

We welcome you to

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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Deacons: Deacon David Langley, Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



Feast of the Holy Family

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 27, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for the Bettencourt Family +Ernesto Correia

TUESDAY, December 28, 9:00AM

+Margaret Connolly

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 7:00PM

+Victor Santos Domingues

THURSDAY, December 30, 9:00AM

+Kyle Lee

FRIDAY, December 31, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 1, 10:00AM & 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 1, 5:00PM- No Mass

SUNDAY, January 2, 8:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 2, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 2, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 2, 6:30PM-No Mass

PROOF OF VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR MASS

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.

Offering Envelopes



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.

Pre-Authorized Giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. Please contact the Parish office for more information

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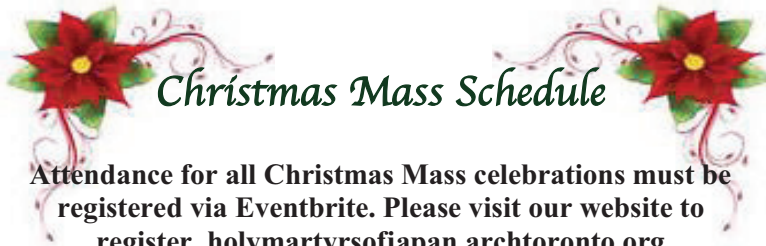
On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life. Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly “just man”. Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus’ public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God’s love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God’s divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect today upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful, some are deeply wounded and broken. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite God to make your family a holy family. My Catholic Life Inc. 2021.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Attendance for all Christmas Mass celebrations must be registered via Eventbrite. Please visit our website to register. holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org

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*

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.

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. **Note there are no Confession on Saturday December 25, 2021, and Saturday January 1, 2022.**

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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 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 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 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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