

We Welcome You To The Catholic Community of **HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN**

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By appointment with at least one year's notice to provide for adequate preparation.

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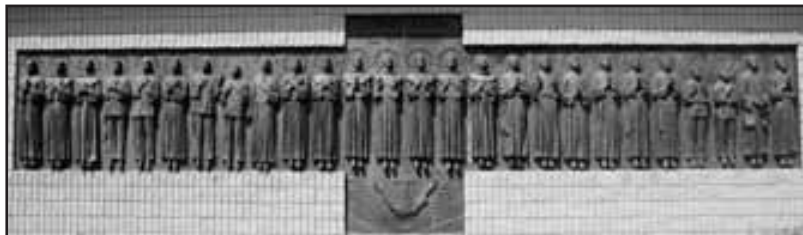
The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home through sickness or old age.

Support and Enrichment Ministries

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Consolation & Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Development & Peace
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Club
- Divino Espirito Santo
- Santissima Trindade
- Nossa Senhora De Fatima
- Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministry

Our Parish Catholic Schools:

- Holy Trinity High School - 905-775-4841
- St. Charles - 905-775-6762
- Marie of the Incarnation - 905-775-3492
- St. Jean de Brébeuf - 905-775-8460
- Mother Teresa - 905-778-8653



Sunday Eucharist:

Saturdays 5:00 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Spanish Language Mass, 5:00 PM

Life Teen Mass Sundays at 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM • Saturdays: 9:15 AM

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, Confessions may be heard anytime at the rectory. Please call ahead of time to be certain a priest is available

New Parishioners: WELCOME! You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish office or in the gathering space of the church.



Our Mission: We are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, to live and proclaim with joy the Gospel of the Lord.

A Nossa Missao: Nos somos discipulos de Jesus, e o Espirito Santo nos da proderes para viver e proclamar com jubilo o Evangelo de Deus

AROUND THE ALTAR OF THE LORD

**ENTERING THE CHURCH –
WHAT DO WE SEE???**

There are several important liturgical objects that draw one's attention when entering a Church and each has its own significance. The first is the Holy Water font into which the faithful each dip their fingers and make the Sign of the Cross. Making the Sign of the Cross with holy water before Mass is a reminder of the Sacrament of Baptism. In Baptism, through water and the invocation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit one becomes members of the Church. Only once a person has been baptized Catholic can they participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass and receive Holy Communion as one truly in communication with Christ and the Church. So it is particularly appropriate to recall and renew one's Baptism before Mass. The next act one should perform on entering the church is genuflecting towards the tabernacle where Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist is reserved. The genuflection towards Christ in the Eucharist expresses worship and obedience to Christ our God and King of kings. The traditional practice of placing the tabernacle centrally in the sanctuary reflects the arrangements of royal courts where the king sits in the central place and his subjects approach him and pay him homage. The genuflection towards the tabernacle emphasizes the truth that Christ is our ultimate ruler to whom we owe complete service. Furthermore, it reminds us that the liturgical act that we are about to perform, the Sacrifice of the Mass, takes place before the throne of God, the Father Himself, in whose service God the Son came to perform His work of Redemption. A lit red candle near the tabernacle called the Sanctuary Lamp indicates that it does in fact contain the Eucharist. If the candle is not lit and the door of the tabernacle is open, then the tabernacle is empty and one should not genuflect towards it. The holy water and the tabernacle are signs that remind the faithful that when they enter they do so as members of the Church come to worship their God and King.

Introduction to the Holy Mass

***BISHOPS' COLLECTION for the
NEEDS of the CHURCH in Canada***

Today, Sunday, Sept 27th, a special collection is held in parish communities across the country to support the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally. Known as the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*, this collection helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB).

Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCC is the assembly of all the Bishops of Canada, including those of the Eastern Catholic Churches. In addition to assisting in consultations with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See, the CCCC works in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world, and in particular with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society.

The Bishops of Canada wish to thank you in advance for your generosity.

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Donation \$5,225.00

Our Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

The winter months are coming soon.

Please give generously so we can meet our needs.

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an Altar Servers Meeting On **Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00am.**

All current Altar Servers are asked to attend and must have served one year or more. Please come to this meeting as it will give us an opportunity to continue to aid you in performing this important ministry here at Holy Martyrs. If you cannot attend, please contact Fr. Boniface at 905-775-2065.

***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. **October 10th and October 17th beginning at 11:00am** in the church. Your presence at these meetings will be welcomed.

SACRAMENTS***First Communion and First Reconciliation***

Registration and information meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th 2009 at 7:00pm in the Church.

Children 7 years old (grade 2).

IMPORTANT REMINDER - We ask everyone 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 on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00pm and again on Saturday, October 24th at 11:00am 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.

Holy Hour

This Friday being the first Friday of the Month, there will be an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. Please come and spend an hour in prayer with Christ.

***Community Meal***

Every **Friday from 5:30 to 6:30pm**, a Community Meal is served to those needing a hot meal or good company at **Trinity Anglican Church** at 56 Church Street, Bradford. Those wishing to volunteer or make a donation may contact Pearl at 905-775-4209

Quote from the Saint of the Week

When we yield to discouragement or despair it is usually because we give too much thought to the past and to the future.

