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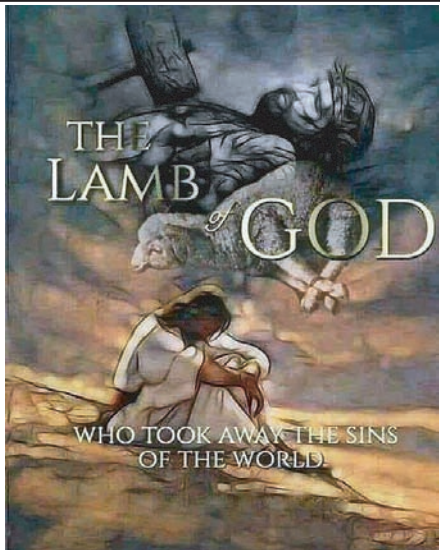
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



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## St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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

### 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.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841  
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St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653  
St. Charles—905-775-6762  
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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, January 16, 7:00PM

+ Jayden Tanon +Abilio Soares & Abilio de Sousa Soares +John Lesage \*Special Intentions of Georgia Santucci

### TUESDAY, January 17, 9:00AM

+Maria & Manuel Branco

### WEDNESDAY, January 18, 7:00PM

+Afonso Lameirinhas

### THURSDAY, January 19, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva

### FRIDAY, January 20, 7:00PM

+Jayden Tanon

### SATURDAY, January 21, 9:00AM

+Grace Moskal

### SATURDAY, January 21, 5:00PM

+Maria Borges & Luis Borges +Lilia Tanon +Manuel da Silva +Eduardo & Irma Lancha +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Arlindo Araujo +Jayden Tanon +Fred Oliveira +Manuel Coquim +Matthew Talarico \*Special Intentions of Mary Toich

### SATURDAY, January 21, 7:30PM

**Mass for Migrant Workers- El Sembrador**

\*Special Intentions for Baby Emilio Faz

### SUNDAY, January 22, 8:00AM

+Manuel Conceicao Junior & Maria Rosete

### SUNDAY, January 22, 10:00AM

+Manuel Augusto Dinis & Family

### SUNDAY, January 22, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, January 22, 6:30PM

+Mary Ellen Tanner

## 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.

### Offering Envelopes



### 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes can be picked up once again in the foyer of the Church. 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).

## WITH THANKS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Many thanks and appreciation to the parishioners who donated to our 2022 World Day of The Poor Campaign. Your generosity raised \$10312.00 towards the goal of \$40,000.00 to help those in need of food, clothing and the necessities of life. May God bless you.

## REFLECTION

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." [John 1:29](#)*

Saint John the Baptist speaks these words about Jesus at the moment that he sees Jesus coming to him in the distance. John knew, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus was the "Lamb of God." He knew, by this interior revelation, that Jesus would become the Sacrificial Lamb Who would lay down His life for the salvation of the world. Perhaps John did not know the details of how this would happen, but he didn't need to. He was content knowing this sacred mission of the Messiah, and he was content knowing that Jesus was that Messiah.

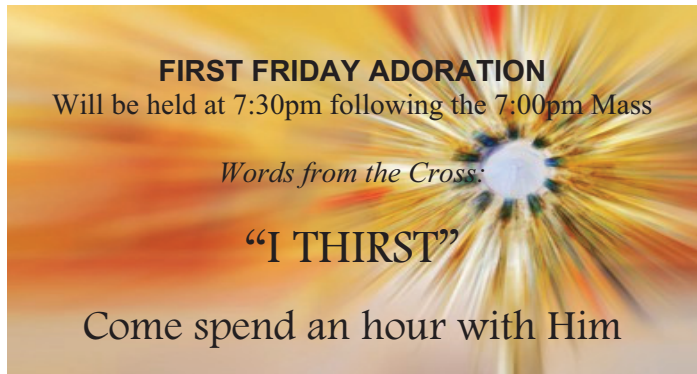
Today, as we ponder John's words, we are able to see them more clearly. Jesus is the One Who gave His life on the Cross for the remission of sins. He is the One Whom we now receive sacramentally in Holy Communion as that "Lamb of God." It is His flesh and His blood, poured out for us, that we now consume with the deepest reverence and love.

At Mass, these are the final words spoken by the priest after the consecration and prior to Holy Communion. Every time we participate in the Holy Mass, we relive this moment in which John saw our Lord coming to Him.

As we begin this season of Ordinary Time, we are invited to come to know this Lamb of God more fully through His many teachings, miracles and actions done during His public ministry. In the Liturgy of the Word at every Mass, we are called to unpack these words of John, coming to understand the mystery of the life of Christ more fully. And through our participation in the reception of Holy Communion, we come to know Him Who is the Lamb of God in the most personal and intimate of ways, when we enter into holy union (Holy Communion) with Him.

Reflect, today, upon these very familiar words of Saint John the Baptist. As you do, begin by prayerfully pondering the knowledge that John might have had about Christ the first time he saw Him. Why did John say these words? How fully did he understand their meaning? Did he know that his words would be echoed throughout time? As you prayerfully ponder the interior knowledge that John might have had at that time, try also to reflect upon all that we now know about these holy words. Reflect especially upon the suffering and death of the Lamb of God and the way in which He has transmitted His Saving Sacrifice to us in Holy Communion. What a gift! What a mystery! What a joy! Behold the Lamb of God within your heart, mind and soul, and prayerfully seek to know Him more fully this day.

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## BLESSING OF THE THROATS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise there will be the Blessing of the Throats on Friday February 3, 2023 after the 7:00pm Mass followed by Holy Hour.

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

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

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY- February 12, 2023 At 2:30PM -St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or +) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday February 12, 2023, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All Married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15pm. Registration opened on December 9 2022. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register.

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

## 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: [holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org](http://holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org) by going to "Sacraments", choose First Communion or Confirmation and complete the registration form. Please be sure to attach your child's baptismal 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 27 – Infrared  
February 10 - Microscope

## 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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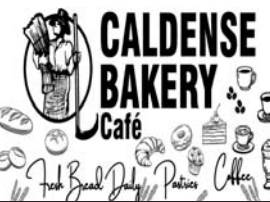
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