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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.

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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, February 21, 9:00AM

+Michael Joseph DeFreitas

TUESDAY, February 22, 9:00AM

+Antonio Pinto

WEDNESDAY, February 23, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for the Oliveira Family

THURSDAY, February 24, 9:00AM

+Antonio Pinto

FRIDAY, February 25, 7:00pm

+Deolinda Oliveira

SATURDAY, February 26, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 26, 5:00PM

+Toni & Johanna McEvenue +Ernesto Correia

+Deolinda Oliveira & Manuel Augusto Miranda

+Francisco Paixao +Victor Fernandes & Parents

*Special Intention for Lidia Hurtado & Family

SUNDAY, February 27, 8:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 27, 10:00AM

+Bruno Serato

SUNDAY, February 27, 12:00PM

+Michael Joseph De Freitas

SUNDAY, February 27, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

DATES TO REMEMBER



SHROVE TUESDAY
Monday March 1, 2022



ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday March 2, 2022



WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days.

Why 40 days? The "40 days" (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penitence before Easter reflects Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God.

Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God's will. Lent is a time of conversion.

2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer and living signs of his love for all.

REFLECTION

Do you judge others? Judging another is an easy thing to do. Sometimes we can meet a person and immediately arrive at some form of judgment. Perhaps they are not as friendly as we think they should be at first and, as a result, we offer a judgment of them right away. Of course, this can happen at times, even before we meet the person. Or it can also happen in relationships that we've had for a long time.

Do you condemn others? Condemnation comes in two forms. First, either we have formed a false judgment of another, and this results in a false condemnation. Second, we can judge a situation correctly, that this person is guilty of some sin, and we act as though we have a right to condemn. We act as if we have a right to issue a sentence upon them.

Both judging and condemning are far from Christian virtues. They are not healthy or holy in any way. So, the way they are overcome is through mercy and forgiveness.

Do you forgive? Forgiveness is hard to do most of the time. It must be offered in the light of our tendencies to both judge and condemn another. First of all, forgiveness cures the tendency to condemn because it acknowledges a fault and forgives it anyway without requiring the imposition of a "punishment", so to speak, upon the offender. Forgiveness does not mean that the offense was OK or non-existent. On the contrary, forgiveness in this case clearly sees a sin for what it is. But once acknowledged, it forgives that sin. This is very important when it comes to forgiving in a close relationship. It's never healthy to pretend that some hurt or sin never happened, but it's always healthy to forgive the sin that is present.

When it comes to judgment, forgiveness goes even further than forgiving a sin. Forgiveness must also move us to a point where we do not even form a judgment as to another's fault. We suspend judgement. This is especially seen in the statement of Jesus on the Cross when He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He didn't even allow Himself to arrive at the judgment of those who were condemning Him to death. He did not hold anything against them and presumed the best in regard to their intentions. "They know not what they do." This requires a great depth of love and mercy.

Reflect, today, upon your own ability to forgive completely. Start by letting go of the condemnation of another's sin. Then try to let our Lord bring you one step closer to His perfect merciful heart by letting go even of judgment. Let God be the judge. For your part, seek only to forgive.

Most merciful Lord, help me to forgive all who have offended me and all with whom I am angry. Free me from the burdens of condemnation and judgment and replace these tendencies with Your merciful heart. May I imitate Your perfect forgiveness in my life.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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

Weekday Masses are still walk in. However, due to the new health regulations in Simcoe Muskoka, visitors will be asked for their information and a series of health questions upon entry.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

During the winter months, please join us in a Mass celebration at the Church for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

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

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration Chapel open for prayer, Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION

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

REMINDERS



FAMILY DAY
Monday February 21, 2022

Mass will be at 9:00am on this day and the parish office will be closed for the holiday and will reopen on Tuesday February 22, 2022.

NOTE: If you have any blessed palms from past years, please feel free to drop them off anytime before February 27 in the Narthex (Front Foyer) of the Church

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 & CONFIRMATION:

Thank you to all who have registered wishing to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2022.

After many months of reminders after Mass, bulletin announcements, and school communications regarding the sacramental registration for 2022 celebrations, **the registration process for the sacraments, is closed** and we are now able to move into the next stage of our planning process; Sacramental preparation and mapping out the number of Masses required to be able to safely accommodate all those who registered, based on the numbers. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time as it is an arduous task of planning with many layers.

We hope to communicate information on preparation, and the dates of the sacraments sometime after February, taking into account the number of registrants and Covid restrictions. Please continue to attend Mass in preparation for the Sacrament and visit our website and bulletin for further updates and communications.

For all those who have not registered for the 2022 sacramental season, for further communication regarding sacramental registration for next year, please stay connected with us; come and celebrate Mass with us on Sundays. If you are unable to attend, watch our livestream Mass and also be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin. We look forward to celebrating the sacraments with you in the future.

CONFESSIONS: In light of the current Covid numbers Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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