We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

P.O. Box 1180, 167 Essa Street, Bradford, Ont. L3Z 2B6 **Telephone 905-775-2065 Parish subscription with Formed.org** Email: holymartyrsofjapan@archtoronto.org website: holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org July & August Office Hours - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 9:30am - 12pm & 1pm - 4:30pm



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm 8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.) 10:00 am, 12:00 pm 2:00 pm St. Philip of Jesus Mission (Migrant Workers in Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

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.

PARISH 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

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Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

OFFICE STAFF Office Manager:

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MINISTERS

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES Alpha Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women) Catholic Moms Group CWL (Catholic Women's League) Consolation and Hope EDGE Youth Ministry Faith and Fellowship **Knights of Columbus** LIFETEEN Youth Ministry Liturgical Ministers Nossa Senhora de Fatima RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Rosary Apostolate St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers Santissima Trinidade & Espirito Santo Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 21, 7:00PM +Manuel da Silva +Maria & Luis Borges +Emil Maslak +Maurizio Rapisardi +Tomislav Lebar +Bruno Zambri +Lilian Ventura-Marques TUESDAY, October 22, 9:00AM +All Souls WEDNESDAY, October 23, 7:00PM + Margie Patton THURSDAY, October 24, 9:00AM *ProPopulo FRIDAY, October 25, 7:00PM +Vita & Antonio Cipponeri SATURDAY, October 26, 9:00AM *ProPopulo SATURDAY, October 26, 5:00PM +Terezinha Teixeira +Joaquim Araujo & Idalina Goncalves +Arlindo Araujo & Francisco Araujo +Jose Rodrigues & Augusta Barros +Celia & Ondina Gomes + Cidalia Rodrigues & Venancio Silva +Deolinda Oliveira +Danny Currie +Joao Balugas +Reilly MacDonald SUNDAY, October 27, 8:00AM *ProPopulo SUNDAY, October 27, 10:00AM +Luis Pontes SUNDAY, October 27, 12:00PM +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho SUNDAY, October 27, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday November 1, 2024, All Saints Day, there will be a Mass 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday November 2, 2024, All Souls Day, All Souls Day, reminds us of our own mortality, that the love of each of us is limited and we need to be ready to meet our Lord when he calls us. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and our beloved dead. Through our prayers may they find eternal rest. There will be a Mass held on Saturday November 2, 2024, at 9:00am (English) and 12 Noon (Spanish). We will also be having Prayer Service at Holy Martyrs Cemetery on 9th line at 11:00am (No Mass).

PLEASE NOTE THE 2025 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024. Note: Due to the increase demand, additional Mass Intention Spots have been added to weekday and Sunday Masses.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX & BOOK OF

REMEMBRANCE For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in Our Book of Remembrance, after Mass, and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar of the church.

REFLECTION

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." <u>Mark</u> <u>10:35–37</u>

What a bold statement from James and John. But notice the gentleness in Jesus' response. The other apostles, however, were not as gentle. We read that when they heard about this request from James and John they "became indignant" about it. In response, Jesus explains to them all that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Our fallen human nature is regularly tempted to desire worldly greatness, prestige, honors and admiration. We want others to think well of us and even to envy us. But this is a sin. Recall that this was one of the temptations that Jesus overcame in the desert. The devil tempted our Lord by promising Him earthly rule over all the nations. Jesus rejected this temptation and, by doing so, provides all the grace we need to do the same.

One thing this passage reveals is that our Lord is patient with us as we work through our sin. He was patient and gentle with James and John while they attempted to gain places of honor next to Him. He was patient with the indignation of the other apostles when they struggled with envy and jealousy. And Jesus will be patient with us as we work through the sins that most tempt us.

In addition to His patience, Jesus also provides us with the tools we need to overcome our own temptations. One tool Jesus provides us with is truth itself. Jesus' truth, found in His many teachings and in the example He set, is often contrary to the wisdom of our age and the tendencies we experience within our fallen human nature. In fact, we can be certain that almost every tendency and desire we will experience in life will be disordered to a certain extent. This is because our human nature itself is disordered on account of original sin. The only way to reorder our desires and tendencies is to turn to the clear and profound truths our Lord has given us.

Regarding the desire for worldly honors and greatness, Jesus provides the truth spoken above: "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Do you desire to be a servant? And to go even further, do you desire to be the slave of all? Hopefully you do, but most likely you do not. The reordering of our desires and tendencies begins by gently confronting them with the truth Jesus spoke. It is helpful to see Jesus speak these words to us with all gentleness and love, just as He did to the apostles. Facing the truth within our fallen human nature does not have to be difficult. We only make it difficult when we refuse to admit our disorders. In reality, conversion of our hearts and the reordering of our desires can be a gentle, peaceful and even joyful process if we allow our Lord to speak to us in the way

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He spoke to the apostles. Of course, when we become obstinate, self-righteous, or remain in denial, our Lord will become more severe, and we will experience the pain of our sin. But when we face the truth with openness and with a willingness to let grace change us, we will convert more quickly and will experience the joy and freedom that the embrace of the truth bestows.

Reflect, today, upon the disordered desires of these apostles. Reflect, also, upon Jesus' gentle correction of them. As you do, look into your own soul and seek to discover the disordered desires and tendencies that Jesus wants to reorder within you. Do not be afraid to face the gentle and freeing truths that our Lord wants to speak to you. Listen to Him, be open, and wisely accept what He says to you so that you will be free and will experience the joys that await. My Catholic Life! 2024



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday November 1, 2024, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

CEMETERY PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ON ALL SOULS DAY

Come join us for Prayers at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery (2952, 9th Line, Bradford) for all the faithful departed on Saturday November 2, 2024, at 11:00am.

2025 MISSALS

Missals for the 2025 liturgical year are available for purchase after all weekend Masses at the entrance of the church. The cost of the missals will be \$6.00 each. Exact change would be appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday October 27, 2024. After all Masses. Menu will include bacon, eggs, sausages and pancakes!

K of C would like to thank everyone for your support, of the Rose of Sharon Collection Campaign. Because of your kindness we are able to donate \$1,000.00 to this cause!

Octoberfest Raffle Prizes Wanted!!!

If you are able to donate any raffle prizes, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email:

youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

SL ShareLife

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support. Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.



HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN ANNUAL **CHRISTMAS MARKET One stop shopping for Christmas!** Christmas * Hosted By: Catholic Women's League Saturday November 9th & Sunday November 10th 9:30am to 2:00pm Parish Hall

The event will feature lots of vendors with new innovated ideas like jewellery, soaps, honey's, jams, candles, gift baskets, crystals, plants, religious goods and lots of fresh baked goods and much more! As well, join us for our hearty home-made soup and sandwiches.

OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

If you are new to our parish community, WELCOME to Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish! If you would like to register with our parish, would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration forms can be pick up at the back of the Church after Mass, from the parish office and will also be available on our parish website for downloading. To allow for faster processing times, please ensure you attach a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate with your completed registration form. The completed registration forms and a copy of the baptism certificate can be emailed to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or dropped off after any Mass, or at the parish office. Please allow a 2 week (or so) processing time. We will confirm your registration and date of celebration via email. We look forward to seeing you and your families at Mass. PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE SACRAMENTS IS **NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays

7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. To register, please scan QR code.

Next Edge Night is: November 1 – Tsunami



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Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! 1st Lifeteen- November 8 – Break the Ice

