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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:** Fr. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.org  
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**Deacons:** Deacon David Langley  
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



## St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

### 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.

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha  
CWL (Catholic Women's League)  
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El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers  
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LifeTeen Youth Ministry  
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Nossa Senhora De Fatima  
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Rosary Apostolate  
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Santissima Divinidade

### 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, September 5, 9:00AM – Labour Day**

+Antonio Martins & Parents

**TUESDAY, September 6, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**WEDNESDAY, September 7, 7:00PM**

+ProPopulo

**THURSDAY, September 8, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**FRIDAY, September 9, 7:00PM**

+Catherine & Sam Sargeant

**SATURDAY, September 10, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, September 10, 5:00PM**

+Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario +Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana +All Deceased Members of Santana & Nazario Families +Manuel Moniz +Antonio Alberto Rocha +Manuel Pereira +Stanley Cemas +Nelda Buttignol +Manuel Luis Barroso & Silva Family +Teresa Silva & Ceu Francisco \*Special Intention for Zack Kolotyliuk

**SUNDAY, September 11, 8:00AM**

+Duncan Drummond

**SUNDAY, September 11, 10:00AM**

\*Special Intention of the Marques Family

**SUNDAY, September 11, 12:00PM**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, September 11, 6:30PM**

+Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes



- 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.

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

# REFLECTION

*“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” Luke 14:28*

Are you prepared for all that the Lord wants of you? This short rhetorical question above is Jesus’ way of saying that you ought to be prepared. If you were to build a tower you would hopefully be prudent enough to plan ahead, making sure you had enough resources for its completion. So it is with the spiritual life. It is essential that we make sure we have all the resources we need to make the choice to follow Christ.

This raises the question, “What resources do I need to follow Christ?” The answer is simple. Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, “In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). In other words, if we want to have all that we need to fulfill the will of God in our lives, we must surrender everything to God.

Being a disciple of Christ is not something we can do half-heartedly, even though there are many who attempt this. When we choose to follow Him, it must be wholehearted. We must be “all in,” so to speak. Otherwise, we will never be able to accomplish all that our Lord asks of us. He is a demanding God in the sense that He wants everything from us. But this demand on the part of our Lord is completely for our own good. We need to give Him everything if we want happiness and fulfillment in life.

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to give every last part of your life to Christ. Are you willing to say “Yes” to Him no matter what? Are you willing to hold nothing back and “renounce all your possessions” if He were to ask? You may possess many things, and even though our Lord may not call you to give up all possessions in a literal and physical way, you must still surrender everything you have and everything you are to Him. Only then can He give you what you need to accomplish His most glorious will.

*Lord, my life is Yours. Please give me the grace to surrender everything that makes up my life to You without reserve. I surrender to You my life, my finances, my possessions, my family, my labours and my entire future. All is Yours, dear Lord. Do with me what You will. Jesus I trust in You.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 4, 2022

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### COME SEE AND HEAR

Pope Francis made a pilgrimage to Canada from July 24-29. Were you able to follow his footsteps? Did you have the opportunity to hear or read his addresses to Indigenous Peoples? Do you have unanswered questions? Deacon Pedro worked on the organizing committee for the Papal Visit and was present at all the events. The Catholic Women's League of Holy Martyrs of Japan invite you to join us on **Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall to hear his experience. Refreshments will be served. In the meantime, go to [www.papalvisit.ca](http://www.papalvisit.ca) to watch all the events of that historic week.



### DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2022

A parish youth ministry fundraising event. Tickets will go on sale in September.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to help make Oktoberfest a great success! We cannot do this without your help. We are looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations, and cleaning.

#### Help Needed On The Following Days:

**Wednesday October 19 from 6pm-8pm and 8pm-10pm**

**Friday October 21 from 5-8pm and 8-10pm**

**Saturday October 22 from 10am-2pm, 2pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, 8pm-12 midnight.**

If you are interested and available on the following dates, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email: [youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com)

### DONATING SECURITIES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children and our teachers prepare to start a new year, may YOU be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope and faith be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as you love. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things!

In Jesus' Name. Amen

### VOCATIONS

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? 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, or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



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 Fr. John, or 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

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