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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

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Baal jbaal@archtoronto.org

**Deacon:** Deacon David Langley



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

### OFFICE STAFF

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Ray Reitzel email: reitzel@hotmail.com

**Ministry to Migrant Workers:**

Nancy Mora

### 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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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

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El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

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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 30, 7:00PM

+ Lilia Tanon +Alzira Neto & Adriano Neto +Jayden Tanon +Rosa Fischetti +Antonio Mirassol +Paul & Elizabeth Gres +Maria Bormonde \*Special Intentions for the Bertocchi Family

### TUESDAY, January 31, 9:00AM

+ Frank & Marina Prior

### WEDNESDAY, February 1, 7:00PM

+Jayden Tanon

### THURSDAY, February 2, 9:00AM

+ Paul Prior

### FRIDAY, February 3, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo

### SATURDAY, February 4, 9:00AM – First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, February 4, 5:00PM

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Rosa Oliveira

+Filomena & Mario Di Re +Manuel da Silva

+Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario +Joe Días &

Maria da Piedade +Jayden Tanon +Katerina Spek

+Jan & Halina Woznica +Antonio Janeiro &

Parents +Carlos & Maria Medeiros

### SATURDAY, February 4, 7:30PM

Mass for Migrant Workers – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, February 5, 8:00AM

+All Deceased Caron & Macdonell Family Members

### SUNDAY, February 5, 10:00AM

\*Special Intentions in Thanksgiving

### SUNDAY, February 5, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, February 5, 6:30PM

+Rommel Baal

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...” Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon or brother or sister. If God is calling you, Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

## MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY – Friday February 3, 2023

Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

### Offering Envelopes



### 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes can be picked up 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).

## REFLECTION

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” [Matthew 5:1–3](#)*

The Sermon on the Mount begins with today’s reading in Chapter Five of Matthew’s Gospel and continues through Chapter Seven. This beautiful sermon presents us with many familiar teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, the Lord’s Prayer and the Golden Rule. Jesus begins His sermon by going up a mountain and sitting down. The mountain is believed to be just north of the Sea of Galilee, just a few miles from Capernaum where Jesus often stayed during His public ministry. Today’s Gospel presents us with the glorious and very high calling of the Beatitudes. This teaching on the Beatitudes sets the stage for the many other lessons Jesus taught.

The Beatitudes are certainly a teaching about morality, but the lessons are not the same as many of the moral teachings that the people were familiar with. Up until that time, morality was primarily seen as a list of forbidden practices. “Thou shall not...” was the general tone. However, the Beatitudes take morality to a much higher level. In this new teaching, Jesus did not start with that which was forbidden or that which was a violation of God’s Law. Instead, He explained that reaching for these ideals brought forth the greatest fulfillment in life. Morality was not only a list of regulations one needed to avoid. At the heart, morality was now presented by our Lord as a glorious journey to perfection. The result of this journey was the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

When you consider the moral life, how do you look at it? Do you see it more as a list of things you can’t do? Or do you see it as a journey up the mountain of true holiness and fulfillment? The Christian life certainly forbids us to engage in many forms of sin and violations of God’s Law. But unless we understand that the highest form of morality is given to fulfill us on the deepest level, then it will be easy to become discouraged by our calling.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus calling you to follow Him up the mountain of the Beatitudes. As you do, begin by considering this journey first from a physical point of view. It would have been much easier for His first hearers of this sermon to simply stay in Capernaum and recline at table, listening to Jesus speak. But the physical journey up the mountain gives insight into the high calling of the moral life. It requires effort and determination. From there, try to imagine yourself listening to Jesus preach. Remind yourself that the Christian life is one of perfection in every way. This is our calling. But the fruit of perfection is the fulfillment in which God wants us to share. The easy life of sin leaves us dry and interiorly dead, but the hard journey to perfection leads us to the deepest fulfillment we could ever attain. Commit yourself to the journey and do not hesitate on the way, and you, too, will be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven.

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## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held on Friday February 3, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

“I so ardently thirst to be loved by men in the Most Blessed Sacrament that this thirst devours me...” – *Jesus to St. Margaret Alacque*

## 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. Those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Those unable to attend are invited to join the celebration via livestream at 2:15pm. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register.

## FAMILY DAY – MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday.



## SHROVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Dinner Event. More information to follow.

Ash  
Wednesday

## ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023

There will be two Masses celebrated this day with the distribution of ashes. One at 12 noon and one at 7:00pm.

## UPCOMING AT HOLY MARTYRS

MOM'S GROUP – More Information To Follow



## LENTEN PARISH STUDY

Join our upcoming five -part Lenten Study Program “No greater Love”! A biblical Walk-Through Christ's Passion that begins on Tuesday February 28 at 7:00pm. Registration is required.

Through this pilgrimage, we will be guided through the last hours of Christ's life. We will walk with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you!

When: Tuesdays during Lent 7pm-8:30pm

Location: Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall

Format: Fellowship, small group discussions, 30 min video

Suggested Donation: \$40.00 (you will receive Dr. Edward Sri's No Greater Love book, and workbook)

For more information or to register please email Eduardo Meneses at: [emeneses@archtoronto.org](mailto:emeneses@archtoronto.org)

**Note: For parents with children, our large meeting room is available for childcare and activities during the study group.**

## 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  
February 10 – Microscope  
February 24 – Lights Out Dodge Ball

## 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 February 3 – Seeing the Unseen

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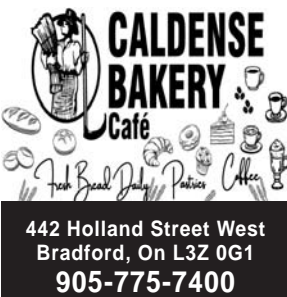
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