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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!

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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

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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 11, 7:00PM

+Kyle & Gary Lee +Manuel Maria Marques & Maria de Oliveira +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes +Fr. Vito Marziliano +Jamie Meneses + Helen Shutsa *Special Intention for Joel Yaokokore

TUESDAY, April 12, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, April 13, 7:00PM

+Ernesto Correia

THURSDAY, April 14, 7:00PM – Holy Thursday

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, April 15, 12:00PM & 3:00PM – Good Friday

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 16, 9:00AM – No Mass

SATURDAY, April 16, 8:00PM- Easter Vigil

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 17, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

Easter Sunday – No 6:30PM Mass

+ProPopulo



Covid Protocol Update: As of March 21, 2022,

- **We return to 100% Capacity**
- **Masks are voluntary but *highly recommended***
- **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.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

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

Please Note: Church will be closed Easter Monday. There will be No Mass on Easter Monday.

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



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REFLECTION

In today's Liturgy, we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! "Hosanna!" they cried out. "Hosanna in the Highest!" Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today's readings. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "Eloi, Eloi, Lema Sabachthani?" "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" And with that, "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last." At that moment the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ's death.

How things can change in one short week. What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death?

The deepest answer to this question is one that we may not expect. The answer is that the Father willed it. The Father willed, by His permissive will, that so many would turn on Him, abandon Him and allow Him to be crucified. This is so very important to understand. At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. And He didn't do so begrudgingly or even with regret. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

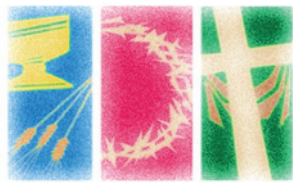
Why would He do such a thing? Because in the Father's perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a constant reminder that not even the greatest evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect, today, on upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act of love. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Have a blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own.

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TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 14, 2022, at 7:00pm (Livestream)

Followed by Adoration until 12:00 Midnight in the 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.

Please Note: Church will be closed Easter Monday, please pray the Novena at home.

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.

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

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as 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

ANNIVERSARY: Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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: holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org

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
Catholic Middle School 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. Please contact youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

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