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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

**Youth Minister:**

Ray Reitzel Email: reitzel@hotmail.com

### 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 8:30am 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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

St. Angela Merici—289-231-2085

### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

Knights of Columbus

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, March 21 7:00PM**

+Venazio Palombi +Karci & Elizabeth Szabo +All Deceased Members of MacIntyre Family +Judy Tate

**TUESDAY, March 22, 9:00AM**

+Luis Borges & Maria Borges

**WEDNESDAY, March 23, 7:00PM**

+Manuel da Silva & Glorinda da Silva

**THURSDAY, March 24, 9:00AM**

+Maria Arromba

**FRIDAY, March 25, 7:00pm**

+Vincenzo DeGirolamo

**SATURDAY, March 26, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, March 26, 5:00PM**

+Dany Paul Kostov & Grandparents +Ernesto

Correia + Tony Toich & Family +Anita Aguate

& Family +Karci Szabo

**SUNDAY, March 27, 8:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, March 27, 10:00AM**

+All Deceased Lancha & Ferreira Family Members

**SUNDAY, March 27, 12:00PM**

+Jeyaseeliya Adalkalamuthm

**SUNDAY, March 27, 6:30PM**

+Nuno Azevedo



**Covid Protocol Update: As of March 21, 2022,**

- We return to 100% Capacity
- Masks voluntary
- No registration required to attend Mass

Please note that we will continue with hand sanitization practices, along with cleaning procedures for extra precaution. We look forward to celebrating Mass together as a parish community.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

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

## ADORATION CHAPEL

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



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday April 1, 2022, at 6:00pm

# REFLECTION

This is the story of the woman who encountered Jesus at the well. She comes to the well in the middle of the noonday heat so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgement upon her, for she was a sinful woman. At the well, she encounters Jesus. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation. The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her touched her. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man. Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He “told me everything I have done.”

She wasn't only impressed that Jesus knew all about her past as if He were a mind reader. What truly seemed to touch her was that within the context of Jesus knowing all about her, all the sins of her past life and her broken relationships, He still treated her with the greatest respect and dignity. This was a new experience for her! We can be certain that she would have experienced a sort of community shame daily for the way she live in the past and present as it was not an acceptable lifestyle. But Jesus knew her. He knew all about her and wanted to give her Living Water nonetheless. He wanted to satiate the thirst that she was feeling in her soul. As He spoke to her, and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, that thirst began to be quenched. It was quenched because what she really needed, what we all need, is this perfect love and acceptance that Jesus offers. He offered it to her, and He offers it to us.

Interestingly, the woman went away and “left her water jar” by the well. Symbolically, this act of leaving the water jar at the well is a sign that her thirst was quenched by this encounter with Jesus. She was no longer thirsty, at least spiritually speaking.

*Jesus, You are the Living Water that my soul needs. May I meet You in the heat of my day, in the trials of life, and in my shame and guilt. May I encounter Your love, gentleness and acceptance in these moments, and may that Love become the source of my new life in You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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## UKRAINE RELIEF

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org), by phone through the Development Office: 416 934 3411 or through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian relief. Please continue to pray for all those who suffer the human tragedy of war.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LENTEN PREPARATION



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us EVERY FRIDAY during the season of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

### PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Monday April 4	7:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday April 5	9:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday April 6	7:30pm – 8:30pm
Thursday April 7	9:30am – 10:30am

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - Thomas Cardinal Collins.



**March 27, 2022 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

**Your helping hand is the answer.** After two years of crisis, our communities need hope and healing. That hope can be found in you-the “hands of Christ” making possible the life-changing work of ShareLife Agencies. Vulnerable people are turning to these agencies for support more than ever. And the problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation.

### VOCATIONS

The Lord calls us to do God’s Will. Pray that you may know God’s Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## 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.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Please join us in praying for our children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel his presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your live with many graces and lasting happiness.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Bless our Confirmadi as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

### 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.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting bi-weekly EDGE nights from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Come register. Questions? Please contact [youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com)



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