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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!

### 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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Nancy Mora

### 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

### 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, March 6, 7:00PM

+Agostino Sgarata +For all Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters in Syria & Turkey +Carmelo Giuliano

### TUESDAY, March 7, 9:00AM

+Manuel & Glorinda da Silva

### WEDNESDAY, March 8, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna

### THURSDAY, March 9, 9:00AM

+Clara Gomes & Antonio Martins

### FRIDAY, March 10, 7:00PM

\*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

### SATURDAY, March 11, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

### SATURDAY, March 11, 5:00PM

+Lino & Walter Andrade +Mario Di Re +Manuel

da Silva +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa

+Antonietta Bertocchi +Augusta Barros & Joao

Gomes Faria + Lidia Nunes +Celeste De Freitas

+Dinair Xavier Santos & Julio Cesar Santos

Lima +Melci Ciotta

### SATURDAY, March 11, 7:30PM

Mass for Migrant Workers – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, March 12, 8:00AM

+Matthew & Maria Zic

### SUNDAY, March 12, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, March 12, 12:00PM

+Isobelle Fisher

### SUNDAY, March 12, 6:30PM

+Alfredo Palmerio



### AMONG FRIENDS MINISTRIES

Among friends is a ministry supporting grieving women of all ages through social interaction and activities. This group meets once a month. The next meeting is Tuesday March 14 at 6:30pm downstairs in the small meeting room. If interested in attending, please contact Cecilia Podger at 416 710 3155 or email [ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca](mailto:ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca)

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Ecumenical Worship Service "I have heard about your Faith" -Taiwan

March 9, 2023, at 6:30pm worship service at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish – Refreshments to follow service. All are welcome. – Women's Inter-Church council of Canada

### 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](mailto:holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org).

*"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." – Pope Francis*

## REFLECTION

This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.

Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus, who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will. Catholic News Agency 2021

**ShareLife** ShareLife Sunday is March 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [Sharelife.org/donate](http://Sharelife.org/donate).



The second Sunday of the Season Lent is upon us. Lent is a time of penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. As we continue to journey through Lent with our Lord, let us reflect on how we can change the things in our lives that get in the way of our relationship with God.

## PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS March 16, 2023

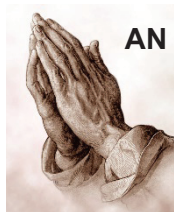
From 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Confessions will be heard in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian

*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us EVERY FRIDAY during the season of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.



## AN INVITATION TO LENTEN PRAYER

We invite each of you to place a “Praying Hands” card on the board with a prayer request. We ask that during Lent, your REMOVE “Praying Hands” card and include that prayer request in your prayers during Lent.

What a great way to help our sisters and brothers in Christ

## HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

On the weekend of March 11-12 in the parish hall, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing “Handicraft Holy Land Christians” who will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, and cheques will be accepted.

## LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND REFLECTION – Encountering God’s Love, Mercy and Grace - Father Joseph

You are invited to join us for a day of recollection, reflection, discussion, followed by prayer, adoration and confession in preparation for Holy Week. On Saturday March 11, 2023, after the 9:00am Mass, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the church. *Please bring your lunch*

## ST. PATRICK’S DAY – Saturday March 18, 2023 DINNER / DANCE FUNDRAISER Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall



Music 🍀 Food 🍀 Raffle Prizes 🍀 Cash Bar

Doors Open: at 6:30pm

This year the World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon Portugal. We have several young adults who wish to explore and deepen their faith by participating in this WYD event under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Baal. These delegates will be representatives of Holy Martyrs of Japan parish. The cost per delegate is approximately \$5000.00. HMJ will be organizing several fund-raising events to assist the delegates with the cost of the pilgrimage. Please help support these delegates on this journey by attending and participating in these fundraising events.

**Tickets: Adults \$50.00/person, Child (2-12) \$25.00/child, Children under 2 are free.** Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in the church foyer until March 12, 2023. Tickets can also be purchased in person from the parish office until March 12, 2023.

**Attire: Green, White & Gold**

Please join us for a night of delicious food, good music and a fun time. Volunteers are needed to help make this celebration a success. If you are interested in helping, donating desserts or items for our silent auction, please contact Fr. Joseph at the parish office 905 775 2065.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### EDGE CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP

A 5-day Catholic adventure camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship, & fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

**Who:** Students currently in grades 6-8 who attend EDGE

**When:** August 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Where:** Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

**Cost:** \$475.00 (before April 30-early bird deadline) / \$525.00 from May 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> (last day to register) All inclusive (food, transportation, accommodations, Camp T-shirt, Water Bottle) Space limited to a first come, first register basis. For questions and to register contact: Ray Reitzel, youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com



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. March 10 – X-Ray, March 24 – St. Joseph

## LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN 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! The next Life night: March 17 – No Life Night



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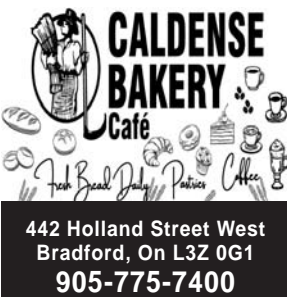
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