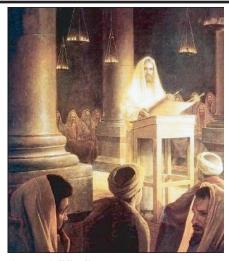
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#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

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.

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### **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, July 5, 7:00 PM +Jack DeVald

TUESDAY, July 6, 9:00AM +Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario

WEDNESDAY, July 7, 7:00PM +Antonio Castro

THURSDAY, July 8, 9:00PM +ProPopulo

FRIDAY, July 9, 7:00PM +ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, July 10, 9:00AM** +Joseph Rodrigues

#### SATURDAY, July 10, 5:00PM

+Elvira & Domenic Di Re +Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati +Fernando Paulino +Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira +Manuel & Glorinda DaSilva +Augusta Barros +Ismael Garzon & Stella Garzon

SUNDAY, July 11, 10:00AM +ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 11, 12:00PM +Gary Lee

SUNDAY, July 11, 6:30PM +Paulo Jorge Cabral

#### **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. 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.

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# 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

Are you critical towards others, especially those who may be close to you? The most severe critics are often people very familiar to us, a member of our family, a relative, or neighbour or co-worker we rub shoulders with on a regular basis. Jesus faced a severe testing when he returned to his hometown, not simply as the carpenter's son, but now as a rabbi with disciples. It would have been customary for Jesus to go to the synagogue each week during the Sabbath service. His hometown folks listened with attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. What sign would he do in his hometown?

Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. How familiarity can breed contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closed-minded and unbelieving towards him. If people have come together to hate and to refuse to understand, they will see no other point of view than their own and they will refuse to love and accept others.

The word "gospel" literally means "good news". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to the afflicted who suffered from physical, mental or spiritual oppression (Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus came to set people free-not only from their physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities – but also from the worst affliction of all – the tyranny of slavery to sin, Satan, and the fear of losing one's life. God's power alone can save us from haplessness, dejection and emptiness of life. The Gospel of salvation is "good news" for everyone who receives

it.

Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and desires. Your Spirit brings grace, truth, freedom, and abundant life. Set my heart on fire with your love and truth.

#### **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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#### **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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 2 m 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.

**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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