### We welcome you to

# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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"Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."



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 St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460 St. Angela Merici—289-231-2085 Pastor:Rev. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.orgAssociate Pastor:Rev. Joseph Baal jbaal@archtoronto.orgDeacon:Deacon David LangleyLay Pastoral Associate:Eduardo Meneses

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

**MINISTERS** 

### **OFFICE STAFF**

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

**Office Assistant:** Anna Maria Mongillo

Custodian/Maintenance: Anthony Venroy

### **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, October 23, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Pedro de Sousa Teixeira & Pedro Pereira Teixeira +Fatima Texeira +Afonso Lameirinhas +Kiana & Zach Belanger +Natasha Sarah Abraham +All Souls In Purgatory

TUESDAY, October 24, 9:00AM +Luis & Maria Borges WEDNESDAY, October 25, 7:00PM +Vita & Antonio Ingoglia TUUPSDAY, October 26, 0:00AM

THURSDAY, October 26, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva FRIDAY, October 27, 7:00PM

+Luciana Tomizza

SATURDAY, October 28, 9:00AM \*ProPopulo

#### SATURDAY, October 28, 5:00PM

+All Deceased Pinho Family Members +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria + Joaquim Araujo & Idalina Goncalves +Jose Azevedo +Arlindo Araujo & Francisco Araujo +David Harrison +Pedro Viana +Joao Semiao +John Faria & Fatima Faria + Carmine Furgiuele & Noah D'Alleva +All Souls in Purgatory \*Special Intention in Thanksgiving SUNDAY, October 29, 8:00AM, +Joao Domingues SUNDAY, October 29, 10:00AM, +Luis & Laura Andrade SUNDAY, October 29, 12:00PM, \*ProPopulo SUNDAY, October 29, 4:30PM **El Sembrador** 

\*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, October 29, 6:30PM** +Stella Fortini

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Saturdays at 5pm Mass. Childrens choir is resuming. Students in grades 3-8 are rectome to join starting Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Children are to meet in the downstairs rehersal room for some fun warm ups and to review the music at 4:30pm sharp (but 4pm on the first Saturdays of the month for additional coaching). To register or for additional information please email Jenn at hmjchoirs@gmail.com

### HOLIDAY Market - Holy Trinity Catholic High School

Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall. A "Mini Market" will occur from 6-8pm on Saturday evening after the 5:00pm Mass. Full Holiday Market will be Sunday from 10-3.

#### **2024 MISSALS**

Missals for the 2024 liturgical year will be made available for purchase starting Saturday October 28, 2023, in the foyer after all weekend Masses for \$6.00 each. We kindly ask that you bring exact change to purchase the Missal.

### REFLECTION

### Matthew 22:15-17

It has been said that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend." In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today's Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other.

The Pharisees were very nationalistic and were strict observers of the Law of Moses. It was their view that the people should not have to pay taxes to the Romans, and many of the people agreed. The Herodians supported the Romans and, therefore, were supporters of Herod, the Jewish ruler appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of Herod's responsibilities was to obtain taxes from the Jews for use by the Roman government. Those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans could even be put to death. This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod's soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of course, Jesus' answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him "were amazed, and leaving him they went awav."

The lesson learned from this passage is an especially important lesson to apply to family life. It is very common for conflicts to arise from time to time among those who are close to each other. When that happens, we can often take the approach of trying to trap the other person and trip them up with our deceptive reasoning. When this happens between two people, the conversation often turns into a shouting match with each party seeking only to find fault with the other. The solution to such situations is simple. Every conflict must be resolved by the truth. Jesus did this perfectly. He did not attack when He was attacked. He did not defend Himself irrationally. He did not shy away from the confrontation. He did not manipulate the truth to His own advantage. Instead, He spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in their trickery.

Oftentimes, when we feel as though another person is trying to trap us, condemn us, or challenge us, we become more concerned about our defense than with the honest truth. We will be tempted to twist our answers rather than speak forthrightly with sincerity and honesty. This will never resolve a conflict. The only way to resolve anything is with the truth. In our lives, the truth may require that we admit our sin and apologize when confronted. However, if the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then our conversations will imitate Jesus and, most often, a peaceful resolution will ensue. Catholic News Agency2021

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on November 3, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

### CEMETERY PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ON ALL SOULS DAY

Come join us in prayer at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery (2952, 9<sup>th</sup> Line, Bradford) for all the faithful departed on **Thursday November 2, 2023, at 3:00pm**.

### THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS on Friday November 3, 2023,

Due to All Souls Day Thursday November 2, there will be No Requiem Mass on Friday November 3, 2023.

### ALL SAINTS DAY

Wednesday November 1, 2023, All Saints Day, there will be a Mass 7:00pm

### ALL SOULS DAY

**Thursday November 2, 2023, All Souls Day, there will be a Mass at 9:00am and 7:00pm** An Souls Day, reminds us of our own mortality, that the love of each of us is limited and we need to be ready to meet our Lord when he calls us. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and our beloved dead. Through our prayers may they find eternal rest. There will be a Mass held on Thursday November 2, 2023, at 9:00am and 7:00pm at the church. We will also be having Prayers at Holy Martyrs Cemetery on 9<sup>th</sup> line at 3:00pm.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE 2024 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

## ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in Our Book of Remembrance, after Mass, and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar of the church.

### **ROSE OF SHARON**

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the Knights of Columbus have been able to make a donation of \$1000.00 to Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers. Thank you so very much for opening your hearts and buying a rose.



**BAZAAR! BAZAAR! Hosted By: Catholic Women's League** Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 1:00pm

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall Baked goods, Gift Baskets, New and Used Treasures, Plants and much more! Lunch-Saturday Only Come and check us out!

#### ALL SAINTS COSTUME PARTY

Please join us on **SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023,** after the 5:00pm Mass for an All Saints Costume Party! Come dressed as your favorite saint and celebrate! See posters at the back of the church for more details.

### SACRAMENTS

Registration forms for **First Communion and Confirmation** have been delivered to our family of schools on Friday September 29, 2023. Registration forms are also available for pick up at the back of the Church, parish office and are available on our parish website for downloading. **Please ensure you attach a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate with your completed registration form.** The completed registration forms and baptism certificate can be dropped off after any Mass, or at the parish office. We look forward to seeing you and your families at Mass and celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist. **PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR BOTH SACRAMENTS IS NOVEMBER 30, 2023.** 

### 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. Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New

Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. This semester we will be diving deeper into each fruit of the Holy Spirit. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night is:

October 27– Saints & Superhero's November 10 – Super Girl

# CLIFE 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 on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

1<sup>st</sup> Life Teen Night is November 3

