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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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.

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha
Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)
Catholic Moms Group
Catholic Moms and Tots
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 29, 7:00PM

+All Deceased Members of the Dinis Family + Margaret Dudo +Ismael Garzon +Maria de Oliveira

TUESDAY, May 30, 9:00AM

+Antonio Mirassol & Luis Sequeira

WEDNESDAY, May 31, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres

THURSDAY, June 1, 9:00AM

+Manuel Augusto da Cruz Conceicao

FRIDAY, June 2, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo

SATURDAY, June 3, 9:00AM – First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, June 3, 5:00PM

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Manuel da Silva

+Antonio Janeiro & Parents +Manuel Laranjeiro

& Jose Maltez + Rosa Oliveira +Kathy Desbois

+Margaret Dudo +Mary Simurda *Special

Intentions for Angelo Mongillo *Special

Intentions of Mary Toich

SUNDAY, June 4, 8:00AM,

+Garcia Miguelo & Luisa Loweiro

SUNDAY, June 4, 10:00AM,

*Special Intention for Marisa Mongillo

SUNDAY, June 4, 12:00PM,

+Romanko Sakac

SUNDAY, June 4, 4:30PM – El Sembrador

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, June 4, 6:30PM

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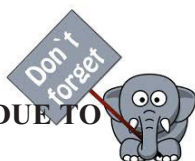
MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday June 2, 2023

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, Mass will be held at the Church. Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.

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Did you know that no one is turned away from ShareLife funded agencies due to inability to pay? This is all thanks to your generosity to our annual appeal. Thus far we have raised \$19, 537.00 and our ShareLife campaign goal is \$55 000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



IMPORTANT – MASS TIME CHANGE DUE TO GRADUATIONS

Mass Time Change: Our daily Mass times for Wednesday June 21, Friday June 23, and Monday June 26, will be at 9:00am.

REFLECTION

All living things have a birthday. The Church is a living organism and Pentecost is her birthday. Pentecost was a Jewish Feast Day. The author of the Acts of the Apostles identifies the day before the Holy Spirit ever descended. But Semitic Pentecost immediately acquired a new and perennial Christian meaning when the wind swirled and wisps of flame descended upon the heads of the Apostles in the upper room in Jerusalem. In a frightening display of God's raw and awesome power, the Lord and Giver of Life, as the Nicene Creed defines the Holy Spirit, vivified the nascent Church with fire. The Church is still vivified by that same Spirit which has never left the room. Every living thing has an *esprit de corps*. As a living thing, the Catholic Church has a Spirit too, one which indwells in her more fully than in any other Church. The Holy Spirit stamps Catholicism with a trademark of authenticity. It guarantees the Church's fidelity to the God who gave her life.

The dramatic events of the first Christian Pentecost have linked, not illogically, the Holy Spirit with spontaneity, impetuosity, miracle working, supernatural gifts, and high octane evangelization. There is also the Monday morning and the Thursday afternoon. Not every day is a rollicking God party. Few days, in fact, involve rollicking God parties. Everyday life is not a crashing wave. It's more like a constant tide, rising and receding at regular intervals. The Church is often as mundane as everyday life because she is part and parcel of everyday life, as a real religion should be. And so the Church's Holy Spirit is vitally present in the tide of everydayness just as she is present in the racket of a Saturday night bash.

The Holy Spirit is a spirit of unity, drawing all people toward the flame of truth. The Holy Spirit is not a third column creating churches-of-one who speak for themselves alone. Christ desires that His followers be one, "as we are one" ([Jn 17:11](#)). The Church's unity is forged out of human diversity through a visible structure which channels the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments and their sanctifying graces. Structure and Spirit indwell. The Church's visible nature embodies the Holy Spirit in the same fashion that an Independence Day parade with its well-known leaders and predictable route embodies a country's patriotism. The tightly choreographed pattern walked by the smartly uniformed soldier at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier causes citizens to stand in respectful silence and their hearts to swell with pride for their nation because the ceremony makes visible what is otherwise only vaguely felt. Public rituals express communally what otherwise remains emotionally elusive and difficult for individuals to verbalize. The same applies for the role of the Spirit in the Church. Watching the incense slowly rise over the altar at a solemn Mass, whispering on our knees in the deep quiet of the confessional, lighting a candle at the Grotto of Lourdes, or walking and praying as the Corpus Christi procession moves slowly forward are tangible experiences of a living Church. It is in moments such as these that we feel intensely the

presence of the Holy Spirit. If we didn't feel the Spirit in these events, we would not feel His presence at all, or we would not be sure it was not, instead, just powerful auto-suggestion at work. The Church protects us from such illusions.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit did not descend as a communal bonfire. The one Spirit of God parted and came to rest on each of the Apostles individually. The lesson? We each receive our share of God. God is the answer to the question that is every human soul. And God comes to us through a Church. A tongue of fire is lit in every soul at baptism. We each house an eternal flame burning deep within. That flame will never be extinguished, even at death. Our personal flame of the Spirit, lit in our soul by the Church at baptism, will never die, because the Lord and Giver of Life is eternal. He waits patiently to gather together again every spark and flame that ever parted from Him into the one great conflagration of love that is the never-ending Pentecost of heaven.

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SANTISSIMA DIVINIDADE DE BRADFORD

Reciting of the Rosary

May 28 to May 31 at 7:30pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

Sunday June 4 at 2:00pm

There will be a Mass celebrated followed by a procession, returning to the parish hall for a social in honor of Santissima Divinidade.

For more information contact Maria Pereira 647 991 6085

2023 OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

2023 Offertory boxes can be picked up from the parish office during office hours. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** We would be happy to provide you with another box number if necessary. If you're not sure, please contact the office and we will be happy to assist you in this matter. Please contact the parish office or email holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Food, Fun, Ice cream, Vintage cars, and a Drag Car!

Spring
MARKET

At Holy Trinity High School Parking Lot

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD
11AM-4PM

AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY!!



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday June 2, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17, 2023

Football Tournament for Migrant Workers

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence." – St. John Paul II



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 every other Friday from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith
June 2 – Peace Be With You
June 16 – Annual Edge Family BBQ

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 every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm all are welcome! No registration required. The next Life night is
June 9 – Inspired – The Enduring Wisdom of St. Paul
June 23 – Exam Destress Social & BBQ

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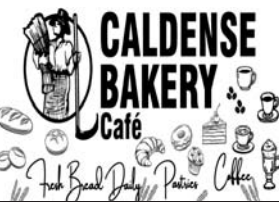
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