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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Rosary Apostolate
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis
St. Vincent de Paul Society
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
El Sembrador Spanish Mass 4th Saturday: 7:00pm
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

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, August 22, 7:00PM

+Nicole Birosz

TUESDAY, August 23, 9:00AM

*Special Intentions of the McEveny Family

WEDNESDAY, August 24, 7:00PM

+Angela Catapano

THURSDAY, August 25, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, August 26, 7:00PM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 27, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 27, 5:00PM

+Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira +Fernando Verissimo &

Manuel Moniz +Luzia Moniz & Francelina Vieira +Jose

Puga & Manuel Puga +Gilda Teixeira & Maria Do Carmo

+Manuel Pereira +Jan Woznica +Tobias Vollebregt

+Andrea Choi +Alejandro Alona & Romeo Orellano Jr.

*Special Intention for Zulmira Vigario

SUNDAY, August 28, 8:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 28, 10:00AM

+Maggie Clarke Seward

SUNDAY, August 28, 12:00PM

+Stacie Gibson

SUNDAY, August 28, 6:30PM

*Special Intentions of the Mongillo Family



- **We have returned 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.

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

Please join us in a Mass celebration at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at the Church. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday September 5, 2022 for Labour Day and Mass will be at 9:00am

REFLECTION

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” [Luke 13:24](#)

This passage reveals that we cannot enter Heaven by our own will or through our own effort. Furthermore, it tells us that though some will try to get to Heaven through their own effort, this approach will not work. Upon meeting our Lord, after death, they will be surprised that they are not a member of His Kingdom.

This clear and somewhat shocking statement from our Lord should have the effect of causing you to step back and look at your life so as to sincerely and humbly examine the path you are on. Jesus' directness and clarity on this real experience that some will have should help to open your eyes so as to honestly examine if He is speaking about you.

It takes true humility to face the truth, at times, and to admit if we are trying to rely more upon ourselves than upon Christ. The “narrow gate” is that gate through which the humble enter. Pride and self-sufficiency lead us to attempt to make our own path to Heaven. But this path is never the correct one.

Entering the “narrow gate” also means that we listen to God. He, as the divine Shepherd, is always calling to us in a gentle way. Only when we are attentive to His voice will we know where He is leading us. Only then will we discover the way through the one and only narrow gate.

Reflect, today, upon that moment when you meet our Lord face to face. What will that encounter be like? Will it be one where He greets you with open arms saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into your reward.” Or will it be one in which He says, “I do not know you.” Now is the time to face your life of faith with honesty, striving to rely only upon the strength of our divine Lord.



Lord, I do desire to enter the narrow gate. I choose to follow Your gentle voice, leading me to Heaven. Help me to remain humble in life, shedding all that leads me to rely upon You, dear Lord, and trust You in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.

Faith lifts the Soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And love says let it be! — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

PARISH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held on Friday September 2, 2022, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

Come be with our Lord in awe of his presence, to know His peace, joy blessings and mercies. It is time to draw near to His heart and you will be filled with His strength and power.



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND

Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance

Parish youth ministry fundraiser

tickets will go on sale in September

A PRAYER FOR OUR EDGE CAMPERS

Awesome, Ever Present God, You are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important, and life-changing things with you.

Today, we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over our campers. They are about to embark on a journey filled with adventure, fun, and faith formation that will help them grow closer to you.

Bless them this week so that all of their fears and anxieties might be met with your peace.

Bless them this week so that all of their questions and seeking might be explored with your guidance.

Bless them this week so that all of their excitement and energy might be met with your joy.

Help them feel you close and remind them that we are here, back home, praying for the exciting week ahead.

Bless our church, too, God. Bless us as we wait for our campers to return home prayerfully and patiently. Bless us so that we might be changed, just as they are, because of their week at camp.

What is clear is that faith is the only anchor of salvation and we must hold tightly to it: without it, what would our lives be? Nothing, or rather, wasted, because in life there is only suffering, and suffering without faith is unbearable. But suffering that is nourished by the flame of faith becomes something beautiful, because it tempers the soul to deal with suffering. – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron St. of Youth

ShareLife

The ShareLife campaign is over. Our Parish goal this year is \$43,000.00. To date, together we have raised \$41,421.00. Thank you for your generosity. If you wish to continue to donate to ShareLife, please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at ShareLife.org

VOCATIONS

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” What do you hope for in the future? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please 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.

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

FOR MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASS, BLESSING OF A MILESTONE WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY: Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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