We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Pastor: Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

SUNDAY 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

Sunday:

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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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 fover or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 28, 7:00PM

+Maria Jose Dasneves +Antonio Mirassol & All Deceased Family Members +Laslo Szabo & All Deceased Family Members +Ilona Szabo

TUESDAY, March 29, 9:00AM

+Isabel Maria Santos Domingues

WEDNESDAY, March 30, 7:00PM

+Augusto Marques

THURSDAY, March 31, 9:00AM

+John Da Silva

FRIDAY, April 1, 7:00pm

+Antonio Gabriel Pinto

SATURDAY, April 2, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 2, 5:00PM

- +Maria Leonardo+ Maria & Eugenio Arruda
- +John Di Re +Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario
- +Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana +All Deceased
- Members of Santana & Nazario Families
- +Ernesto Correia +Rosa Oliveira +Stefan Hrin
- +Antonio Janeiro +Florimundo & Cila Abreu
- +Perpetua Barroso +Peggy Faloona

SUNDAY, April 3, 8:00AM

+Samantha Diogo

SUNDAY, April 3, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 3, 12:00PM

+Francisco Gameiro & Helena Dasneves

SUNDAY, April 3, 6:30PM

+Maria Rosa da Cruz



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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION April 1, 2022, at 6:00pm followed by

Friday April 1, 2022, at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

REFLECTION

Who is this man? Only referred to as the "man blind from birth", he is significant to the Gospel of John because of the lack of a name. Like the story of "the woman at the well", the fact that there is no name indicates that we should see ourselves in this story.

"Blindness" is our inability to see the hand of God at work all around us. We struggle to see the daily miracles of God's grace alive in our lives and alive in the lives of others. So, the first thing we should do with this Scripture is to strive to see our lack of sight. We should strive to realize that we so often do not see God at work. This realization will inspire us to desire a spiritual healing. It will invite us to want to see God at work.

The good news is obviously that Jesus cured this man, as He willingly cures us. The humble realization of our blindness will invite God's grace to work. And if we do not humbly acknowledge our blindness, we will not be in a position to seek healing.

How he heals this man is also significant. He uses His own spit to make mud and smear it on this man's eyes, which is not immediately that appealing. But it does reveal something quite significant to us. Namely, it reveals the fact that Jesus can use something exceptionally ordinary as a source of His divine grace!

If we look at this in a symbolic way, we can come to some profound conclusions. Too often we look for God's action in the extraordinary. But He so often is present to us in that which is ordinary. Perhaps we will be tempted to think that God only works His grace through heroic acts of love or sacrifice. Perhaps we are tempted to think that God is not able to use our daily ordinary activities to perform His miracles. But this is not true. It is precisely those ordinary actions of life where God is present. He is present while washing the dishes, doing chores, driving a child to school, playing a game with a family member, carrying on a casual conversation or offering a helping hand. In fact, the more ordinary the activity, the more we should strive to see God at work. And when we do "see" Him at work in the ordinary activities of life, we will be healed of our spiritual blindness.

Reflect, today, upon this act of Jesus and allow our Lord to smear His spit and dirt on your eyes. Allow Him to give you the gift of spiritual sight. And as you begin to see His presence in your life, you will be amazed at the beauty you behold.

My miraculous Lord, I want to see. Help me to be healed of my blindness. Help me to see You at work in every ordinary activity of my life. Help me to see Your divine grace in the smallest events of my day. And as I see You alive and active, fill my heart with gratitude for this vision. Jesus, I trust in You. Catholic News Agency 2021

TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper April 14, 2022, at 7:00pm (Livestream)

Followed by Adoration until 12:00 Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion April 15, 2022, at 12:00pm and 3:00pm (Livestream)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence 7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord April 16, 2022, at 8:00pm (livestream)

(No Morning Mass)

Blessing of Food - Saturday at 10:00am

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022, at 8:00am, 10:00am, (Livestream) & 12:00pm (No 6:30pm Mass)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 24,2022, at 3:00pm (Livestream)
Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

GARDEN OF LILIES

Holy Saturday - No Morning Mass

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honor of the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants can be dropped off from Monday April 11, to Wednesday April 13, 2022 and again on Saturday April 16 from 9:30am to 12:30pm Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put the names of your loved ones on your lilies.

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

SL ShareLife

March 27, 2022 is ShareLife Sunday. Our parish goal is \$43,000.00. Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperate need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, only if we each do our part."-Cardinal Thomas Collins

VOCATIONS

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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 www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASS, BLESSING OF A MILESTONE WEDDING, OR ANNIVERSARY: Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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.

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 biweekly EDGE nights from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Please contact youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com



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