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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



**Pastor:** Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

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## St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

### OFFICE STAFF

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### MINISTERS

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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

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St. Charles—905-775-6762

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

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Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

### 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, December 6, 7:00PM**

+Peggy Langley +Ernesto Correia +Tecla Tarantino

**TUESDAY, December 7, 9:00AM**

+Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario

**WEDNESDAY, December 8, 7:00PM**

\*Special Intention of the McEvenue Family

**THURSDAY, December 9, 9:00PM**

+Toni & Adele Caruso

**FRIDAY, December 10, 7:00PM**

+Eman George Dawood

**SATURDAY, December 11, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, December 11, 5:00PM**

+Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati +Idalina Moniz

& Manuel Vieira +Albina Barbosa & Benedito

da Silva +Jose Miranda +Augusta Barros +Jose

Fernandes +Stefan Hrin + Clotilde Silveira +All

Deceased Benvenuto Family Members +Maria

Gracia Bianco +Perpetua Barroso +Augusta Pais

**SUNDAY, December 12, 8:00AM**

+Victor Fernandes & Parents

**SUNDAY, December 12, 10:00AM**

+Antonio Janeiro

**SUNDAY, December 12, 12:00PM**

+Stanley Cemas

**SUNDAY, December 12, 6:30PM**

+Pro Populo

**EVENTBRITE REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR WEEKEND MASSES: Due to new Covid regulations in Simcoe Muskoka, attendance for weekend Masses will now be REGISTRATION ONLY through Eventbrite. Please visit our website, on the main page, and click on the Eventbrite button to register. Note: that weekday Masses will still be walk in, however contact tracing information will be required upon entry.**

**CONFESSIONS: Confession Dates: Saturday December 11 & 18 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.**

Confessions will also 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. **Note: there are no confessions on Saturday December 25, 2021, and Saturday January 1, 2022.**

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Will be made available for pickup starting Sunday December 5 -19, at any Sunday Mass. Please let one of our volunteers know that you wish to pick up your box and they will be happy to assist you. **Offertory boxes can also be picked up anytime at the parish office during office hours, Mon-Fri 9:30am- 4:30pm. Please call the parish office before coming.** If you are assigned a new box number, please complete the registration form attached and include it with your offering so we can update our database.

Offering  
Envelopes



## REFLECTION

In this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to ponder. What a gift he is! Jesus himself stated that “among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (Matthew 11:11).

What is it that made John so great? We can point to two things. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue.

John was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great. John was not only great because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And it is this gift that is worth pondering for our own inspiration more than any other.

The particular virtue that John had was that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a “voice of one crying out in the desert.” And the Word he spoke was Jesus. John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus (Mark 1:7). He was praised by many and followed by many and yet he continuously said of Jesus that “He must increase, and I must decrease” (John 3:30). John was not in it for praise and honor; rather, his mission was to point everyone to the Savior of the World. He could have sought the honor and praise of many, and he would have certainly received it. They may have even made him king. But John was more than willing to fulfill his mission and then submit himself to the cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired only to point to Him.

Reflect, today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others, or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that St. John the Baptist took and it's the path we must strive for each and every day.

*Lord, thank You for the gift of St. John the Baptist. May his witness of humility inspire me in my Christian walk. Help me Lord to always point others to You rather than to myself. Jesus, I trust in You.*



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Attendance for all Christmas Mass celebrations must be registered via Eventbrite – Registration date to be determined

*Christmas Eve - Friday December 24, 2021*

4:00pm, 6:00pm-Livestreamed, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight

*Christmas Day - Saturday December 25, 2021*

10:00am, 12:00pm – *No 5:00pm Mass*

*Holy Family - Sunday December 26, 2021*

8:00am, 10:00am- Livestreamed, 12:00pm–*No 6:30pm Mass*

*Friday December 31, 2021*

*The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*

5:00pm-Livestreamed, 7:00pm

*Saturday January 1, 2022*

*The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*

10:00am-Livestreamed, 12:00pm – *No 5:00pm Mass*

*Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday January 2, 2022*

8:00am, 10:00am-Livestreamed, 12:00pm - *No 6:30pm Mass*



## POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We invite all parishioners to bring a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia memorial garden for the altar. **Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on December 20 until December 22 until 4:00pm in the Narthex of the Church.** Labels will be available to you to write the name(s) of your loved ones. Please affix the label to your poinsettia. They will later be placed at the altar for our Christmas celebration.

## 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.

## SACRAMENTS (continued)

### IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021

To our **CURRENT** Grade 2's and Grade 7's:

**Registration for this group is now open!** Celebrations for the Sacraments will be scheduled sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter. Registration forms are available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sunday. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, (even if baptised at Holy Martyrs of Japan) and email it to [sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com) or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022.**

### To all First Communion candidates currently in grades 3,4,5 and 6 who have NOT yet received First Communion:

If you wish to celebrate First Communion, registration for the Sacrament for this group, opened on October 18, 2021, until February 7, 2022, at 12 Midnight for online registration. During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to [sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com) or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022. **Communion Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

### To all Confirmation candidates currently in grades 8-12 who have NOT yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Registration for this Sacrament for this group opened on October 18, 2021, until February 7, 2022, at 12 Midnight for online registrations. During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Confirmation, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to [sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com) or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Mass before February 7, 2022. **Confirmation Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

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