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Matthew 5:16

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis
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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

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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, February 6, 7:00PM

+ Duncan Drummond +Jayden Tanon +All Deceased
Pinho Family Members +Rommel Baal

TUESDAY, February 7, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Cruz Manata & Rosa da Oliveira

WEDNESDAY, February 8, 7:00PM

+Marian Janek

THURSDAY, February 9, 9:00AM

+Daniel & Evelina Brizenno

FRIDAY, February 10, 7:00PM

+Maria Caietta

SATURDAY, February 11, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 11, 5:00PM

+Manuel Da Silva +Michele & Caterina Puma
+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Joao Perna
+Jayden Tanon +Anna Ritacco +Francisco
Paixao +Rommel Baal +All Deceased Barros &
Silva Family Members +August Barros & Joao
Gomes Faria +Carlos Marques & Fernando
Brages

SATURDAY, February 11, 7:30PM

Mass for Migrant Workers – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 12, 8:00AM

+Mario Zic & Zic Family

SUNDAY, February 12, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 12, 12:00PM

+Antonino Gammicchia

SUNDAY, February 12, 6:30PM

+Gladys Sermeno

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes can be picked 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:

holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org.

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.

REFLECTION

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” [Matthew 5:14–16](#)

We’ve all experienced a time when the lights went out and we were in darkness. In this case, if you were to light a candle and place it in the center of the room, its light would make quite a difference. One candle in a darkened room transforms that room, making it a more comfortable dwelling place.

Using that image, consider the first line in Jesus’ metaphor above. “You are the light of the world.” Try to see yourself as that single candle in the darkness. That is your mission. Just as a single candle can give light to an entire room, so you are capable of being a source of light for many others. One of the primary missions we have all received in life is to allow the light of God’s grace to “shine before others.” The result of fulfilling this mission is that others will see our good deeds that were inspired by God, and they will, in turn, glorify the Father in Heaven. Thus, your mission of radiating the light of Christ for others results in God being praised and glorified.

This full statement of Jesus is especially helpful to consider when we struggle with pride. Pride is a way of pointing to ourselves. It’s an act of selfishness by which we place ourselves in the spotlight as a way of trying to become the object of others’ praise. But what Jesus tells us is that when we properly fulfill our role of being the light of the world, when we radiate the Light of Christ, others will be inspired not to praise us but rather to glorify God as He acts through us. This is quite a difference.

With that being said, the beautiful thing about God being glorified is that God often wants us to share in that glory. That means that if you were to do an act of charity for another, and they were deeply grateful to you and thanked you, their “thank you” is an act of glorifying God when it is understood that you acted out of a love of God. God is praised when we, His children, give and receive love and honor between each other on account of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon two things. First, think about those upon whom God has called you to shine His light. Who is it in your life who needs an act of love, charity, mercy, forgiveness or compassion? Commit yourself to becoming God’s light for them in their darkness. Second, think about those who have shone the Light of Christ upon you. When this has happened, how did you respond? Hopefully your response was one of a gratitude that not only returns love to the other but also glorifies God through your gratitude. Be the light of the world to a world in need and seek out that light as it shines brightly through others. This is the only way to step out of the darkness that constantly tries to pervade us. Catholic News Agency 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 5, 2023



SHROVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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



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.

Dynamic Women of Faith CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

Dear Mothers:

An invitation to all to share in love, laughter and moments of grace. We are happy to announce the launch of our Catholic Mother's Ministry to support mothers in our community. There will be 2 groups.

1. Catholic Mom's Group: which will meet the First Thursday of the Month starting March 2, 2023, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Large Meeting Room.
2. Catholic Mom's Group and Tots: This group will meet the First Thursday of every month starting March 2, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.

Registration will take place at the door upon arrival.

SACRAMENTS

Thank you to all who have registered for First Communion and Confirmation to be celebrated this spring. We look forward to celebrating the sacraments with all of you. Information on Preparation for First Communion to be announced. Please continue to attend Mass in preparation for the sacraments.

For all those who have not registered for the 2023 sacramental season, for further communication regarding sacramental registration for next year, please stay connected with us. We invite you to come and celebrate Mass with us on Sundays, watch our livestream Mass at 10:00am, and be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information on the sacraments. We look forward to celebrating the sacraments with you in the future.



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) Couples can share.

For more information or to register please email Eduardo Meneses at: emeneses@archtoronto.org

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

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 (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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). 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 to register.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 every other Friday from 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 for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, all are welcome! No registration required. The next Life night is February 17 – Social

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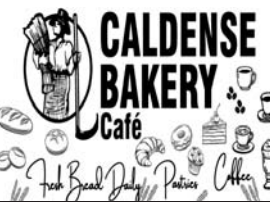
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