

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright with scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friend so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent from

heaven above...

We thank thee,

Lord.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 11, 9:00AM -THANKSGIVING

+Manuel Ferreira +August Barros +Madalena Ferreira

*Special Intention for McEvenue Family

TUESDAY, October 12, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, October 13, 7:00PM

+Marcel Beaulieu

THURSDAY, October 14, 9:00PM

+Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana

FRIDAY, October 15, 7:00PM

+Cecile Santos & Irene Rozbiewski

SATURDAY, October 16, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 16, 5:00PM

+Euclides Dos Santos Pinho +Arlindo Aurojo Sr.

+Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira + Joaquim

Araujo & Idalina Araujo +Jose Miranda +Nuno

Rodrigues & John Faria +Perpetua Barroso

+Francelino & Rita Viaes =Leonardo Talarico

+Coltilde Ferrugini

SUNDAY, October 17, 8:00AM

+Doris Fernandez

SUNDAY, October 17, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 17, 12:00PM

*Special Intention for Woznica Family

SUNDAY, October 17, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo



A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

“Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings-let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals – and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world. On Thanksgiving Day, let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray the He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.” – *President John F. Kennedy*

Wishing you, your families and your loved ones a safe and special celebration of thanks.

Thank you to ALL who have generously donated to our food bank for thanksgiving. Your kindness is an example of Christ’s love at work in our community.

NOTE: A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Monday October 11, 2021 and the parish office will be closed for the thanksgiving long weekend. Wishing you and your loved one’s a safe and blessed celebration of thanks.

REFLECTION

What gives hope and satisfaction to our desire for happiness and security? A young man who had the best the world could offer – wealth and security – came to Jesus because he lacked one thing (Mark 10:17-27). He wanted the kind of lasting peace and happiness which money could not buy him. The answer he got, however, was not what he was looking for. He protested that he kept all the commandments – but Jesus spoke to the trouble in his heart. One thing kept him from giving himself whole-heartedly to God. While he lacked nothing in material goods, he was nonetheless possessive of what he had. He placed his hope and security in what he possessed. So, when Jesus challenged him to make God his one true possession treasure, he became sad. Jesus saw that his treasure and hope were misplaced and challenged the young man. He was afraid to give to others for fear that he would lose what he had gained. He sought happiness and security in what he possessed rather than in who he could love and serve.

Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on, is our highest treasure. Giving up everything else to have the Lord as our treasure is not sorrowful, but the greatest joy. Selling all that we have could mean many different things – letting go of attachments, resentments, friendships, influences, jobs, entertainments, style of life – really anything that might stand in the way of our loving God being first and foremost in our lives and giving him the best we can with our time, resources, gifts and service.

Peter wants to know what he and the other disciples would get out of it since they had freely accepted Jesus’ offer to follow him unconditionally (Mark 10:28-30). Jesus spoke with utter honesty: Those who left all for him would receive a hundred times more now, even in this life, as well as unending life in the age to come. Whatever we give to God comes back a hundredfold. Generosity flows from a heart full of gratitude for the abundant mercy and grace which God grants. Material wealth will shackle us to this earth unless we guard our hearts and set our treasure on God.

No earthly reward or treasure can outmatch the joy and bliss of knowing God’s love, mercy, and peace, and the joy of knowing that your name is written heaven where you will dwell with God forever. Servants of the word,
www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

REMINDERS



I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 wish 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

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.

SHARELIFE

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 sharelife.org.

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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