We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:45am 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.

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:Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.orgAssociate Pastor:Father Massillamani ZachariasDeacons:Deacon David Langley
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

MINISTERS

OFFICE STAFF

Office Manager: Delia McEvenue Youth Minister: Ray Reitzel Email: reitzel@hotmail.com

Office Assistant: Anna Maria Mongillo

Custodian/Maintenance: Anthony Venroy

PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha Consolation and Hope CWL (Catholic Women's League) EDGE Youth Ministry LifeTeen Youth Ministry El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers Knights of Columbus Liturgical Ministers RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis Seniors Outreach St. Vincent de Paul Society

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo Nossa Senhora De Fatima Santissima Trindade

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS:</u> 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.

MONDAY, October 4, 7:00 PM

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+Maria dos Santos Rosete & Manuel Conceicao +All Deceased Members of the McIntyre Family **TUESDAY, October 5, 9:00AM** +Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario WEDNESDAY, October 6, 7:00PM +Edward John Ziemba **THURSDAY, October 7, 9:00PM** +Elizabeth Stephen FRIDAY, October 8, 7:00PM +ProPopulo SATURDAY, October 9, 9:00AM +ProPopulo SATURDAY, October 9, 5:00PM +Celest McEvenue +Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati +Antonio Janeiro +Miguel Gomes & Deceased Grandparents +Albina Barbosa & Benedito Da Silva +Jose Miranda +Augusta Barros +Francelino & Rita Viaes +Savariammal +Antonio Ramos Dias & Wife SUNDAY, October 10, 8:00AM +All Deceased Barros & Silva Family Members SUNDAY, October 10, 10:00AM *Special Intention for Joe & Marisa Mongillo SUNDAY, October 10, 12:00PM +ProPopulo SUNDAY, October 10, 6:30PM +Stanley Cemas

AN OFFERING OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus for you."

This Thanksgiving write down or virtually share with your family the things you are each grateful for, both big and small, in jubilation and in tribulation, for each one is a beautiful offering to God.

This pandemic has been a challenging time for ALL families, some more than others. However, it has also taught us how truly dependent we are on one another. This thanksgiving, let us be the hands and feet Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help spread a message of HOPE this thanksgiving season by donating non-parishable items (such as: Pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, Cereal, Granola Bars, Crackers, Canned fruit, Baked beans, Juice boxes/1lt Juices, Soup, Peanut Butter, Rice, Flour, Sugar, Tea, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Size 6 Diapers and Baby Wipes) to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the entrance of the Church when you come to Mass. Let us overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this thanksgiving!

REFLECTION

What is God's intention for our sate in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one, that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a *concession* in view of a lost ideal.

Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise, sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life. Do you seek the Lord and his grace in your state of life?

Do you seek to help others draw near to the Lord? The parents who brough their children to Jesus wanted Jesus to lay his hands upon them. They knew of the healing power, both physical and spiritual, which came from Jesus' touch. Jesus, in turn, rebuked the disciples for hindering the children from coming. No doubt the disciples wanted to shield Jesus from the nuisance of noisy children. But Jesus delighted in the children and demonstrated that God's love has ample room for everyone.

No one is unimportant to God. He comes to each person individually that he might touch them with his healing love and power. May we never hinder our youth from coming to the Lord to receive his blessing and healing power. And as we grow with age, may we never lose that child like simplicity and humility which draws us into Christ's loving presence. Do you show kindness to the youth you encounter in your neighborhood, home, and church? Do you pray for them that they may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of Jesus Christ? Lord Jesus Christ, sanctify our lives as married couples and singles, that we may live as men and women consecrated to you. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS



Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). It is a ministry for people who whish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 or email Fr. John directly at jpak@archtoronto.org

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

To pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, please contact the office.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

ADORATION CHAPEL

We are happy to announce that our Adoration Chapel open once again for prayer, Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm. "We can pray anywhere," Cardinal Collins writes, "but there is no more fitting place to pray on earth than in the sacramental presence of the Lord. There we are profoundly struck with the awesome mystery of God's grace."

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION

Adoration and Benediction will follow the after the 7:00pm Mass on the First Friday of every month.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

Please join us in a Mass celebration for the faithful departed the first Friday of every month at Holy Martyrs of Japan cemetery at 11:00am, weather permitting, with the alternative to celebrate the Mass at the Church. All are welcome.

