for the The Rose of Sharon after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses on October 7th and 8th. Please help support this important cause.

REFLECTION

The most amazing thing that has ever happened in this world is the death of the Son of God. It's amazing that God the Father allowed His Son to be brutally murdered by evil men. It's amazing that the Son did not call upon the myriad of angels to stop His persecution. It's amazing that Jesus spoke words of forgiveness from the Cross as His own mother looked on. But perhaps the most amazing aspect about this event is that from it, the gift of eternal salvation was made possible. Only God, in His inconceivable wisdom and power, could bring forth the greatest good from the greatest evil. Nothing could be more evil than the brutal murder of the Son of God. And nothing could be more glorious than the transformation of that heinous act into the definitive act of salvation for the human race. Jesus was "the stone rejected by the builders." But that rejected Stone was used by the Father to "become the cornerstone" of the new life of grace to which we are called.

The passage quoted above concludes the Parable of the Tenants, which outlines salvation history. The Father is the owner of the vineyard, which represents the people of Israel. The tenants were the religious leaders of the time who abused the prophets who were sent to gather the fruit of God's Kingdom. The son is the Son of God whom the leaders of Israel killed under the misconception that killing Jesus would guarantee the continuation of their power. However, the true result was that they suffered their own destruction, and the murdered Son became the cornerstone of the Church and the source of new life.

Today, you are among the people to whom God has given charge of His new Vineyard, the Church. Of you, God demands an abundance of good fruit. Though the Church is entrusted to the pope, bishops and priests in a special way, it is also entrusted to the laity, each in their own way.

Everyone must bear fruit for the Kingdom of God, and everyone will be held accountable for their stewardship. Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that we have little to offer. Everyone is capable of bearing an abundance of good fruit for the Kingdom. And God expects that of us all. If you doubt that fact in any way, recall again the undeniable fact that the Father used the greatest evil ever committed to bring forth the greatest good ever known. If God can bring forth new life from death, then He can certainly use you in powerful ways. In fact, the weaker you are and the more insignificant you feel, the more God can use you to produce good fruit.

Reflect, today, upon the glorious fact that if God can use his own suffering and death to bring salvation to the world, He can also use you in ways that are beyond your imagination. You might not become a famous evangelist. You might not succeed in some well-recognized ministry. In fact, you might even encounter much suffering, persecution, and hardship throughout life. Regardless, God desires to use you for great things and to bear an abundance of good fruit for His Kingdom. Allow God to use you as a cornerstone of His grace in this world. Catholic News Agency2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 8, 2023



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PEAMEAL BACON

On Sunday, October 15th the Knights of Columbus will be providing peameal bacon on a bun for all parishioners after the 10:00AM and 12:00 PM Mass. There will be no charge for your sandwich and drink, but donations to the Knights will be gratefully accepted.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday October 14th, 2023, and
Sunday October 15th, 2023**

A Comissao de Festa da Nossa Sra. De Fatima vai realizar nos dias 14 e 15 de Outubro as missas e procissoes em Honra da Nossa Sra. De Fatima na Igreja Holy Martyrs of Japan. Rev. Joao Bertao Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Auroara em seguida procissao das veslas. O terco sera rezado em diferentes linguas. Domingo dia 15 Outubro 2023, 2:00pm Celebracao da Eucharistia pelo Father John Pak e com a presenca do John A. Boissonneau, Auxillary Bishop of Toronto seguida Procissao e Bencao do Santissimo.

Depos de terminar a procissao e cerimonia de Domingo gostaríamos de convidar todos para uma tarde de convivo no Centro Cultural Portugues de Bradford. Havera café, cha, refrescos e doces variados!

Saturday October 14, 2023, 7:00pm Mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan celebrated by Father John Pak, followed by a procession and a candlelight vigil. Rosary will be recited in several languages. Rev. Joao Bertao, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Aurora, will concelebrate.

Sunday October 15 2023, at 2:00pm there will be procession, Celebration of the Eucharist celebrated by Father John Pak and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto – Northern Pastoral Region, will honor us with his presence. After the procession and the celebration on Sunday we would like to invite all to a social afternoon at the Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford. There will be coffee, tea, refreshments and snacks.

**ROSARY RALLY
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2023,
At 12 Noon in the church
All are Welcome!**



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OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 21st, 2023

**LIVE MUSIC/FOOD/RAFFLE PRIZES/ CASH BAR
Doors Open At 6:00pm**

**Tickets: Adults \$25.00 Youth (under 18) \$15.00
Tickets are \$30.00 at the door if available (children under 2 free) Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in the church foyer starting September 23, 2023 or can be purchased in person from the parish office until October 15 2023.**

Volunteers are needed to help make Oktoberfest a great success! We cannot do this without your help. We are looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations, and cleaning. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email:

youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

SACRAMENTS

Registration forms for **First Communion and Confirmation** have been delivered to our family of schools on Friday September 29, 2023. Registration forms are also available for pick up at the back of the Church, parish office and are available on our parish website for downloading. **Please ensure you attach a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate with your completed registration form.** The completed registration forms and baptism certificate can be dropped off after any Mass, or at the parish office. We look forward to seeing you and your families at Mass and celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist. **PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR BOTH SACRAMENTS IS NOVEMBER 30, 2023.**

YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. This semester we will be diving deeper into each fruit of the Holy Spirit. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

1st Edge Night is October 13 – Calling All Superheroes



LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

1st Life Teen Night is November 3

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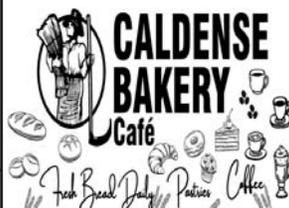


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