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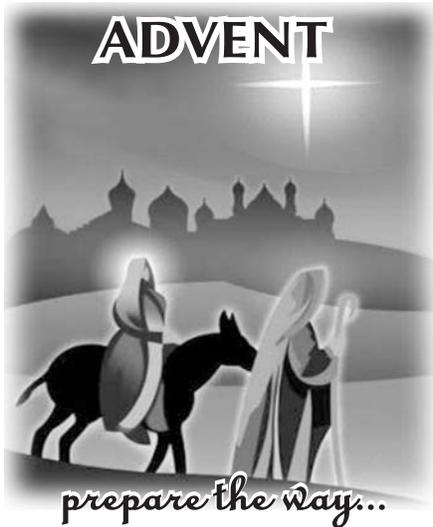
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



**Pastor:** Rev. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.org  
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**Deacon:** Deacon David Langley



## 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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### 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 19, 7:00PM

+Kyle & Gary Lee +All Deceased Members of the McKarty Family +John Faria & Fatima Faria +Lucy Pires Dantas +John McCardle +Virgilio Pinho +Lilia Tanon +All Deceased Lancha & Ferreira Family Members +Carmela Vettese

### TUESDAY, December 20, 9:00AM

+Manuel Martins & Maria Amada

### WEDNESDAY, December 21, 7:00PM

+Elio Bellon

### THURSDAY, December 22, 9:00AM

+Duncan Drummond

### FRIDAY, December 23, 7:00PM

+Jose Rodrigues

### SATURDAY, December 24, 9:00AM-No Mass

### SATURDAY, December 24, 5:00PM-No Mass

### SUNDAY, December 25, 8:00AM-No Mass

### SUNDAY, December 25, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, December 25, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, December 25, 6:30PM-No Mass

### FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY AT

11:00am – January 6, 2023. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at the Church. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass



### 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](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org).

### FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

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!

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.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Happy and Blessed Advent!

I hope all of you are excited to prepare and celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May God, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary and the Martyrs of Japan grant you all His blessings and graces.

Our Parish and our town of Bradford, have a rich history and has been a center of cultural diversity. Our town area was first settled by immigrants from Ireland and Scotland, then from Portugal, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom, Hungary, and Ukraine. The current census of 2022 shows that more than 12,000 residents (29% of the total population) are from other parts of the world: South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Latin American, Arab, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean, and Japanese.

It is very important as Roman Catholics and as Canadians to celebrate, foster, and enhance our cultural diversity and unity in our faith in Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures teach us clearly that we are all God's children and that Jesus has come as a Saviour for all nations. It does not matter what colour our skins are, what language we speak, or what country we are born in.

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."* (Galatians 3:28).

The event of the Pentecost teaches us that different cultures and languages are no longer a point of division but unity through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages ... and at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each."* (Acts 2: 4-6)

Vatican II further teaches us that it is so good to celebrate our liturgies, to pray, and to read the Scripture in our vernacular languages.

The Canadian Multiculturalism Act (1988) provides a legislative framework for the official policy of multiculturalism adopted by the government in 1971.

The act is there to protect the cultural heritage of Canadians, reduce discrimination, and encourage the implementation of multicultural programs and activities within institutions and organizations.

Therefore, I want to ask all of us to do our best to enhance, foster, and celebrate our cultural diversity and our unity in our faith. We are hoping to celebrate our liturgies, and prayers from many different parts of the world as much as we can.

As you may know, we are celebrating the "Simbang Gabi" (Misa de Gallo/Missa do Galo/ Misa de los Pastores) from December 15th to 23rd at 8 PM. Please join us.

Also, from January 1st, 2023, our parish will celebrate one Sunday 8 AM Mass per month in Portuguese (readings in English & Portuguese and the homily in English) and celebrate Spanish Mass (all in Spanish) for the Migrant Workers every Saturday at 7:30 PM. Our bishops have granted us permission.

This is only the beginning. If you have any celebrations from your home country or culture, please let us know. Father Joseph and I will try our best to accommodate and promote it.

There is no place for racism in our parish, community, and Church. Racism is a sin that must be resisted and stopped.

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. John Pak, Pastor

## Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve - Saturday December 24, 2022*

*(No 9:00am Mass, No Morning Confession)*

4:00pm - Children's Choir (Livestream), 6:00pm,

8:00pm *(Refreshments after Mass),*

12:00 Midnight-Portuguese Choir Songs in English & Portuguese

*Christmas Day - Sunday December 25, 2022*

*(No 8:00am Mass or 6:30pm Mass)*

10:00am, 12:00 Noon

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

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

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

5:00pm Livestream, 7:00pm *(Refreshments after Mass)*

*The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*

*Sunday January 1, 2023*

*(No 8:00am Mass or 6:30pm Mass)*

10:00am, 12:00 Noon

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

All Sunday, 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 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!

## 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.



## ADVENT

# Reconciliation

## SCHEDULE

*Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord*

**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 OPEN!

**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.

Registration forms are available online or can be picked up in person after Mass in the foyer. Forms can be accessed from our website: [holymartyrsfsofjapan.archtoronto.org](http://holymartyrsfsofjapan.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)**

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 \*Fridays \* 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish

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December 23 - No Edge - Christmas

January 13 - United Front



**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 30 -No Lifeteen

January 20 - Seeing the Way

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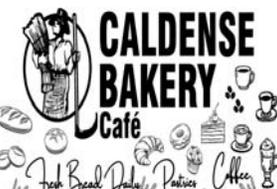
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