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! OFFICE STAFF MINISTERS

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WEEKDAY MASSES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

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.

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

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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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

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EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

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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, April 4, 7:00PM

+Parents of Luis & Zelia Pontes +Antonio Martins & Parents

TUESDAY, April 5, 9:00AM

+Sandra Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 7:00PM

+Ernesto Correia

THURSDAY, April 7, 9:00AM

+Rui Santos Domingues

FRIDAY, April 8, 7:00pm

+Jennifer da Silva

SATURDAY, April 9, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 9, 5:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 10, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12;00PM, 6:30PM - PALM SUNDAY

+ProPopulo



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.

SL ShareLife

ShareLife agencies serve everyone. Please give generously by special collection or at sharelife.org. ShareLife agencies are there to support the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities. ShareLife funded social service agencies have an "open intake policy" and provides help based on need. Our parish goal this year is \$43,000.00. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

IMPORTANT UPDATES

The adoration chapel will be closed during the Triduum Thursday April 14 through to Saturday April 16, 2022.

The parish office will be closed on Friday April 15, and Monday April 18, and will reopen on Tuesday April 19, 2022. Have a blessed Easter Celebration

Volunteers needed to assist with the projection of lyrics at all Masses. The computer program is easy to use! For those interested in helping, please email the parish office: holymartyrsofjapan@archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

"Let us also go to die with him." Thomas said this after Jesus told His Apostles that He was going up to Jerusalem because Lazarus, His friend, was ill and close to death. In fact, as the story unfolds, Lazarus actually did die before Jesus arrived at his house. The Apostles tried to keep Jesus from going to Jerusalem because they knew there were many who had been quite hostile toward Him and wanted to Kill Him. It was in this context that St. Thomas said to the others, "Let us also go and die with him." Thomas appeared to say this with a certain resolve to accept whatever was waiting for them in Jerusalem. He appeared to know that Jesus was going to be met with resistance and persecution. And he also appeared to be ready to face that persecution and death with Jesus.

Of course, Thomas is well known to be the doubter. After Jesus' death and Resurrection, he refused to accept that the other Apostles actually saw Jesus. But even though he is well known for his act of doubting, we should not miss the courage and resolve he had in that moment. He was willing to go with Jesus to face His persecution and death. And he was even willing to face death himself. Even though he ultimately fled when Jesus was arrested, it's believed that he eventually went as a missionary to India where he did ultimately suffer martyrdom.

This passage should help us to reflect upon our own willingness to go forth with Jesus to face any persecution that may await us. Being a Christian requires courage. We will be different than others. We will not fit in with the culture around us. And when we refuse to conform to the day and age we live in, we will most likely suffer some form of persecution as a result. Are you ready for that? Are you willing to endure this?

We also must learn from St. Thomas that, even if we do fail, we can start again. Thomas was willing, but then he fled at the sight of persecution. He ended up doubting, but in the end he courageously lived out his conviction to go and die with Jesus. It's not so much how many times we fail; rather, it's how we finish the race.

Reflect upon the final resolution St. Thomas made when he died a martyr. Make the choice to follow his example and you too will be counted among the saints in Heaven.

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My resolute Lord, I desire to follow You wherever You lead. Give me a firm resolve to walk in Your ways and to imitate the courage of St. Thomas. When I fail, help me to get back up and resolve again. I love You, dear Lord, help me to love You with my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

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

Followed by Adoration until 12:00 Midnight in Parish Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

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

Day of Fasting and Abstinence
Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3:00pm Service
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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning after the 3:00pm Mass on Good Friday and everyday following, at 3:00pm. Ending with Divine Mercy Sunday

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

UKRAINE RELIEF

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website 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.

VOCATIONS

What am I racing after in my life? Fame Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line? 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

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

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to our parish community for your support of our first "Soup Night". It was a great success! We enjoyed sharing with those who were able to attend and thank those who supported us by "take-out" and donations. Catholic Women's League of Holy Martyrs of Japan

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

opportunity to grow in fa

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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