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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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**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. David Langley  
Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



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

### 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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CWL (Catholic Women's League)  
EDGE Youth Ministry  
El Sembrador  
Knights of Columbus  
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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whose glory do you seek? Do you compare yourself with others? How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child. Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). **God wants to fill us with his own glory.** God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Corinthians 4:7). Are you ready to humble yourself and to serve as Jesus did?

**RESPONDING TO FLOODING DISASTER IN KERALA, INDIA**

In late July, the state of Kerala, India was devastated by severe flooding due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. Over 10,000 kms of roads have been wrecked and more than 20,000 homes destroyed. The flooding and aftermath of the natural disaster continues. To date, over 300 people have died and more than 1 million people have been displaced and are living in relief camps, including more than 175,000 children under the age of 12.

In an effort to support people in Kerala who have been impacted by this disaster, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be channelled through the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council. Please place your donations in an envelope marked Kerala India or visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and go to Responding to flood Disaster in Kerala India to make your donation on line.

**COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS**

Grades two and seven are milestones years in the eyes of the Catholic Church. For the grade two's it is a spiritual time where we prepare our children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion and for the grade seven's, a completion of the initiation of the faith with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each Sacrament a blessed gift from God. Letters regarding these Sacraments will be made available at the back of the Church on the Cabinet. The First Communion Letter is yellow and the Confirmation Letters, green. The children in grade two and seven, in our five Catholic schools received these letters. Families who have children who attend Catholic schools outside the parish, or who have children attending public and private schools, or who have children in grade three and above who have not made communion or are in grade eight and above and have not made confirmation are encouraged to pick up these letters after Saturday evening or Sunday Masses. The letter will assist and instruct you in moving ahead to the celebration of these Sacraments. Thank you in advance to all the teachers of our schools and you the parents for their/your dedication and love for Christ in preparing our children and our young people for their next step on their Sacramental journey.



**Confirmation Parent/Youth Meeting Dates:**

Thursday October 4, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church  
**OR**

Saturday October 6, 2018 at 10:00am in the Church



**Communion Parent/Child Meeting Dates:**

Thursday October 11, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church  
**OR**

Saturday October 13, 2018 at 10:00am in the Church  
*Children and Youth are welcome and encouraged to come!*



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2018**

Come Join In The Festivities of the Evening! A wonderful night out for the whole family! Doors open at 6:00pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan parish hall. Schnitzel and Oktoberfest sausage for dinner. Tickets can be purchased from Ray or the Parish office. Tickets purchased in advance are \$15.00 per person, \$10.00 per child (12& under) and children under 5 years of age are free. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$25.00 per person. For more information please contact Ray Reitzel at 905 251 8151. Entertainment provided by Acclamation Nation. ***This event is in support of our parish Youth Ministry.***



### 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).

### HOLY HOUR

Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7:00pm  
Come be present with the Lord!

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

Mass will be celebrated at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish at 7:00pm in Portuguese followed by a procession and a candlelight vigil. All are welcome to participate. **On Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>** Mass will be celebrated at 1:30pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan in Portuguese followed by a procession. After the procession on Sunday all are welcome to a social afternoon at the Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford for coffee, tea refreshments and snacks.

Missa será celebrada na paróquia Holy de mártires do Japão às 19:00 em Português seguido de uma procissão e uma vigília com velas. Todos são bem-vindos a participar. Em domingo, 14 de outubro será celebrada missa às 13:30 no Santo mártires do Japão, em Português, seguido de uma procissão. Depois da procissão no domingo, todos são bem vindos para uma tarde social no Centro Cultural de Bradford Português para snacks, bebidas de chá e café.



### BICYCLE REPAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping to repair bicycles for the Mexican Agricultural workers please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065.

## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

+ Anna Yaszczyszyn +Jerry & Carmal Colford & All Souls in Purgatory +Blossom D' Croix +Dolores Romano

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM

+All Souls

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

+Deceased Members of Lotto Family

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM

+Louise MacNeil

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

+Hector Fernandes Saborano & Arminda Saborano

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

+All Souls

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm

+All Souls +Antonio Manuel Diogo +Armando Palma +Franco Trotta + Heitor & Wife +Irma Lancha + Sean McEvenue +Jose Carreiro Lima+Marco Campos \*Special Intention In Thanksgiving to St. Michael

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

+8:30am ProPopulo

+10:00am Deceased Members of Jardine & Hand Families

+11:30am Juanito Pilorin

+4:45pm ProPopulo

+6:30pm Fernando Pereira

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*



Dear Parents,

Edge is a fund Free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peers from grades 6-8. We will be hosting a family night on Monday October 1 at 7:00pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall. We invite all parents and students of grades 6,7 & 8 to come and see what we offer at EDGE. Come meet our volunteers and register your child(ren) for the 2018/19 season!! We hope to see you there! It Will Be Blessed!!!

*Oct 1 – Family Night – Free Registration and Information*

*Oct 15 – Fear Factor – Pizza Party*

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