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



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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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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, January 2, 9:00AM

+ ProPopulo

TUESDAY, January 3, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 7:00PM

+Romanko Sakac

THURSDAY, January 5, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, January 6, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo

SATURDAY, January 7, 9:00AM – First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 7, 5:00PM

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +St. Clair & Marjorie

McEvenue +Stanley Cemas & Matija Cadonic

+Joe Stanesic & Special Intention for Barbara

Cemas +Rosa Oliveira +Manuel Da Silva +Joe &

Lucy Toich *Special Intention of McEvenue

Family

SUNDAY, January 8, 8:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

SUNDAY, January 8, 10:00AM

+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa

SUNDAY, January 8, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 8, 6:30PM

+Joao Perna

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday January 2, 2023. Mass will be at 9:00am.

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. Your suggestions for activities are always welcome. If interested, please contact Cecilia Podger at 416 710 3155 or email: ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca

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.

Offering Envelopes



2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

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.

REFLECTION

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:19

Today, January 1, we complete our octave celebration of Christmas Day. It's an often-overlooked liturgical fact that we celebrate Christmas Day for eight straight days. We do this also with Easter Day, which concludes with the great celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the “Mother of God” for the simple fact that her Son is God. She was not the mother of her Son's flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took on flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature.

First, Mother Mary was preserved from all sin when she was conceived within the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This special grace was a grace that was imparted to her from the future life, death and resurrection of her Son. It was the grace of salvation, but God chose to take that gift of grace and transcend time to impart it to her at the moment of her conception, thus making her the perfect and pure instrument necessary to bring forth God into the world.

Second, Mother Mary remained faithful to this gift of grace throughout her life, never choosing to sin, never wavering, never turning from God. She remained immaculate throughout her life. Interestingly, it is this choice of hers, to forever remain obedient to the will of God in every way, that makes her more fully the Mother of God than the simple act of bearing Him within her womb. Her act of perfect unity with the will of God throughout her life makes her, also, the perfect mother of divine grace and mercy and perpetually the spiritual Mother of God, continually and perfectly bringing Him into our world.

Reflect, today, upon these most solemn mysteries of our faith. This eighth day of the Octave of Christmas is a solemn celebration, a celebration worthy of our pondering. The Scripture above reveals not only how our blessed Mother approached this mystery but also how we are to approach it. She “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Ponder these mysteries, also, in your own heart and allow the grace of this holy celebration to fill you with joy and gratitude. Catholic News Agency 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God |
January 1, 2023



Heavenly Father, you blessed the Virgin Mary with the fullness of grace. She is my model of faith, hope and love. I give this new year to her intercession and ask for her holy prayers. Place my needs into the protection of her motherly love. With her help, I want my faith to grow. Give me an increase in the virtue of hope when troubles tempt me to despair. Guide me in understanding your infinite love. And join my heart dear Lord, to the Holy Mother's Immaculate Heart, so that I may improve in loving everyone unconditionally, in imitation of my Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. Mary Mother of God Pray for Us. Jesus, I Trust in You. Marypages.com



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
Will be held on January 6th, 2023, at
7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2023 FIRST COMMUNION IS STILL OPEN!

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

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS CLOSED!

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

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

Registration forms for First Communion 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 and complete the registration form. **PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM CERTIFICATE ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM FOR FIRST COMMUNION.**

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE® Edge is a fun, exciting and free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8
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January 13 – United Front
January 27 - Infrared

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ. 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
January 20 – Seeing the Way
February 3 – Seeing the Unseen

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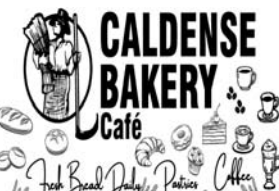
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