

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: holymartyrs of japan@archtoronto.org website: holymartyrs of japan.archtoronto.org

Office Hours - Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Luke 12:51-53

Do you think I came to bring  
peace on earth? No, I tell you,  
but division.

They will be divided, father  
against son and son against  
father, mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against  
daughter-in-law and daughter-  
in-law against mother-in-law."

## 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  
At least one year's notice is needed and do not book  
venues until the first meeting with the priest.

## 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

**Pastor:** Rev. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.org

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Edwin Logrono  
elogrono@archtoronto.org

**Deacon:** Dcn. David Langley



## Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

### OFFICE STAFF

**Office Manager:**

Delia McEvenue

**Office Assistant:**

Anna Maria Mongillo

**Custodian/Maintenance:**

Anthony Venroy

### MINISTERS

**Youth Minister:**

Ray Reitzel email: reitzel@hotmail.com

## 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 Trinitade & 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, August 18, 7:00PM

+Abilio Soares & Julio Soares +Fernanda Rola Miranda & All Deceased Family Members +Virginia Correia +Teresa Silva

### TUESDAY, August 19, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +Doris & Nick Yaremko

### WEDNESDAY, August 20, 7:00PM

+Glen & Vincenza Lamp +Virgilio Conceicao & Jose Conceicao

### THURSDAY, August 21, 9:00AM +Luis & Maria Borges

+Jose Cruz Conceicao & Virgilio Santos Conceicao

### FRIDAY, August 22, 7:00PM

+Patrick Connolly

### SATURDAY, August 23, 9:00AM \*ProPopulo

### SATURDAY, August 23, 5:00PM

+Arlindo Araujo +Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario +Joao Balugas +Isaura Lorenzo & Virgilio Domingues +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Ryan Rosa +Manuel Silveira +Allison Lazzari +Francisco Xavier +Carlos Januario  
\*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

### SUNDAY, August 24, 8:00PM

+Christopher Macdonell \*Special Intention for Justin & Carmel Emmanuel

### SUNDAY, August 24, 10:00AM \*ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, August 24, 12:00pm

+Manuel Da Silva +Terezinha Teixeira

### SUNDAY, August 24, 2:00pm \*ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday September 5, 2025, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

### REQUIEM MASS SCHEDULE

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month. **The Requiem Mass will be held on August 29, at 11:00am at the cemetery weather permitting.** Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



### Your Love is a Guiding Light

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Cross Cultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life. Now she is a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## REFLECTION

*“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”* [Luke 12:51–53](#)

Jesus introduces this passage by saying, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” The “fire” of which He speaks is His purifying fire of mercy that He poured forth from the Cross as He offered His life for the salvation of the world. His mercy is given to free us from our sins and to cleanse our souls so that God Himself can come to dwell within us. This is why we exist. God wants to dwell within us, and He wants us to be in perfect union with Him.

One of the glorious effects of uniting yourself to God is that this union also brings about a spiritual bond with others who are united to God. We are made for communion with God, but also for communion with each other. God especially invites family members to share in this unity. Though there are many levels of friendship and unity we can have with each other, the deepest bonds come from two souls each being united to God. For example, two people may both like the same sports team or have the same interests, resulting in a bond or form of friendship. This is good. But when each of those friends also is deeply united to God, the unity comes from God and not from something more superficial.

The challenging Gospel passage above reveals to us what happens when one or more members of a household fail to open themselves to the cleansing fire of God’s love and, therefore, fail to live in union with God. The result is disunity, at least on the deepest and truest level. God is not the cause of disunity; sin is. When one person is united to God and another is immersed in a life of sin, true spiritual unity is not possible. Of course, the two might still share some common interests and might even superficially get along each day, but there will never be an experience of authentic spiritual friendship and communion if God is absent from one or both hearts.

When Jesus says that He has come to establish division within a household, He is simply pointing out that there will indeed be a division within a household when all are not united to God. Additionally, Jesus is warning us that if someone within our household tries to draw us into a life of sin with them, that person’s invitation must be rejected. And when that happens, that rejection is often experienced as a rejection of the person and results in even greater disunity. The bottom line is that it is not possible to be authentically united in sin or any form of lie.

Reflect, today, upon the deepest spiritual desire you have. If you are honest with yourself, you will discover that this deepest desire in your heart is the desire for love. We are made to give and receive love. First, this desire is fulfilled

by opening ourselves to the love of God. When that happens, we will be able to share God's love with others and receive God's love from them. Nothing in life could be more fulfilling than this. *My Catholic Life! 2025*



## **85<sup>th</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** **Weekend of September 13 & 14, 2025**

All Sunday Masses will be offered in thanksgiving for 85 years of faith and community. Join us as we celebrate this milestone together as one parish family.

## **85<sup>th</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY SEMI-FORMAL DINNER & DANCE**

**Date: Saturday September 13, 2025**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Location: Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford**  
767 Simcoe Road, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A6

**Tickets: \$50.00 per person**

**Tickets will be sold at all weekend Masses in the foyer**

### **EVENING INCLUDES: Catered Dinner**

**Bottle of water and soda**

**Sparkling Wine (one bottle per table for toasting),**

**Coffee, tea, and dessert,**

**Cash bar available**

**Raffle prizes and more!**

All proceeds for the event will go toward the renovation of our parish worship area - a sacred space dedicated to healing, reconciliation, and the spiritual life of our parish. Come join us for a joyful evening of food, music, and celebration as we honor 85 years of faith and community!

If you own or operate a business, please consider supporting our event through sponsorship, gift cards, merchandise, or services for prizes. Sponsors will be acknowledged in our program, signage, and parish communications (with permission to use your logo). If interested, please send an email to [holymartyrssofjapan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holymartyrssofjapan@archtoronto.org) outlining your donation item(s) and an image of your logo.

