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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
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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, September 11, 7:00PM

+Duncan Drummond +Augusta Barros & Jose Gomes
Faria +Mary Gres +Stefania Hong

TUESDAY, September 12, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, September 13, 7:00PM

+Lorenzo Cetrulo & Gino Merola

THURSDAY, September 14, 9:00AM

+Antonio Mirassol

FRIDAY, September 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena

SATURDAY, September 16, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 16, 5:00PM

+Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Arlindo
Araujo +All Deceased Pinho Family Members
+Leonardo Talarico +Patrick & Margaret
Connolly +Silvina Vieira & Manuel Pereira
+David Harrison +Jose Miranda & Manuel
Pereira +Eduardo & Irma Lancha + Manuel Da
Silva

SUNDAY, September 17, 8:00AM,

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Rufino Rodrigues

SUNDAY, September 17, 10:00AM,

+Abilio Soares & Herminia da Silveira

SUNDAY, September 17, 12:00PM,

+Rommel Baal

SUNDAY, September 17, 4:30PM

El Sembrador

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 17, 6:30PM

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We would like to kick off our Thanksgiving Food Drive! The cost of living has risen to a decade long high. Many households are struggling to afford enough food. Food banks in communities large and small are being stretched to their limits, facing increased demands. This thanksgiving, please help our local food bank meet the needs of our community so they can be there for families that urgently need them. Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this thanksgiving! We invite our parish community to drop off non-perishable food items in the crate at the back of the Church to help support our local food bank this thanksgiving.



MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY– October 6, 2023, at 11:00am

In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held at the Church. Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on October 6, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

REFLECTION

It takes much humility and a pure heart to confront another person with their sin in such a way that they listen and repent. Normally, confronting another with their sin is done more out of anger than it is out of love. We ought not confront another with their sin out of our woundedness and a desire to inflict guilt as retribution. We ought not confront another to humiliate them or harm them. We should only bring up another's sin because we love them and have already forgiven them and now want them free of their sin for their own good. When this happens and when this is our sole motivation, another might more easily receive correction.

This teaching, however, should not only be looked at from the point of view of us confronting others with their sins. It must also be looked at from the perspective of others confronting us with our sins. We sin every day. We sin against those whom we love every day. Therefore, try to think about someone close to you bringing your sin to your attention. How do you react when this happens? Perhaps if they did so with the most pure motivation and compassion, you would listen. But what if they did so because they were angry? Though this is not the ideal way for someone to confront you, it doesn't give you the right to reject what they say. Therefore, it is a good spiritual practice to listen to anyone's concern they bring to you regarding your sin, no matter how they bring it. If, after listening and evaluating their concern with humility you see they are right, even to some degree, then the loving response is to express sorrow, apologize and commit yourself to change. If, however, after humbly evaluating their concern you do not believe that you have sinned, then it is time for you to gently and compassionately try to confront that person with their rash and false judgment.

This passage gives three successive levels of confronting a person. First, it must be done one-on-one. Second, it is done with two or three others. Third, it is done in the presence of the Church. Try, at first, to set aside the second and third approach and only look at the first one. The goal of this one-on-one confrontation is reconciliation. It is good to put much energy into reflecting upon how well you do with this sort of situation because if you can do it well, there will be no need for the second or third form of confrontation. The number one enemy of reconciliation is pride. Pride is a habit by which we think about ourselves first and foremost, or even exclusively in the most serious cases. Pride makes self-evaluation impossible. We become blind to our sin and are agitated the moment it is identified or causes problems. Of course, the opposite of pride is humility. This is the virtue that enables us to forget about ourselves and have concern only for others. When a person grows in humility, the evil one will always tempt them with thoughts such as: What about you? You are right and they are wrong! This is unfair! You shouldn't be treated this way! These tempting thoughts must always be rejected. Humility only makes

sense when we are humble. To the person who has pride, humility will seem foolish. But humility is true wisdom. Reflect, today, upon how humble you are when someone expresses concern to you about your sin. How do you react? Do you find yourself getting angry and defensive when this happens? If reconciliation is your number-one priority in any relationship that has experienced hurt, then that holy and humble desire will become your guide to being able to reconcile with everyone in your life. Catholic News Agency2021



Save the Date Saturday October 21, 2023 A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

We are looking for volunteers for this event. We cannot do this without your help. We are looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations and cleaning. If you are interested please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email: youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

September 28, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

More Information to Follow



ALPHA

Starts Tuesday September 12th at 6:30pm
in the Parish Hall

A chance to talk about life and your faith. Good Food and Conversation. An uplifting Experience. For more information, or to reserve you place, please contact Peter at alpha.hmoj@gmail.com

We will also provide childcare for parents who wish to attend!



CALLING ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Wednesday, September 13th there will be an Installation of Officers Ceremony during the 7 pm Mass. Please come out and support your council by attending this Mass and our general meeting, which takes place immediately afterwards.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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: 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.

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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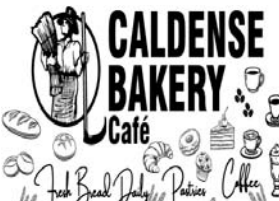
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