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



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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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El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

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LifeTeen Youth Ministry

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Rosary Apostolate

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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 9, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for the Bertocchi Family *Special Intentions of the Mongillo Family

TUESDAY, January 10, 9:00AM

+Antonio Julio Diogo

WEDNESDAY, January 11, 7:00PM

+Stephen La Roche & Ilona Szabo

THURSDAY, January 12, 9:00AM

*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

FRIDAY, January 13, 7:00PM

+Audrey McCardle

SATURDAY, January 14, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 14, 5:00PM

+Olga Taylor & Ann Moreland +Rafael & Delia Chavez +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Maria Faria +Manuel Da Silva +Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario +Manuel Barroso +Antonio Martins & Parents +Fred Oliviera +Manuel Coquim +Lidia Nunes +Antonio Gallo

SUNDAY, January 15, 8:00AM

+Tony Toich & Toich Family

SUNDAY, January 15, 10:00AM

+Salvatore Vena

SUNDAY, January 15, 12:00PM

+Jim Reid

SUNDAY, January 15, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

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.



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. Please contact the parish office or email: holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org.

Lord, I love you and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You. Catholic News Agency 2021

REFLECTION

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:1-2

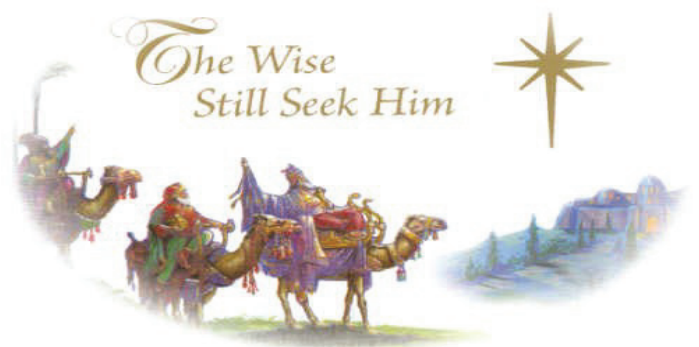
The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling. In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when

He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make. Catholic News Agency 2021



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany of the Lord | January 8, 2023

WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

Holy Martyrs of Japan would like to thank Fred Picavet and family for their kind and generous donation of \$150,000.00 to help us pay down our mortgage. Your extraordinary support, for our parish community, especially in these challenging times is most humbling and greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS TAKEDOWN

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that adorned our altar this year. If you are free on January 14, 2023, after the 9:00am Mass, we would love your help! All are welcome.

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



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

Celebration of Infant Jesus/ Santo Nino Sunday, January 15 @ 12:00 Noon

Bring your infant Jesus Statue with your name tag and place it on the table near the Altar before Mass. At the end of Mass, Fr. John and Fr. Joseph will call up all the children in the church to give a blessing to all the children and the statues of Infant Jesus. After Mass, there will be a celebration of "Sinulog", a traditional Filipino dance in honor of Infant Jesus, in the Parish Hall.

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY PARISH EVENT – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2023

We invite our parish community to celebrate our 83rd Anniversary with us on Sunday February 5th, 2023, after the 12:00pm Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome!

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2023 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Registration forms for First Communion and Confirmation 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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All young adults between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to join our group for social gatherings and other activities every Saturday evening after the 5:00pm Mass on the 2nd and 4th week of each month in the parish hall. Anyone interested, please contact Father Joseph.

YOUTH MINISTRY



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
*Fridays * 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith
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 by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. 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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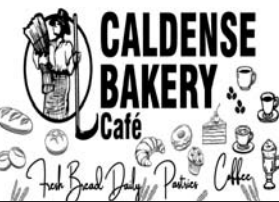
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