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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

*I am the true vine,
and My Father is the vinedresser.*

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit

He takes away;

and every branch that bears fruit

*He prunes,
that it may bear more fruit.*

John 15:1-2
2020

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

4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)

6:30 pm

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.

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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

Catholic Moms Group

Catholic Moms and Tots

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Knights of Columbus

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

St. Vincent de Paul Society

San Felipe de Jesus: Ministry to Migrant Workers

Santissima Divinidade

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, April 29, 7:00PM

+Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +Maria Arromba +Florentina Estacio Xavier +Beatriz Sousa & Edite Fernandes +Andrew Klic +Carlos Bento +Maria Dos Santos & All Deceased Family Members + Antonella Vernola *Special Intention for Fr. Joseph Baal *Special Intention for Baby Raphael Van Nguyen

TUESDAY, April 30, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 7:00pm

+Maria Dolores Vigario

THURSDAY, May 2, 9:00AM

+Antonio Janeiro & All Souls

FRIDAY, May 3, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo

SATURDAY, May 4, 9:00AM – First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, May 4, 5:00PM

+Antonio Carneiro & Antonio Cardoso +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Mary Gres +Romanko Sakac + Olivia Miranda & Emilia Laranjeiro +Virgilio Domingues & Manuel Marques +Antonio Murais Castro +Rosalia Galante +Pasqualina Tartaglia +Daniel Viveiros +Elisa Ciotta & Melci Ciotta +Dinair Xavier Dos Santos +Donald Fernandez*Special Intention for Timothy Tran

SUNDAY, May 5, 8:00AM

+Maria de Oliveira & Manuel Marques

SUNDAY, May 5, 10:00AM

+Maria Celeste Joaquina & Jose Marques

SUNDAY, May 5, 12:00PM

+Helena Das Neves & Francisco Gameiro

SUNDAY, May 5, 4:30PM

Migrant Worker Ministry Spanish Mass

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SUNDAY, May 5, 6:30PM

+Rui Bolarinho

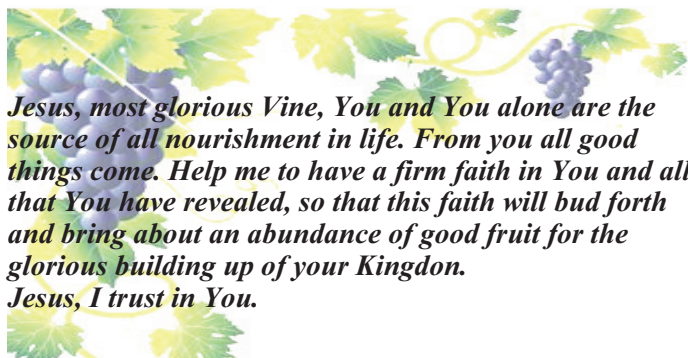


FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday May 3, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN- May 3, 2024

Mass will be held at the church. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From you all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

REFLECTION

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.” [John 15:1-3](#)

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful. Jesus’ teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the “true vine.” He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn’t leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that “it bears more fruit.”

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can “love” many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it? Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don’t feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Reflect, today, on this lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don’t feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you. Catholic News Agency2021



MAY 13, 2024 - Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima

Words of Our Lady: "Say the Rosary everyday, to bring peace to the world and end to war"

"...People must amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord anymore, for he is already too much offended!" EWTN.com/Fatima

"IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

VOCATIONS

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, call, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



April 28, 2024, is ShareLife Sunday!

Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife.

Last Year, ShareLife supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,300 vulnerable seniors. With your support, centers are able to provide assistance to seniors in need through community programs.

We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

The next ShareLife Sunday is June 2

CALLING ALL MOMS

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish has a **Catholic Mom's Group** that meets once a month on Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Large Meeting room, to discuss the trials and tribulations of being a Catholic Mom. For More information contact: Kayleigh Garcia Meneses at: catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WITH THANKS

The Knights of Columbus are so very grateful to everyone who helped make our Parish Breakfast a great success. We served over 325 people and the sounds of laughter and joyful conversation could be heard after all our morning Masses. It was truly wonderful to see our parish come together to share a meal. Funds raised by the Knights will be used for a community event in early June which we will be announcing shortly.

SACRAMENTS

A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are now going to be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next couple of months. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited

to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

CAMP OZANAM AND MARYGROVE CAMP

An Amazing Opportunity awaits for a camp experience this summer, for kids! The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registrations for this year's children's overnight-summer camps. **Camp Ozanam** for boys ages 7-12 and **Marygrove Camp** for girls ages 5-13. The camps are fully subsidized (no fees) for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a camp adventure, because their families are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.ca If you are interested you can contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 or email the parish office at: holymartyrsofjapan@archtoronto.org Please include the full name and age of your child/ children, parents names and your contact information.

On June 9, 2024, there will be a second collection for Marygrove Camp. Please give generously.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night: May 3 – Instruction Manual



LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ. 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!

Next Life Teen Night: May 10 – See for yourself

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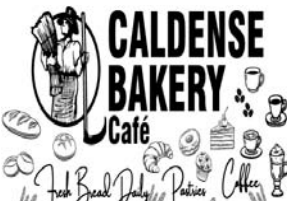


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