# We welcome you to

# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

P.O. Box 1180, 167 Essa Street, Bradford, Ont. L3Z 2B6 Telephone 905-775-2065 Fax 905-775-9241 Formed.org parish code: 2K8FFT Email:holymartyrs@rogers.com website: holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org Parish Office Hours-Monday to Friday-9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Sunday:

5:00pm 10:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & 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 St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492 St. Teresa of Calcutta-905-778-8653 St. Charles-905-775-6762 St. Jean de Brebeuf-905-775-8460 St. Angela Merici-289-231-2085

**Pastor: Associate Pastor: Deacons:** 

Father Joshua Roldan Father Massillamani Zacharias Deacon David Langley Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



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

### **OFFICE STAFF**

**Office Bus Manager:** Delia McEvenue

Anna Maria Mongillo

**Custodian/Maintenance:** 

**MINISTERS** 

**Office Assistant:** 

**Youth Minister:** 

Ray Reitzel Email: reitzel@hotmail.com El Sembrador (Ministry to Migrant Workers): Nancy Mora elsembrador.hmoj@gmail.com Anthony Venroy

### **PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES**

Alpha Consolation and Hope CWL (Catholic Women's League) **EDGE** Youth Ministry LifeTeen 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.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 28, 7:00 PM +ProPopulo

TUESDAY, June 29, 9:00AM +ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, June 30, 7:00PM +ProPopulo

**THURSDAY, July 1, 9:00AM Canada Day** +Maria Helena Oliveira

**FRIDAY, July 2, 7:00PM** +Samantha Diogo

SATURDAY, July 3, 9:00AM +ProPopulo

#### SATURDAY, July 3, 5:00PM

+Johanna McEvenue +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Antonio Janeiro +Luis & Maria Borges +Mae Eek +Ismael Garzon & Stella Garzon

SUNDAY, July 4, 10:00AM +Bill Greer

SUNDAY, July 4, 12:00PM +Mae Eek

**SUNDAY, July 4, 6:30PM** +ProPopulo

**Pre-Authorized Giving** 

#### 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for preauthorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid-19, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. Please contact the parish office. New and Existing Parishioners: Unfortunately, we had to reduce the number of boxes ordered this year as many were not in use. Anyone who was using box numbers from 800 and up will be assigned a new number. To pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, please contact the office.

# PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

**TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:** If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

### REFLECTION

Do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith or with skeptical doubt? People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered miserably for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do for his beloved daughter who was at the point of death? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because his hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (Take heart, daughter!) to ignite the spark of faith in her (your faith has made you well!). In both instances we see Jesus' personal concern for the needs of others and his readiness to heal and restore life. In Jesus we see the infinite love of God extending to each and every individual as he gives freely and wholly of himself to each person he meets. Do you approach the Lord with confident expectation that he will hear your request and act?

### A FARWELL MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

To the faithful of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish,

As many of you know, this is my final weekend here at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish. It has been a wonderful and blessed four years, and I am honoured to have been your pastor.

Though it was only a short while, looking back, I am grateful to God for all the faithful and for the many graces and blessings you have bestowed upon this parish community. This is truly a gift to be able to journey with you all to help you all become intentional disciples of Christ.

Though 470 days of it were during the pandemic, I have seen and experienced Christ through all your support, prayers, and intentions, throughout the four years of being here in Bradford. It has brought great joy and blessing to the priesthood.

I want to thank all of you, the staff, the volunteers, all those who have ministered with me, and to all the faithful, for being open to the grace of God and allowing Him to change, transform, and call you, to fulfill the great mission of leading people to Christ. As St. Hildegard once said, we are a feather on the breath of God – we go where He wills, not because He needs us there, but because WE need to be there. The places God sends us is where we will become holy, where we will receive grace... as long as we are willing to be that feather.

May God bless you all and keep you safe. Please continue to pray for one another. *Pax Christi, Fr. Joshua Roldan* 

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PROVINVIAL GOVERNMENT, COMMENCING FRIDAY JUNE 11, WE WILL BE ENTERING INTO STEP 1 OF THE RE-OPENING PLAN WHICH ALLOWS FOR INPERSON RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS/ MASSES TO RESUME AT 15% CAPACITY.

IN LIGHT OF THIS NEW ANNOUNCEMENT, OUR MASS SCHEDULE WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY JUNE 11, AT 7:00PM

Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed via Youtube at 10:00am

https://holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org/

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### ALL MASSES ARE WALK IN FIRST COME FIRST SEATED BASIS

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday Wednesday & Friday – 7:00pm Tuesday Thursdays & Saturday – 9:00am Holidays: Masses are at 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturdays – 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Seniors)

Sundays - 10:00am & 12:00pm Mass

Sundays – 6:30pm Mass (All Age Groups)

### **2021 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

#### ShareLife agencies are there for you, too

Please remember that ShareLife organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit sharelife.org and click on the "Need Help?" button.

For those who are able, please give to ShareLife through the parish office or <u>sharelife.org</u>.

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism Packages can be picked up after attending any Mass. Take the package home, complete the forms and return it after attending any Mass to clergy. A clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details and to confirm a date. (To be resumed after lockdown restrictions)

#### FIRST COMMUNION/CONFESSIONS

To all communion candidates and families who have registered and chosen dates for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament: On May 20th, 2021 the Provincial Government of Ontario shared their "roadmap to Reopen" outlining a three step approach that will be implemented throughout Ontario. Step 1 is expected to be introduced the week of June 14. Each step will last a minimum of 21 daysmovement to the next step is also impacted by the number of positive Covid-19 cases in the province, demand on the Intensive Care Unit in hospitals as well as the vaccination rate for Ontarians. Step 1 limits indoor gatherings at places of worship to the current hard cap of 10 people. In Step 1, outdoor religious services may be conducted without limits as long as 2m distancing is maintained. Step 2- First week of July at the earliest – places of worship are permitted 15% capacity. Step 3- At least 21 days following the start of Step 2 – places of worship are permitted "larger indoor services, rites or ceremonies" – no specific number or percentage is provided. This means that the earliest the Church can reopen is 21 days after Step 1 commences and reaches its target goals for vaccinations.

In light of this new announcement First Communions will be postponed at this time with new dates to be determined. Updates will be communicated via Livestream Mass at 10am on YouTube, as well as through our website, online bulletin, and social media and of course coming to Mass when we are able to open. We recognize and share the same stress and frustration everyone is feeling due to the spiritual and social pains inflicted by these restrictions. However, we also recognize the need to do our part, together in battling this pandemic for the sake of our brothers and sisters. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our front-line workers and volunteers of the parish who make our place of prayer clean and safe. Remain in hope as we know that these measures are temporary with a beginning and an end. We look forward to the day that we can once again gather without restrictions to celebrate the Eucharist, the Source and Summit of our Faith. Pax Christi, Rev. Fr. Joshua Roldan

**CONFESSIONS:** By appointment at this time. Please contact the parish office for further information **FUNERALS:** Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