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: For parents wishing to baptize their child, please contact the parish office via email with your request and we will forward you a baptismal package. Please complete the required documents and email them back to the parish office. Upon receipt of your email a clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details, covid protocols, and to confirm a date.

FIRST COMMUNION

To all communion candidates and families who have registered and chosen dates for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament: On July 15, 2021 an email was sent out to those families only, who registered for Communion on-line and booked June dates that were recently postponed due to Covid. An Email was sent along with an Eventbrite invitation to book NEW dates for August. Please be sure to book your new date. Registration for these August dates will be open until July 30, 2021 at 9:00am.

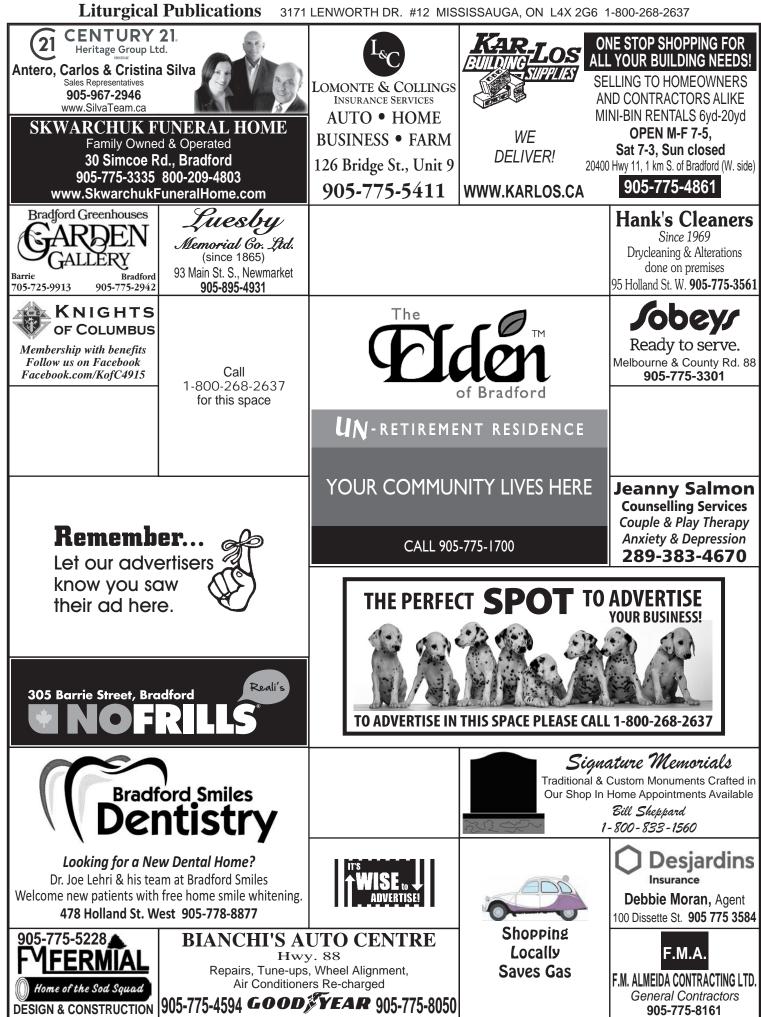
Once these Sacraments are completed (Communion and Confirmation for 2021) we hope to move right into the next group, those awaiting to receive the Sacrament of Communion. More information on how we will proceed with this process will follow. Announcements regarding the celebration of future First Reconciliation and Communion will be made at Mass. By coming to Mass, or watching livestream, this will be the first point of communication. As well, please visit our website and our on-line bulletin for additional resources and updates on the Sacrament. We look forward to coming together once again to celebrate this Sacrament with you and your families.

CONFIRMATION

To all Confirmation candidates and families who have registered and chosen their October dates for the 2021 Confirmation Sacrament: We are going to keep our current Confirmation dates in October; however, many experts are predicting the rise in numbers of covid Cases from September onwards. Therefore, we would like to offer these families the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament in August, should there be another lockdown and cancellation this fall. This is a voluntary sign up, you can keep your October dates as booked if you wish. If you choose to change your date, these August dates will be open for booking until July 30, 2021 at 9:00am dates.

CONFESSIONS: Will be heard on Saturday's between 8:00am-8:45am and again from 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment. Please contact the parish office for further information

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065



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