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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: 5:00 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

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841  
St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492  
St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653  
St. Charles—905-775-6762  
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## OFFICE STAFF

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## MINISTERS

**Youth Minister:**  
Ray Reitzel email: reitzel@hotmail.com  
**Ministry to Migrant Workers:**  
Nancy Mora

## 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, September 4, 9:00AM – Labour Day**  
+Antonio Martins & Parents +Ida & Luigi Moro +Mary  
Gres \*Special Intentions for Ethan May \*Special Intentions  
for Donna Cong & David Ma

**TUESDAY, September 5, 9:00AM**

+Manuel da Silva

**WEDNESDAY, September 6, 7:00PM**

+Augusto Bertocchi

**THURSDAY, September 7, 9:00AM**

+All Deceased Borges & Da Silva Family Members

**FRIDAY, September 8, 7:00PM**

+Joao Perna

**SATURDAY, September 9, 9:00AM**

\*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, September 9, 5:00PM**

+Ema Correa & Lourdes Furtado +Antonio

Santana & Maria Sousa +Agnieszka Musialik

+David Harrison +Pedro Viana + Antonio

Bettencourt +Manuel Da Silva

**SUNDAY, September 10, 8:00AM,**

\*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, September 10, 10:00AM,**

+Luis Pontes

**SUNDAY, September 10, 12:00PM,**

+Stanley Cemas & Matija Cadonic

**SUNDAY, September 10, 4:30PM**

El Sembrador \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, September 10, 6:30PM**

\*Special Intention for Teresa Papazia

### LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Please note that on Monday September 4, 2023, Mass will be at 9:00am and the Church and parish office will be closed for the day. Wishing you a safe and relaxing long weekend!

### OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

If you are new to our parish community, WELCOME to Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish! If you would like to register with our parish, would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. **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 have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity. [holymartyrs of japan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org)



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on the First Friday of every month at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

## REFLECTION

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?” [Matthew 16:24–26](#)*

Just before Jesus gave this teaching, He predicted to the Twelve for the first time that He would “suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” In fear, Peter objected, saying, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” To Peter’s statement, Jesus responds firmly, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” What a difficult thing that must have been to hear from Jesus! Jesus was ready and willing to suffer and die for the salvation of the world. He knew that by dying He would transform death itself into the very means of eternal salvation. He knew that laying down His life in this way was the greatest act of love He could offer; therefore, Jesus didn’t hesitate at all.

To understand this we must realize three things. First, by assuming our human nature, Jesus forged a bond between God and humanity. Second, by sharing in our death He made it possible for us to cling to Him in our own death. Third, by rising from the dead, Jesus made it possible for those who cling to Him in death to also share in His Resurrection. Though we will only fully understand this great mystery of redemption in Heaven, we must strive to comprehend it as best we can here on earth.

Peter did not understand this, when Jesus first revealed it. Peter allowed fear to tempt him to interfere in Jesus’ glorious act of salvation. This is why Jesus rebuked him so strongly. It was a loving rebuke meant to free Peter from his fear and to give him courage to embrace the Sacrifice Jesus was about to offer.

In order to rise with Christ, we must freely die with Him. We must deny ourselves, meaning all selfishness and sin, and imitate Jesus’ heroic sacrificial gift of His life. The result will be that we are united to Him in His death and in His Resurrection to new life.

Fear can paralyze us. But fear, in this case, is a response that is based on an error. We embrace that error when we act out of selfishness. Each of us will die. That’s a fact. The question is how we die. We can either die selfishly, seeing our earthly life as the center of all. Or we can die in a self-giving way with our Lord by uniting ourselves to His act of sacrificial love. We do this by turning our eyes away from ourselves and seeking out every way that we can imitate Jesus’ death. We must strive to serve, live sacrificially, put God’s will first, unite ourselves to Christ, and make love for our neighbor our mission in life. This is what Jesus did.

When we do this, we take up our cross, follow Him, die with Him, and are prepared to share in His Resurrection. This is the only way to eternal life.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 3, 2023



## ALPHA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Do you wonder about life and why we are all here? Alpha creates a place you can ask some of life's big questions and discuss your point of view with others.

**We will also provide childcare for parents who wish to attend!** For more information please contact Peter at [alpha.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.hmoj@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" – Proverbs 22:6*

We are looking for volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider journeying with our children from kindergarten to Grade 2 in breaking open the word of God at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. High school students are welcome to assist with adult leaders.

Community Service hours will be granted. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065, or email: [holymartyrs of japan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

We are in need of volunteers to be Lectors, to proclaim the reading of the sacred scripture during Mass, and Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to assist and distribute Holy Communion during Mass. Training for these two ministries will be held in the church on Saturday September 23, 2023 at: 10:00am for Lectors and 11:00am for Extraordinary ministers of Communion. For anyone interested, signup sheets for these ministries can be found at the back of the church.



## I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.

*It is better for one to be silent and be a Christian than to talk and not to be one. It is good to teach, if the one who speaks also acts. - St. Ignatius of Antioch*



## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,  
Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children and our teachers prepare to start a new year, may YOU be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope and faith be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as you love. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things! In Jesus' Name. Amen

## 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)

## SACRAMENTS

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2024 season will be made available sometime in September. Please stay connected with us. We invite you to come celebrate Mass with us on Sundays, and be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information on the sacraments.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



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.  
**More information on dates and registration to follow.**

## 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. **More information on dates to follow.**

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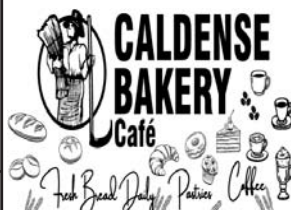


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