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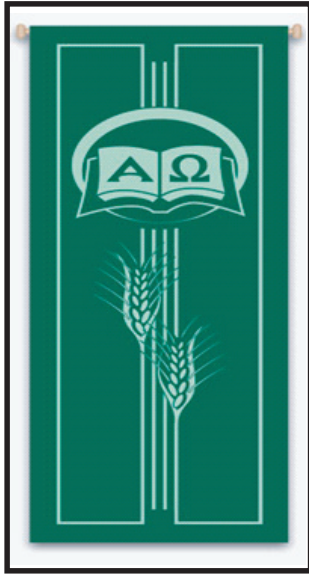
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



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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

6:30pm

Spanish Mass—4:45pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:00am

### 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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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

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Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

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.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. Jesus explains that they void God's command because the Scribes and Pharisees allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires.

***Uproot wrong thoughts and attitudes before they grow.*** Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. We do not need to entertain or give in to sinful desires or thoughts, but instead, through the grace of God, we can choose to put them to death rather than allow them to be the master who controls our way of thinking, feeling, and acting. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

*"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours - on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."*

## HOLY HOUR

**Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7:00pm**  
Come be present with the Lord!

## MARRIAGE RETREAT

NEWLY, YOUNG, OLD AND ENGAGED

**Saturday September 15, 2018 from 9:30am to 4:30pm**

It will be held at CatholicLand.com 21550 Bathurst St. Holland Landing Ontario (12 min from Holy Martyrs of Japan Church). Talks, snacks and lunch are included. Cost is \$25.00/couple or by donation. For details and to register go to CatholicLand.com or call: Marilyn/Victor at 647 834 2046. Facilitated by Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children and our teachers prepare to start a new year, may YOU be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope and faith be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as you love. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things!

In Jesus' Name. Amen



**I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC**

**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Joshua, Fr. Mani or the Parish Office.

## PASTORAL TEACHER REFERENCE

If you or one of your children are planning on attending Teacher's College in the Fall to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly and be an intentional disciple to the mission of the church (i.e being involved in parish ministry or programs) before such a recommendation can be given.

If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College who does not attend this parish (because they are away at school) and intends to use Holy Martyrs of Japan as the parish from which they will request a letter of reference, they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school. Let us pray for our Catholic teachers, students, schools and future Catholic educators!



### PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

A handful of Pastoral Care Ministers bring Communion to and pray with the sick and the elderly in Bradford Valley Care Community (Nursing and retirement home at 2656 Line 6, Bradford, ON) every Sunday following the 8:30AM Mass till 11:30AM throughout the year. There is a great need for more Pastoral Care Ministers to serve in this mission of nourishing our brothers and sisters with our Lord's spiritual food. If you can volunteer for at least 1 Sundays every month, please sign up to assist in this ministry of compassion. For more information, please contact [holy martyrs@rogers.com](mailto:holy martyrs@rogers.com)

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY FACILITATORS NEEDED

We need more volunteers to help continue this wonderful ministry for the youth. Please prayerfully consider journeying with our children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 in breaking open the word with them at the 10AM Mass from Oct. to June! Speak to Fr. Joshua if you're interested or email the office at [holy martyrs@rogers.com](mailto:holy martyrs@rogers.com).

### "RUN WITH IT"

Questioning your faith is not a sign of weakness but one of strength, validating that your faith is alive and well! Due to it's success, we are going to continue with our "Run with it" series again this coming fall. Please complete the suggestion form below with any questions or topics you wish to discuss about our faith. You may drop off the suggestion form in the yellow box at the back counter in the gathering space to be considered for the next session.

#### "RUN WITH IT" SUGGESTION FORM

An ongoing Process of Adult Catechesis

Are there any questions about the Catholic Faith that you would like answered? A topic that you would like to explore?

Please print your questions and /or topic in the space below:


## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00AM

+ Antonio Martins & Parents +Arminda Saravando & Aurora Peixoto +Antonio Mirassol +Tony Colalillo

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM

+All Souls

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

+Jan Rozek

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM

\*Special Intention in Thanksgiving to Our Lady

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

+William Yaszczyn

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

+All Souls

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm

+Francisco Rodrigues & Francisco Jose Rodrigues + Joao & Teresa Moniz +Antonio Alberto Rocha + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa + Antonio Perna +Irma Lancha + All Souls + Sean McEvenue +Angelo Alberico \*Special Intention In Thanksgiving to Mother Mary

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

+8:30am ProPopulo

+10:00am Helen Rak

+11:30am Antonio Diogo

+4:45pm ProPopulo

+6:30pm All Souls

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*



### LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday September 3, 2018 and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Have a blessed Long Weekend!

### SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2018



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