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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm

## PEACE



### 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](mailto:jpak@archtoronto.org)

### MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at [jpak@archtoronto.org](mailto: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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**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Baal [jbaal@archtoronto.org](mailto:jbaal@archtoronto.org)

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#### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

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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, December 5, 7:00PM**

+Tecla Tarantino +Christopher Macdonell +Erika Meier  
+Lilia Tanon

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

+Joao Domingues

**WEDNESDAY, December 7, 7:00PM**

+Special Intention for Aiden Michael Chung

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

+Silvina Viera

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

+Jan Woznica

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

+ProPopulo

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

+Antonio Leonardo & Emilia Avila +Lino & Walter  
Andrade +Benedito da Silva & Albina Barbosa +Antonio  
Alberto Rocha +All Deceased Barroso & Silva Family  
Members +Giuseppe & Maria Alagia +Samir Chaar &  
Georgette Matta +Albert Charles Garel +Manuel Da Silva  
+Marian Biernacik +Lilia Tanon +Lidia Nunes

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

+Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira

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

+Colin Wyatt

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

+Jan & Halina Woznica

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

+ProPopulo

## FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

During this season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts in the anticipation of His coming by being the hands and feet of Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help to spread the message of Christ's HOPE this season by donating non-perishable items to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the entrance of the Church when you come to Mass. Let us overwhelm our Food Bank with FOOD, HOPE and LOVE this season!

### 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:

[holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org).

**Please note that the office will be closed on Monday December 26, Tuesday December 27, 2022 and Monday January 2, 2023. Mass will be at 9:00am.**

# REFLECTION

*When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." Matthew 3:7-8*

This was both a very intense and yet very holy encounter. It was intense in that Saint John the Baptist, who had become quite popular and respected and was considered a great prophet, spoke harshly toward the Pharisees and Sadducees. "You brood of vipers!" he says. This was not the way the Pharisees and Sadducees were normally spoken to. John speaks this way because it was the truth. These religious leaders were not leading anyone closer to God. One only needs to ponder all that Jesus would eventually say to the Pharisees and Sadducees to understand what kind of people these religious leaders had become. So this passage is certainly intense. But it is also very holy. It is holy because this "brood of vipers" needed to be chastised. They needed to be condemned and challenged. They needed to be humbled. And there is nothing more humbling than sincerely repenting of one's sins in a public way.

Notice that John does not dismiss the leaders outright. Rather, he requires of them "evidence" of their repentance. Why? Because of the spiritual damage these men did to the people of Israel on account of their pride, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, love of public honors, condemnation of others, etc. They had so distorted the faith that the good of their souls required public repentance. It required that everyone see sincere good fruits flowing from their lives as a sign that they had changed. Though this is a tall order for the Pharisees and Sadducees, it's the way to holiness for them.

The same is true for us. If you have allowed yourself to fall into some of the same traps as the Pharisees and Sadducees, then you, too, will greatly benefit from clear and humble public change. If you have struggled with self-righteousness, a critical tongue, a "holier than thou" attitude or a judgmental attitude toward others, then you might have great need for a humble and public repentance.

Reflect, today, upon the Pharisees and Sadducees. Try to understand their sin and the reason John called them a "brood of vipers." If you see any of their pride and self-righteousness within your own soul, then listen to this exhortation from John the Baptist as if it were spoken to you directly. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." Do this, and God will free you through the gift of true humility. Catholic News Agency 2021

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

All Sundays, Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord) and New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) are days of Holy Obligation for Catholics in Canada

## Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve - Saturday December 24, 2022*

4:00pm-Children's Choir, 6:00pm, 8:00pm,  
12:00 Midnight-Portuguese Choir  
*Songs in English & Portuguese*  
(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*

*Saturday December 31, 2022-Vigil-Mary Mother of God*

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)

## ADVENT

## Reconciliation

## SCHEDULE

*Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord*

**Monday December 12:** 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm

**Wednesday December 14:** 5:30-7:00pm (*Confessions available in English & Portuguese*) & 7:30-8:30pm (*English Only*)

**Friday December 16:** 5:30-7:00pm (*Confessions available in English & Spanish*) & 7:30-8:30pm (*English Only*)

**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

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 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."*

## SACRAMENTS

### REGISTRATION FOR 2023 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS 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: [holymartyrsfjapan.archtoronto.org](http://holymartyrsfjapan.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](mailto: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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION. Anyone interested, please contact the parish office.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**EDGE** Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8  
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**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 16 – Will be an Advent/Christmas Social



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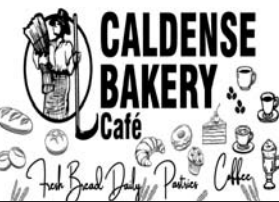
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