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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

FOR WHOSEVER  
WILL SAVE HIS  
LIFE SHALL LOSE  
IT: AND WHOSEVER  
WILL LOSE HIS LIFE  
FOR MY SAKE  
SHALL FIND IT.

MATTHEW  
16:25

## 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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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Nancy Mora

### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

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Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

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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, July 3, 9:00AM – Canada Day**  
+Samantha Diogo +Antonio Martins & Clara Gomes  
+Mary Gres  
**TUESDAY, July 4, 9:00AM**  
+Hilma Caron  
**WEDNESDAY, July 5, 7:00PM**  
+Romanko Sakac  
**THURSDAY, July 6, 9:00AM**  
+Manuel da Silva  
**FRIDAY, July 7, 7:00PM**  
+Antonietta Marra  
**SATURDAY, July 8, 9:00AM**  
\*ProPopulo  
**SATURDAY, July 8, 5:00PM**  
+Fernando Paulino & Eduino Carbral +Antonio  
Santana & Maria Sousa +Joao Perna +Manuel  
Laranjeiro +David Harrison +Pedro Viana +All  
Souls in Purgatory +Jose Azevedo  
**SUNDAY, July 9, 8:00AM,**  
\*For the Special Intentions of Grace Gomes  
**SUNDAY, July 9, 10:00AM,**  
+Rosa Oliveira  
**SUNDAY, July 9, 12:00PM,**  
\*ProPopulo  
**SUNDAY, July 9, 4:30PM – El Sembrador**  
\*ProPopulo  
**SUNDAY, July 9, 6:30PM**  
+Stacey Gibson Power

## CANANDA DAY LONG WEEKEND

Please note that on Monday July 3, 2023, Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you a safe and festive long weekend!

## BICYCLES WANTED

We are looking for donations of new or used bicycles in good working order for our migrant workers. If you have a used bike and would like to donate it, please contact the parish office.

## MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday July 7, 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.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in August 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800- 268-2637

# REFLECTION

*Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 10:37-39*

Clearly, this saying is a play on words that is meant to make you pause and think. It’s almost like a holy and sacred riddle, spoken by Jesus to get your attention and to communicate a very deep and foundational truth about how you are to live. Essentially, this saying teaches that those who live in a selfish, self-centered way do not accomplish their goal. The goal of those who are selfish is to elevate themselves with the thinking that this is what is best for them. But Jesus clearly points out that when you live selfishly, seeking to put yourself above others, you lose what is most important in life. You lose your very soul. On the contrary, if you live selflessly, putting others before you, it is in this act that you actually find your true purpose in life and fulfill yourself on the deepest level.

Think, for example, of Jesus. He is God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, existing for eternity in perfect union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. His soul radiates pure love. And for that reason, He chose to become human, suffer greatly and be killed. Was that fulfilling to our Lord? Most certainly. Why? Because His sacrifice went to the heart of Who He is. He is Love itself. And love is always self-giving. It is always fulfilling. It always seeks the good of the other. Love fulfills the lover when it is pure, holy, selfless and total. Jesus’ sacrificial death on the Cross not only redeemed us, but it also manifested the Son of God’s own perfect fulfillment and satisfaction in His human nature because His death was an act of pure love.

Sin confuses us. Selfishness especially clouds our thinking. As a result, it becomes difficult to clearly see that the way to fulfillment in life is by the complete and unwavering sacrifice of our lives given to others, in imitation of and in union with Jesus’ perfect sacrifice. The moment that sin leads us to think first about ourselves, we begin to become blind to who we are and what makes us truly fulfilled. Reflect, today, upon the divine mission you have been given to lose yourself for the sake of Christ, which is for the sake of true love. By loving God and others in this pure way, selflessly, you become who you are and who you were created to be. You find yourself only by choosing to lose yourself in this world. Ponder this deep mystery and believe it. Once you do believe it, commit to live sacrificially, casting aside every doubt, so that you will never hesitate to love everyone sacrificially. For in that radical act of selfless love, you will discover and become who you were created to be.

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*My sacrificial Lord, You are not only the perfect model of human love, Your sacrificial love is the source of human fulfillment itself. Please give me the grace I need to love all people in a perfect and selfless way and, in that act, also discover and become who I was made to be. Jesus, I trust in You.*



Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 16, 2023, at 7:00pm**

**Cemetery Location and celebrations for this year's Mass are as follows:**

**Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:**

Most Rev. Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

**Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:**

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

**Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill:**

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

**Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto:**

Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB

**Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge:**

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

**Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:**

Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber

**St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie:** Rev. Fr. Laurence J. Leger

**In the Event of Rain, Masses will be held In:**

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery

St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery

Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the Reception Center at the cemetery office

Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto

St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street in Barrie

**CAMP OZANAM AND MARYGROVE CAMP SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registration applications for this year's children's summer camps.

**Camp Ozanam** for boys ages 7-12 and **Marygrove Camp** for girls ages 5-13. The camps are fully subsidized for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a camp adventure because their families are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. For more information visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca) or email the parish office at: [holy Martyrs of Japan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy Martyrs of Japan@archtoronto.org) Please include the full name and age of your child/ children, parents names and your contact information, or contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are interested.



## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

## FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

All are invited to our Faith and Fellowship evenings, where each day we cover a different topic of Catholic theology. Come learn and share about our beautiful Catholic faith! Format: Fellowship, video presentation, group discussions Location: Parish Hall

Date: Tuesday July 11 and Tuesday August 8

Time: From 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Note: This is a free event and no registration is necessary.

For parents with young children, our large meeting room is available for childcare and activities to give parents the opportunity to participate. For more information please email: [emeneses@archtoronto.org](mailto:emeneses@archtoronto.org)

## 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. If interested in attending, please contact Cecilia Podger at 416 710 3155 or email: [ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca](mailto:ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca)



**NEW DATE!!!**

## WYD BBQ FUNDRAISER EVENT

**Sunday July 23, 2023**

**After the 10:00am Mass**

**FUN, FOOD AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

Parents, grandparents, friends, and families are invited to enjoy a relaxing afternoon BBQ at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pork Skewers, drinks and other goodies will be available for purchase - cash only. There will be face painting and other activities for the children to enjoy. Come join us for fun and fellowship! *All proceeds will go to help support World Youth Day Delegates.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*What is clear is that faith is the only anchor of salvation and we must hold tightly to it: without it, what would our lives be? Nothing, or rather, wasted, because in life there is only suffering, and suffering without faith is unbearable. But suffering that is nourished by the flame of faith becomes something beautiful, because it tempers the soul to deal with suffering. – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron St. of Youth*



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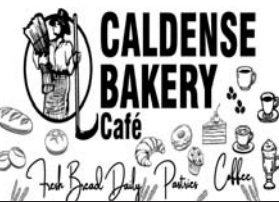
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