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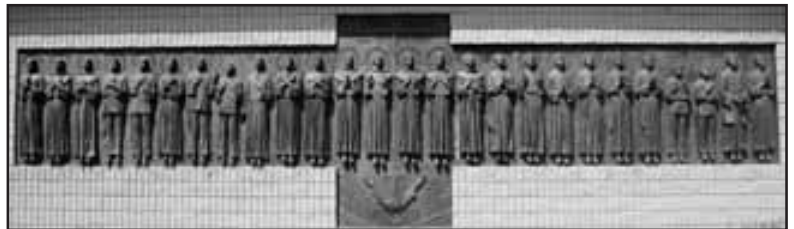
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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Life Teen Mass—6:30pm

Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am

Saturdays: 9:15am

## 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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## PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Bereavement Support Group CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

Development and Peace

Life Teen

Knights of Columbus

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Seniors Club

Liturgical Ministers

Social Club

New Beginnings

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

## 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.

## THE PRODIGAL SON

In the Gospel of today's Mass <sup>Luke 15:1-32</sup>, St. Luke relates Christ's parables about divine compassion. God is overjoyed at the recovery of a single sinner. The central figure in these parables is God Himself. He does everything He can to recover those of His children who have succumbed to temptation. He is the Good Shepherd who goes out in search of the lost sheep. Once He has found it, He brings it home on His shoulders. God is represented as a woman who, having lost a drachma, lights a lamp and sweeps the house in a careful search for it. Finally, He is seen as the loving father who goes out every day to await the return of his dissolute son. He strains his eyes to see if the newest figure on the horizon is his youngest son – Clement.

*Sin, so clearly described in the behaviour of the prodigal son, consists in rebellion against God, or at least in indifference or forgetfulness of Him and His love.* John Paul II, Homily, September 17, 1989. This reckless desire to live apart from God is symbolized by the escape to a distant country. This 'flight from God' causes the person to be in a state of deep confusion about his own identity, as well as a bitter experience of impoverishment and desperation; the prodigal son, the parable tells us, after all this, began to find himself in dire need, and he hired himself out as a servant – he who was born in freedom – to one of the local citizens. <sup>ibid</sup> How terrible it is to be far from God! St. Augustine poses this poignant question: *When will one find goodness without Christ? When will a person find evil with Him.* St. Augustine, Commentary on St. John's Gospel, 51, 11

The parable of the prodigal son is an invitation for us to meditate upon God's great love for us. When the younger son at long last makes the decision to return to his home as a labourer, his father runs out to meet him on the road. The father showers on his humbled son many tokens of love. *But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.* He wastes no time in welcoming the prodigal back as truly his son. *That's what the sacred text says: he covered him with kisses. Can you put it more humanly than that? Can you describe more graphically the paternal love of God for us.?*

In conversation with Francis Fernandez

## You are Invited .....



To come and help us celebrate 60 years of Ursuline service on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30am Mass. A reception will follow after Mass in the Hall.

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST COMMUNION and FIRST RECONCILIATION

Registration and information meeting will be on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for children 7 years old (grade 2).

**Important reminder** – we ask parents to bring a copy of their child's baptismal certificate and a completed registration form to this meeting. Forms are available at the back of the church after Mass or at the Parish Office.

### CONFIRMATION

There will be a registration and information meeting for parents on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and again on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Church. At that meeting we would ask that the registration form be brought with you as well as a copy of your child's baptism certificate as only a baptized Catholic is to be admitted to this Sacrament.

## Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation was \$ 5,120.00

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Help us to reach our weekly goal.

Please donate 1 or 2 dollars more each week to carry us through the slower months!

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This group provides individual and group bereavement support for those people who have experienced the death of one whom they have loved.

Classes will be starting the second week of September 13<sup>th</sup> for 10 sessions. Depending on people's needs, there will be a choice of classes on either Mondays from 7:30-9:30pm or Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm. Registration forms are at the Parish Office and the fee for the 10 sessions is \$20.00.

## COINS FOR LIFE · CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION

Would you or your family put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies during the next 8 – 19 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a culture of life? Containers will be handed out at the back of the church. You are asked to return containers and contents on the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember that every penny helps. Make it a family project. Remember that your small change can lead to a Big change in our land!

## BIBLE STUDY

Beginning every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month (Starting September 13 and 27<sup>th</sup>), we will be conducting a new Bible Study session at 7:30pm (after Mass) in the Large Meeting Room led by our Pastor Fr. Boniface Perri.

## MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Parents of All Altar Servers....please note date and time.

We are having a meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to help us co-ordinate some of the many activities that our servers help us with. We also want to thank all of the servers for the wonderful ministry and dedication and especially for your time that you dedicate to our Parish. Our masses are better because you are in them. Thank you!

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

**To all children and youth:** We need your help to make our Mass truly beautiful. Altar Servers not only help the priest in leading the community in prayer, but add a sense of solemnity and dignity to the Mass. If you have received your First Communion and are interested in serving at the altar, please let Fr. Boniface know. There will be 2 training meetings to which your child must attend. **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – both at 10:00am in the Church.** Your presence at these meetings will be welcomed.

