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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



Vanessa Horabuena

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)

10:00 am, 12:00 pm

4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)

6:30 pm

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

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**Ministry to Migrant Workers:**

Nancy Mora

### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

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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

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

### 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, May 1, 7:00PM**

+Petra Tan +Maria Dos Santos & All Deceased Family Members +Mary Simurda +Julia Brinkos\*Special Intentions for Fr. John Pak \*Special Intention of Maria Silveira \*Special Intentions of Dasha & Roman Sakac

### **TUESDAY, May 2, 9:00AM**

+Sandra Da Silva

### **WEDNESDAY, May 3, 7:00PM**

+Samantha Diogo

### **THURSDAY, May 4, 9:00AM**

+Romanko Sakac

### **FRIDAY, May 5, 7:00PM**

+Maria De Oliveira & Manuel Marques

### **SATURDAY, May 6, 9:00AM – First Saturday**

+All Souls in Purgatory

### **SATURDAY, May 6, 5:00PM**

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Manuel Da Silva

+Romanko Sakac +Vita & Antonio Ingoglia

+Maria Oliveira & Manuel Marques +Pawel

Polaczek +Perpetua & Manuel Barroso +Antonio

Janeiro & Parents +Maria Di Encarnacao

Romeiro +Maria Augusta Teixeira +Elizabeth

Stephen

### **SUNDAY, May 7, 8:00AM,**

+Antonio Martins & Parents

### **SUNDAY, May 7, 10:00AM,**

+Helena Das Neves & Francisco Gameiro

### **SUNDAY, May 7, 12:00PM,**

+Julie Brinkos

### **SUNDAY, May 7, 4:30PM – El Sembrador**

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### **SUNDAY, May 7, 6:30PM**

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### **MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday May 5, 2023**



### **A ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

When you support ShareLife, you helped educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### **VOCATIONS**

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## REFLECTION

Shepherds often talked to their sheep throughout the day so that the sheep became familiar with the shepherd's voice as he led them through various pastures for grazing. At night, shepherds would bring their sheep together within secured gates for safety. In the morning, each shepherd would then call to his sheep and, because they knew their shepherd's voice, the sheep would follow their own shepherd.

The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention? Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures. Fidelity to the Word of God is one of the surest ways to the life of grace. He is the Word of Truth as it is handed down and expounded upon by the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Fidelity to the authentic teaching of the Magisterium, especially when the Holy Father speaks in union with the bishops, will help us navigate the many errors of our age. Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures.

Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God's people. Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God's people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself. They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. We must learn His true voice through faith and prayer. Once we recognize His voice, we will more easily discover Him ministering to us, inspiring us, and inviting us to the life of grace by encountering Him as the source and way to this new life. Catholic News Agency 2021

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | April 30, 2023

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 30, 2023

2023 Marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Please pray for all those discerning a call to vocation as they need your help. So many consecrated individuals and those who are determining whether they are called to a vocation would be grateful if you prayed for them.

*O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*



### FUNDRAISING EVENT

Sunday May 14, 2023, at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall after the 10:00am and 12:00 noon Mass.

Tickets will be available to purchase after all weekend Masses or at the parish office.

**Adults \$15.00 - Children 12yrs and under \$10.00 - Children 2yrs and under are free**

EMT (Electronic Money Transfer) is available and can be made to [gerrycalderon@yahoo.ca](mailto:gerrycalderon@yahoo.ca)

Proceeds will go to the Worth Youth Day Delegates



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday May 5, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

The CWL is hosting a presentation by the South Simcoe Police on Human Trafficking in Simcoe County and Ontario on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. We welcome and encourage all parishioners and interested members of our community to come out and learn more about this important issue. Light refreshments will be served.

## SACRAMENTS

### A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are now going to be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

## 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](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com)



**EDGE**  
Catholic Middle School 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. May 5 - Binoculars May 19 - Edge Idol



**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! No registration required. The next Life night is: May 12 - Fearless: St. Paul's Suffering, Imprisonment, death May 26 - Social - Teen Choice

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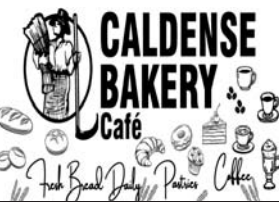
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