St. Therese of Lisieux – (October 1st)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, September 26th

- + Francisco & Victoria Rodrigues by Ester Barros & Family
- + Maria, Dennis & Fatima Faria by Joe Faria
- + Maria, Dennis & Fatima Faria by Fernanda Rodrigues & Family
- + Joao & Hirminia Botas by Piedade Janeiro & Family
- + Miguel Gomes & Avelino Costa by Idalina & Carlos Correia
- + Antonio & Onorina Costa by Lurdes Rocha & Family

Sunday, September 27th

- 8:30am Manuel Carvalho by Annabel Carvalho & Family
- 10:00am All Souls
- 11:30am John & Margaret Picavet by Picavet Family
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Monday, September 28th

- + Pietro Ferragine by Wife & Family
- + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children
- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + Maria Da Silva by Luis Da Silva & Family

8:00am Tuesday, September 29th

- + Wendy Magani Rocha by Serafin & Luisa Garcia & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, September 30th

- + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family

8:00am Thursday, October 1st

- + All Souls

7:00pm Friday, October 2nd

- + Mark Oliveira by Parents and Family

9:15am Saturday, October 3rd

- + Manuel & Maria Conceicao Jr. by John & Maria Conceicao

5:00pm Saturday, October 3rd

- + Pasquale Barrilieri by Wife Antonietta & Family
- + Celeste Henriques by Frank Henriques & Family
- + John German by Wife Monica Heron-German
- + Rose Furlano by McEvenue Family

Sunday, October 4th

- 8:30am Wendy Magani Rocha by Lurdes Rocha & Family
- 10:00am All Souls
- 11:30am Maria Pugliese by Husband & Family
- 5:00pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

Cemetery Clean Up

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting our **First Annual Cemetery Clean-up on October 24th at 1:00pm**. In preparation of the winter months, we are advising parishioners who have loved ones at the cemetery, that they should remove any flowers, statues, ornaments, pots, glass or other breakable containers, lighting, etc., before this date. All wreaths, stands and artificial flowers are permitted on all graves from November 1st through April 15 of the following year. Volunteers are welcome and needed to ensure that we keep our Holy grounds beautiful all year round.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples: you deserve a weekend to celebrate being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Upcoming Weekend Date - October 2-4, 2009. For further information or registration please contact Cora & Mike Bryce (905-896-2958) or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca.

St. Vincent de Paul - Thanksgiving Food Drive

What better way to give thanks than to share our gifts with those who are less fortunate! Again this year, we will collect donations of food or cash for the foodbank for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend. Bins are available at the back of the church along with the St. Vincent de Paul collection boxes. Please give generously.



Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

- Sun Sept 27th - Coffee Sunday after each Mass
- Sun Sept 27th - 10:45am - Choir Practice for the 11:30 Mass
- Sun Sept 27th - 11:30am - RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcome
- Sun Sept 27th - 2:00pm - Life Teen
- Mon Sept 28th - 1:30 - Seniors Group
- Mon Sept 28th - 6:00pm - Edge - Pizza Social
- Mon Sept 28th - 7:30pm - RCIA
- Mon Sept 28th - 7:30pm - CWL Executive Meeting
- Mon Sept 28th - 7:30pm - Volunteer Screening Meeting
- Tues Sept 29th - 10:00am - Thanksgiving Mass - St. Charles School
- Wed Sept 30th - 10:00am - Thanksgiving Mass - St. Jean de Brebeuf School
- Wed Sept 30th - 8:00pm - Al-Anon
- Thur Oct 1st - 7:30pm Bereavement Group
- Sat Oct 3rd - 11:00am - Altar Server Training
- Sun Oct 4th - 10:45am - Choir Practice for the 11:30 Mass
- Sun Oct 4th - 2:00pm - Life Teen
- Sun Oct 4th - 6:00pm - Spanish Group



BRADFORD'S GOD TALENT September 27th

High school aged teens will present their talents in a competition for the best act following the 6:30 pm Youth Mass. Student admission is \$2 and is entered into a 50/50 draw. Parish spectators are welcome; we are asking for donations for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Questions call Ray at the youth office 905-778-0373



EDGE KICK OFFPIZZA SOCIAL

EDGE is starting in full swing on **Monday September 28th** with an introduction to the EDGE pizza social night. We would like to invite all students in grade 6, 7 & 8. EDGE runs from 7 pm to 8:30 pm every Monday in the parish hall except on holidays. There is no charge for the program. Registration forms will be available in the gathering space and on Mondays at the EDGE.

Next Sunday, October 4th -

"IF YOU REALLY LOVED ME..."

High School teens are invited to come out to this night to sort through the truths and myths about sex and see God's beautiful plan for us.

Celebrations for the Month of September

Congratulations to the following couples who were married this past month at Holy Martyrs of Japan.

- Vincenzo Imeneo & Nicole Greco
- Douglas Adams & Judith Kortis
- Jeff Fabiano & Erin Edgar
- David LeBlanc & Lindsay Stading

And we welcome into our parish those who have been Baptized.

- Gabriele Tuzi
- Carina Bartolo
- Juliana Nazario
- Siena Patricelli

Let us pray that they always remain in the presence and love of Christ our Good Shepherd

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