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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

**Associate Pastor:** Father Massillamani Zacharias

**Deacons:** Deacon David Langley  
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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. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

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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)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Divino Espirito Santo

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 13, 7:00PM**

+Vita & Stephanie Nalli +Manuel & Glorinda da Silva  
+Ernesto Correia

**TUESDAY, December 14, 9:00AM**

+Antonio Gallo

**WEDNESDAY, December 15, 7:00PM**

+Samir Char & Georgette Matta

**THURSDAY, December 16, 9:00AM**

+Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana

**FRIDAY, December 17, 7:00PM**

+Abilio Soares

**SATURDAY, December 18, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, December 18, 5:00PM**

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Fatima Faria

+Euclides Dos Santos Pinho +All Deceased

Members of Santana Family +Lucy Pires

+Matthew Talarico & Leonardo Talarico

+Antonio Janeiro +Miguel Gomes & Deceased

Grandparents + Luis & Maria Borges +Manuel &

Glorinda Da Silva +All Deceased Lancha &

Ferreira Family Members +Teresa Silva +Jose

Miranda

**SUNDAY, December 19, 8:00AM**

+Francelino & Rita Viaes

**SUNDAY, December 19, 10:00AM**

+Luis & Laura Andrade

**SUNDAY, December 19, 12:00PM**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, December 19, 6:30PM**

+Arlindo Araujo Sr.

**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.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on the following days: December 24,27 and 28 and December 31, 2021, and January 3 of 2022. The office will reopen by appointment only on Tuesday January 4, 2022. In the event of an emergency during this time, (anointing of the sick or last rite) please contact the parish office and leave a message.**

## 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. Please call.

# REFLECTION

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Luke 3:16-17

In this sermon of John, he says that Jesus will come and baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire". The image of being baptized "with fire" is a good one to reflect upon. It especially reveals to us the deep purification Jesus desires for our souls.

What does this mean to be purified? For one thing, purification of our soul hurts. But it hurts in a sweet sort of way. Turning from sin and growing closer to God requires great sacrifice and surrender. And it requires that we allow God to do powerful things within us. The most powerful thing God wants to do is to purify us. Our Catholic faith reveals to us the reality of Purgatory after we die. Purgatory is said to be a place of much spiritual pain, but again, in a sweet sort of way. It's painful in the sense that we are stripped of all that we hold on to that God wants us to let go of. It's painful in the sense that we endure a complete transformation of who we are and what we love. We learn to love God and God alone. And in the embrace of our love of God, we come to love all people.

It is also sweet because, as we are purified, we grow infinitely closer to God, and grow in holiness. This lifts the burden of sin and frees us to love as we ought, as we were created to do. But our purification ought not start only in Purgatory. We are all called to enter into that process of purification right here, right now. We are called to heed the words of John the Baptist today and repent of all that keeps us from holiness of life.

Reflect, what is it that you hold on to that He wants you free of? Commit yourself to the purifying fire of God's love and let that love cleanse you in this Advent Season. My Catholic Life Inc. 2021

## CONFESSIONS: Upcoming 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.**



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Attendance for all Christmas Mass celebrations must be registered via Eventbrite. Please visit our website to register. [holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org](http://holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org)

*Christmas Eve - Friday December 24, 2021*

4:00pm- Children's Mass, 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*



## PROOF OF VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR 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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