## **VOCATIONS**

"...Let us turn with perseverance the race that is set before us..." If God is calling you, contact Fr Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## **PRAYER FOR OUR EDGE CAMPERS**



Awesome, Ever-Present God, You are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important, and life-changing things with you.

Today, we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over our campers who will be attending Edge camp this upcoming week. They are about to embark on a journey filled with adventure, fun, and faith formation that will help them grow closer to you.

Bless them this week so that all of their fears and anxieties might be met with your peace.

Bless them this week so that all of their questions and seeking might be explored with your guidance.

Bless them this week so that all of their excitement and energy might be met with your joy.

Help them feel you close and remind them that we are here, back home, praying for the exciting week ahead.

Bless our church, too, God. Bless us as we wait for our campers to return home prayerfully and patiently. Bless us so that we might be changed, just as they are, because of their week at camp.

## **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. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** We would be happy to provide you with another box number if necessary. If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity. [holymartyrssofjapan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holymartyrssofjapan@archtoronto.org)

# SACRAMENTS

## **FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR 2026 SEASON**

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2026 season will be made available sometime in the fall. Please stay connected with us for more information. We invite you to celebrate Mass with us on Saturdays or Sundays. Announcements regarding registration will be made at Mass. Please be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information and registration for these sacraments.



**CENTURY 21**

Heritage Group Ltd.

**Cristina Silva** Sales Representative  
905-967-2946 www.CristinaSilva.ca



**LOMONTE & COLLINGS**  
INSURANCE SERVICES  
AUTO • HOME  
BUSINESS • FARM  
126 Bridge St., Unit 9  
905-775-5411



WE  
DELIVER!

WWW.KARLOS.CA

**ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR  
ALL YOUR BUILDING NEEDS!**

SELLING TO HOMEOWNERS  
AND CONTRACTORS ALIKE  
MINI-BIN RENTALS 6yd-20yd  
**OPEN M-F 7-5,  
Sat 7-1, Sun closed**  
20400 Hwy 11, 1 km S. of Bradford (W. side)

905-775-4861



Barrie Bradford  
705-725-9913 905-775-2942

**CENTURY 21**

Heritage Group Ltd.

D 416.453.5299  
homesbyluke.ca

**LUKE**

MIERZEJEWSKI\*



Each office is independently owned and operated. \* REALTOR  
Not intended to solicit buyers or sellers currently under contract



Portuguese & Spanish  
New Patients & Emergencies  
CDCP  
(Canadian Dental Care Plan)  
27 John St W  
905-775-8958  
HollandRiverDental.com

**BRADFORD**  
PARTY & EVENT RENTALS  
"Everything You Need to  
Host the Perfect Event!"  
647-689-6040  
BradfordPartyRentals.com

**JS**  
Jeanny  
Salmon  
Counselling  
Services  
289-383-4670

**BB Renovation**

Leo & Michael  
905-960-6823  
busybeesreno@gmail.com



**GRI**  
Memorial Inc.

3695 Yonge St  
705-985-7863 info@gri-pdm.com  
www.gri-pdm.com  
Your Local Monument Supplier  
Quality & Affordability



overcome  
**TAXiety™**

2-37 Holland St. W. 905-775-7772

**Accounting & Tax Services**

Accounting & Bookkeeping • Income Tax Returns  
Personal • Business • Corporate  
905-775-2668 64 Holland St E  
ssaccounting.ca



**Mauro Di Giovanni**  
maurod@si2inv.com  
www.Si2inv.com



- Counselling:**  
Individual, Couples, Family
- Services for Youth, Women,  
Men and Seniors**
- Supports for Children and Youth  
with Autism and their Families**

In 40+ languages  
In-person and fully digital  
Services throughout Ontario

To learn more:



SCAN HERE

Phone: 905-770-7040

Call 1-800-268-2637 for this space



**Troy Glendenning**  
905-251-6974

www.glendenning.ca  
troy@glendenning.ca

**Sabella**

**RESTAURANT + BAR**  
Celebration of Life  
Baptism  
Confirmation Events  
and Catering

23 Barrie St  
905-551-8800



**THE PERFECT  
SPOT  
TO  
ADVERTISE**

TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE  
PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637

305 Barrie Street, Bradford



Real's



New Build  
Additions  
Repairs And More!  
905-955-3464



Follow us!

**Hank's Cleaners**

Since 1969  
Drycleaning & Alterations  
done on premises  
95 Holland St. W. 905-775-3561



**Marco Dias**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE



**KELLER WILLIAMS**  
REFERRED URBAN REALTY, BROKERAGE  
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED



Cell: 905.716.5026  
Marco@TheDiasGroup.com

**LAW OFFICE of  
DIANA S. RIFFERT**  
84 Barrie Street  
905-775-5383

**Signature Memorials Ltd.**

Custom Monuments • Cleaning • Restoration  
In Home Appointments Available  
705-325-0847 800-833-1560



- WEEKLY LAWN CARE
- SNOW REMOVAL
- COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL
- SPRING/FALL CLEANUPS

**289-763-3434**  
**BobalaLawnCare.com**

**Desjardins**

Insurance  
**Debbie Moran** Agent  
100 Disette St. 905 775 3584

**F.M.A.**

**F.M. ALMEIDA CONTRACTING LTD.**  
General Contractors  
905-775-8161

905-775-5228  
**FYFERMIAL**  
Home of the Sod Squad  
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

**Leo & John's**  
Car & Truck Sales  
B.F. Goodrich • Uniroyal • Michelin  
173 Holland St. W.  
905-775-6162