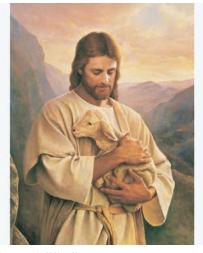
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#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 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.

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#### **CULTURAL GROUPS**

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### 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, April 26, 7:00PM +ProPopulo

TUESDAY, April 27, 9:00AM

+All Deceased Members of Neto & Oliveira Families

WEDNESDAY, April 28, 7:00PM

+ProPopulo

THURSDAY, April 29, 9:00PM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, April 30, 7:00PM

+Joao Oliveira & Maria Rosa Riveiro

SATURDAY, May 1, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 1, 5:00PM

+Maria & Eugenio Andrade +Antonio Martins & Parents +Manuel & Glorinda Da Silva +Abilio Soares & Linda Choo

**SUNDAY, May 2, 10:00AM** 

+Eduard Coelho

**SUNDAY, May 2, 12:00PM** 

+Luis Borges & Maria Borges

SUNDAY, May 2, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

Offering **Envelopes** 

#### 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

**Pre-Authorized Giving** 

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. You access a form by visiting our website and Click the "Covid 19" tab and click on Pre-authorized Giving or contact the 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 that tax receipts for 2020 were mailed out in the second week of February

#### 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 know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as the shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm100:3) The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the GOOD SHEPHERD who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1Peter2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke to claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately, some though he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be – the Son of God and Savior of the world – or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, may I be ever attentive to you voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATION Monday April 19 - Saturday April 24, 2021

During This week, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Office of Vocations, has asked that we all take some time, as a community, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. At this time, we also ask that you pray for our 6 soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: vocations@archtoronto.org

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CHANGES IN RESTRICTIONS AS RECENTLY OUTLINED BY THE GOVERNMENT, COMMENCING MONDAY APRIL 19, 2021, ALL INPERSON MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

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

https://holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org/

Followed by the drive thru distribution of the Eucharist (or blessing) immediately after Mass at the Church from 11:15am to 12:30pm.



## IN PERSON MASS IS CANCELLED AT THIS TIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

#### **WEEKDAY MASS: WALK IN**

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

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays – 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Seniors) Doors open 1 hour before Mass

Sundays – 10:00am & 12:00pm Mass Doors open 1 hour before Mass

Sundays – 6:30pm Mass (All Age Groups) Doors open 1 hour before Mass

The Sunday 10:00am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on youtube

#### **2021 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

Our Parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped and rely on your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. Please give generously.

#### **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 resume after lockdown restrictions)

#### FIRST COMMUNION/CONFESSIONS

To all communion candidates and families who have registered for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament. After two and a half months of on line registration, we are now ready to proceed to the next step. For those who registered on line, you should have received an email from Fr. Joshua on Sacramental Preparation and How to Register for Communion Dates, along with links for each. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office and speak to Anna. We hope to see you and your families at Mass.

#### **CONFIRMATION:**

We have been accepting registrations for Confirmation for several months for students in grades 7 (class of 2021) and grade 8 (Class of 2020). The registration process for Confirmation has been completed and we are now into the next step of the Sacramental process, preparation. Please note, information and links on preparation programs, both Parish based (Alpha Youth), and home based, have been sent to those families who have registered for the Sacrament this year.

It is perfectly appropriate to put the Sacraments on the back burner for the time being. Just a reminder, that even with the stay at home emergency order we are currently open for Mass with a 15 percent capacity on a first come first seated basis.

For those who have not registered for any of the Sacraments this year, (were previously registered or otherwise, for Communion or Confirmation), the first resource and point of communication regarding the Sacraments, would of course be by coming to Mass or watching it livestreamed on Youtube every Sunday at 10:00am for announcements (see link). <a href="https://holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org/">https://holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org/</a> Additional resources or updates, can also be found via our website and on line bulletin.

We hope to have information regarding the 2022 Sacraments available around the third week of September, beginning of October.

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



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