## Quote For the Week

We may always rejoice, if we will only keep our head a little raised above the flood of human things.

St. John Chrysostom Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**5:00pm Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

- + Jeannine Theriault by Mother Teresa Staff
- + Lina Spataro by Mother Teresa Staff
- + All Souls by Lurdes
- + Agostinha Viera Pita by John & Ana Faria
- + All Souls who died during the 9/11 attacks in 2001

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30am** + Natalina Artuci by Maria Bellotti & Family
- 10:00am** + Jim Vonk by Vonk Family
- 11:30am** + Paula & Anna Gucciardo by Saracino & Gucciardo Families
- 5:00pm** Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm** Pro Populo

**Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + John Ferreira by Bernadette Ferreira
- + Anna Vanheeswyk by Catholic Women's League

**8:00am Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

- + All Souls

**7:00pm Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

- + Joao Raposo by Jose & Lucia Viveiros

**8:00am Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

- + Jose DeSousa by Wife & Family

**7:00pm Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

- + All Souls

**9:15am Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

- + Claudino & Maria Neto by David & Rosa Oliveira

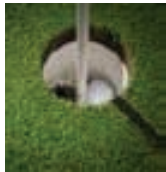
**5:00pm Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

- + All Souls by Lourdes
- + Joao Maria Faria, Fernando DeSousa & All Souls by John & Ana Faria
- + Liana Powell by Gregato Family
- + Anna Dekerf by Joe & May Mendrek

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30am** Special Intentions for Luis & Jesus by Parents
- 10:00am** + Tony Toich & Gloria Camelo by Lucinda Servo & Family
- 11:30am** + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- 5:00pm** Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm** Pro Populo

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



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is holding the first of what we would like to become an annual tradition. We are planning to hold our

**FIRST**

**HOLE IN ONE and PUTTING CHALLENGE COMPETITION**

**Win \$10,000.00 for a**

There will also be a putting contest. Rules apply in both challenges. Open to all. Must be 19 older.

Located at the Bradford Highlands Golf Club

**Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> –**

**both days from 10am to 4pm**

**Cost is \$10.00 for 3 balls**

For more information: please contact Steve Kanyo 775-7704  
Wayne Gibson 778-8179 or Rob Ben 778-1643



**Sunday to Sunday .....**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Sep 12<sup>th</sup> – 3:30pm – El Sembrador – English Classes
- Sun Sep 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – El Sembrador – Mexican Festivity – “Celebration of Mexico’s Independence Day” after Mass in Parish Hall – refreshments will be served
- Mon Sep 13<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Seniors Group
- Mon Sep 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – Bible Study
- Mon Sep 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – CWL Meeting
- Mon Sep 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm – Bereavement Meeting
- Mon Sep 13<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – St. Vincent de Paul
- Wed Sep 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm – Bereavement Meeting
- Wed Sep 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – Al-Anon
- Sun Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm – Occupation Health Meeting
- Sun Sep 12<sup>th</sup> – 3:30pm – El Sembrador – English Classes

## CONVOCATORIA

A mesa da Assembleia Geral, convoca todos os SOcios para a Assembleia Geral ordinaria, de acordo com os estatutos do Central Cultural Portugues de Bradford a realizar a **26 de Setembro 2010, pelas 15:00 horas, na sua Sede Social em Bradford.**

This is an open invitation for all Portuguese members to come for a meeting regarding the new administrative group that will take over. **4:00pm September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Portuguese Cultural Centre.** We need all the support we can get from our Portuguese community if our traditions and cultures are to carry on.

## **St. Elizabeth Seton Parish**

**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass – Celebrated by Bishop Hundt with a special prayer for cancer patients and their families.

9:45am – A presentation from the Canadian Cancer Society

10:45am – Closure with Hail Mary and song “Ave Maria”

11:00am – Refreshment in Seton Hall

The day is consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the Mother of Great Hope for those who are entrusted to her in the name of her Son Jesus Christ. Our Intention is to show our love and generosity, solidarity and moral support to those who have been touch with Cancer. All are welcome!

## **HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN PARISH is holding a FUND RAISING EVENT for one of our Young**

**Parishioners who suffers from a rare disease that inhibits his muscles which means he has to use a walker. Treatments are \$5,000.00 Please come out and support this young child and have a great family outing the same day with lots of games, food, and prizes.**

**Date:** Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 12noon to 4:00pm

**Place:** Holy Martyrs Back Parking Lot

**Events:** Games for Toddlers, Small Youth, Teens & Adults

Prizes to be won, Silent Auction offered, 50/50

draw and a bake sale. Jumping castles, face painting, jelly bean count, golf putting contest, bean bag toss, plus lots more.

**Cost: \$5.00 for Adults** which gets either a hamburger or

hotdog, choice of salads, fruit & drink

**Cost \$3.00 for Children under 10** for same as above.



Please park in the upper parking lot as only games will be done in the back lot. Volunteers are required for set up on Saturday morning and to help man the tables for ticket sales. Also looking for students that require their Community Hours. For further information, please call the Parish Office.



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