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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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.

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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

Knights of Columbus

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

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, November 28, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Cipponeri +Maria Conceicao Moniz +All Deceased Brunati & Giacometti Family Members +Val Holowacha

TUESDAY, November 29, 9:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

WEDNESDAY, November 30, 7:00PM

+Jose Francisco Marques & Maria Celest Joaquina

THURSDAY, December 1, 9:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

FRIDAY, December 2, 7:00PM

+Romanko Sakac

SATURDAY, December 3, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva

SATURDAY, December 3, 5:00PM

+Samantha Diogo +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario +Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana +Armando Paulo & Manuel Oliviera +Manuel Pereira +Nello & Clara Del Bel Belluz + Richard Lourenco +Joaquim Afonso +Venancio Borges +Stella Fortini +Rosa Oliveira +All Deceased Members of Santana & Nazario Families

SUNDAY, December 4, 8:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

SUNDAY, December 4, 10:00AM

+Adele & Tony Caruso

SUNDAY, December 4, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 4, 6:30PM

+Romanko Sakac

INTRODUCING A NEW MINISTRY "AMONG FRIENDS"



"Among Friends" is a group of friends supporting positive changes to the wellbeing of widows (of all ages) through social interaction and activities once a month. The first meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 2:00pm at the Church. We will meet for coffee and fellowship to share our stories and plan future activities and outings. Perhaps coffee chats, lunches etc. Your suggestions for activities are always welcome. If interested, please contact Cecilia Podger at 416 710 3155 or email:

ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca

Offering Envelopes



2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Will be made available for pick up starting Saturday **December 3-18** at any Saturday

or Sunday Mass. If you are unable to find your box# please contact the parish office directly. Offertory boxes can also be picked up anytime after December 18, at the parish office. Please call. Pre- authorized Giving (PAG) is also an option. This allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. Please contact the parish office or email: holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org.

REFLECTION

Are you awake? Spiritually speaking? As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we are given the future coming of the Son of God to ponder. As this passage goes on, Jesus says, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

By the "day your Lord will come," we should understand three things. The first coming of Christ is obviously that which we most clearly ponder in Advent and Christmas. The unity of human nature with divine nature, in the Person of Jesus, is truly awe-inspiring. But that already took place long ago.

Thus, a second coming of Christ that we must continually ponder is His coming by grace, every moment of every day of our lives, once we have chosen to freely give our lives over to His service, for His glory, in accord with His will. When we live with such an interior disposition by which we seek His ongoing "coming" by grace, then we will find that we need to continually "stay awake!" If we do not, then we can be certain that we will miss countless opportunities to become more united to Christ every day and to be used as an instrument of that very grace for His service and glory. If we do not diligently build a habit of becoming attentive to every prompting of grace in our lives, then we will, unquestionably, begin to become "drowsy" and will fall asleep, spiritually speaking.

A wonderful measure of our daily attentiveness to the innumerable gifts of grace given to us every day is to also consider how attentive we are to the final and glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. Just as Jesus explains, most people will pay little attention to this final coming, presuming it will not even be in their lifetimes. But if you have that attitude, then you have completely missed the point. The point is preparedness—today, tomorrow and always. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help you enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons by which we ponder the first coming of Christ, it will also help you form a habit of daily attentiveness to grace.

Reflect, today, upon how ready you are for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Are you ready if Christ were to come today? If not, understand that a lack of preparedness for the final coming also means a lack of preparedness to celebrate His first coming at Christmas long ago, as well as His daily comings by grace. Prepare today. Catholic News Agency 2021



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

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

FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY AT 11:00am – December 2, 2022. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at the Church. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Saturday December 24, 2022

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight
(No 9:00am Mass, No Morning Confession)

Christmas Day - Sunday December 25, 2022

10:00am, 12:00 Noon
(No 8:00am Mass or 6:30pm Mass)

Holy Family - Friday December 30, 2022, at 7:00pm

The Nativity of the Lord - Saturday December 31, 2022

5:00pm Livestream, 7:00pm
(No 9:00am Mass, Confessions from 3:30-4:30pm Only)

*The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Sunday January 1, 2023*

10:00am Livestream, 12:00 Noon
(No 8:00am Mass or 6:30pm Mass)

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We invite all parishioners to bring a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia memorial garden for the altar. **Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on Wednesday December 21st and Thursday December 22nd and Friday December 23rd until 4:00pm in the Narthex of the Church.** Labels will be available to you to write the name(s) of your loved ones. Please affix the label to your poinsettia. They will later be placed at the altar for our Christmas celebration.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA - 9 DAY NIGHT MASS

*A Filipino and Spanish Christmas Tradition:
Simbang Gabi / Misa de Aguinaldo*

This custom began as a way of accompanying Mary symbolically in prayer through the nine months of her pregnancy in anticipation of the coming of Our Lord. We invite all the faithful to celebrate this "Promise of Salvation" to attend this nine-day English Novena Mass starting on December 15 at 8:00pm to December 23 in our Parish. Experience the Joy with a peaceful spirit as we await the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. All are welcome! *"Advent is the anticipation of the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ the Light that will lead us out of darkness."*



ADVENT Reconciliation SCHEDULE

Monday December 12: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm
Wednesday December 14: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm
Friday December 16: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm
Saturday December 17: 8:00-8:30am, 9:30-11am, 3:30-4:30pm
Monday December 19: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm
Wednesday December 21: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm
"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me" Psalm 51:10

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2023 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration forms are available online or can be picked up in person after Mass in the foyer. Forms can be accessed from our website: holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org by going to "Sacraments", choose First Communion or Confirmation and complete the registration form. PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM CERTIFICATE ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM FOR FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION.

Registration forms and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate can be submitted in person to the parish office or by email at: sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com

**First Communion Deadline for Registration:
January 31, 2023**

**Confirmation Deadline for Registration:
December 31, 2022**

Please submit your registrations before the deadline this will ensure your child is signed up for preparation classes.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 *Fridays * 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith.

Edge Theme: December 9 - 3D Glasses
Dec 23 - No Edge - Christmas

LIFE TEEN Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! No registration required. The next Life night is December 2 - Seeing the Kingdom and focuses on Jesus' public ministry.
December 16 - Will be an Advent/Christmas Social

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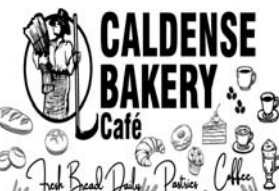
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