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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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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, February 13, 7:00PM

+Antonio Gallo +Bob Podger *Special Intention for the Bertocchi Family

TUESDAY, February 14, 9:00AM

+Frank & Marina Prior

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena

THURSDAY, February 16, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, February 17, 7:00PM

+Angelo Tarantino

SATURDAY, February 18, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 18, 5:00PM

+Matthew Talarico & Martha Kogut +Anthony & Johanna McEvenue +Afonso Lameirinhas

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria + Manuel

da Silva +Joe Lancha & Joao Ferreira +Vitorino

Nazario & Olimpia Sousa + Abilio Soares &

Gasparina Soares +Vita & Antonio Ingoglia

+Lidia Nunes *Special Intentions of Mary Toich

SATURDAY, February 18, 7:30PM

Mass for Migrant Workers – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 19, 8:00AM

+Manuel Dias

SUNDAY, February 19, 10:00AM

+Arlindo Araujo

SUNDAY, February 19, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 19, 6:30PM

+Augusto Bertocchi

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 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:

holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022

Should be received within the week of February 27, 2023. With our most sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:20–22](#)

The scribes and Pharisees were masters of the Old Law. Now that the Messiah had arrived, they were unwilling to go deeper and move beyond the Old Testament teachings that they often misrepresented. They preferred a black-and-white approach to morality that had been with them for centuries and did not want to change when presented with Jesus' new and higher calling.

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament but then elevates it to an entirely new level. The line quoted above makes it clear that the only way to accept these new teachings of Jesus was to surpass the "righteousness" of the scribes and Pharisees. And the dire result of not surpassing their righteousness was the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus begins by recalling the Old Testament commandment, "You shall not kill." But then He takes that commandment further by saying that "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Of course, killing remains a grave sin. But now Jesus explains that the interior attitude of anger, even if not acted upon, is a sin. He goes on to teach a similar lesson about adultery and swearing oaths.

It is helpful to understand these new teachings in the context of the approach that the scribes and Pharisees took in regard to the Old Testament. About that, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, the primary problem with the scribes and Pharisees is not that they failed to teach the Old Testament Law properly. The primary problem is that now that the Messiah has arrived and has ushered in a new time of fulfillment and righteousness, they would not go deeper and would not embrace the fulfillment of the Law of God. They are not willing to grow in holiness and embrace the fulfillment of all that had been taught before.

Reflect, today, upon the calling given to you by our Lord's new and glorious teachings. If you are to truly embrace the Gospel of our Lord and live in His New Law of grace, then you must be willing to go deep, become truly radical in your faith, and allow God to transform every part of your life. The New Law is one of the fullness of love, mercy, surrender, zeal, conversion and transformation. Commit yourself to surpassing the old and limited righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and God will do glorious things in your life. Catholic News Agency 2021

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

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

“Our Lord in the blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them” - *St. Peter of Alcantara*



SHROVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake and sausage supper with coffee on Shrove Tuesday from 5pm -7pm in the parish hall. All profits raised from the supper will be donated to the Holy Martyrs of Japan Building Fund. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 per family.



ASH WEDNESDAY THE BEGINNING OF LENT 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



IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days. **Why 40 days?** The “40 days” (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penance before Easter reflects Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God’s will. Lent is a time of conversion.

2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer and living signs of his love for all. Let us all answer the call.



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. 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.

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.

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 24 - Lights Out Dodge Ball
March 10 - X-Ray

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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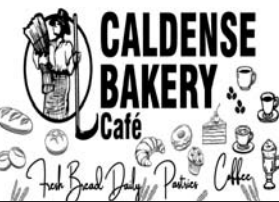
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