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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

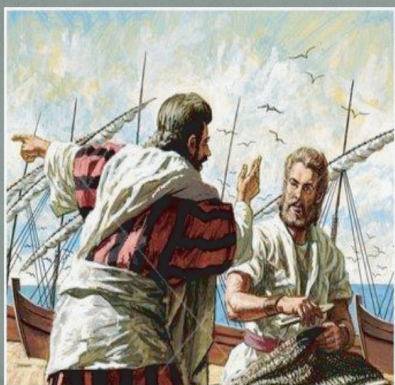
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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm

“We have found the Messiah.”



**Pastor:** Rev. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.org  
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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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## MINISTERS

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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, January 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Liliane Ventura Marques +Maria Paletta +Maria Caietta +Terry Griffin

## TUESDAY, January 16, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

## WEDNESDAY, January 17, 7:00PM

+Brian English

## THURSDAY, January 18, 9:00AM

+Abilio Soares & Abilio de Sousa Soares

## FRIDAY, January 19, 7:00PM

+Lucia Signoretti

## SATURDAY, January 20, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

## SATURDAY, January 20, 5:00PM

+Firminio Santos & All Deceased Family Members +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Arlindo Aruajo +Maria & Luis Borges +Manuel da Silva +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Michael Joseph DeFreitas & Joseph Emmanuel Melo +Antonio Gallo +Alberto Puma

## SUNDAY, January 21, 8:00AM

+Arlindo Araujo

## SUNDAY, January 21, 10:00AM

+Carlos Marques & Grandparents

## SUNDAY, January 21, 12:00PM

\*ProPopulo

## SUNDAY, January 21, 4:30PM

El Sembrador \*ProPopulo

## SUNDAY, January 21, 6:30PM

+Giovanni Gutta



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday February 2, 2024, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

### MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN – February 2, 2024, at 11:00am

Mass will be held at the Church.

### 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are available for pick up in the foyer of the Church once again. Pre- authorized Giving (PAG) is also an option. This allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. If you have picked up a new unassigned box, please contact the office immediately to assign the new number to your name. Any question please contact the parish office or email:

[holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org) or call 905 775 2065

Thank you for your kindness, support and generosity.

**VOCATIONS** Call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.  
Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

# REFLECTION

## John 1:40–42

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, “We have found the Messiah.” Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see [John 1:43–51](#)). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets.” Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the “Lamb of God.” Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God’s divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God’s grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God’s words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God’s mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God’s grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God’s infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say “Yes” to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God’s grace.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 14, 2024

## CELEBRATION OF INFANT JESUS / EL SANTO NINO – Sunday January 21, at 2:00pm



You are invited to bring your infant Jesus statue with your name on it and place it on the table near the Altar before the celebration of Mass. Father Joseph will call up all the children and bless them and the statues of the Infant Jesus. After Mass and the procession of the infant Jesus “Sinulog” there will be a social gathering in the parish hall. All are welcome!

### CALLING ALL MOMS

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish has a **Catholic Mom’s Group** that meets once a month on Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Large Meeting room, to discuss the trials and tribulations of being a Catholic Mom. Motherhood is a vocation, a call from God. Whether you’re a mom to a newborn, or your children are in their teens, or even older-there is always a new triumph or challenge to face. Come visit our mother’s group and discover the joys of having good Catholic girlfriends. For More information contact: Kayleigh Garcia Meneses at:

[catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com)

**DATES:** Thursday February 1, 2024  
Thursday March 7, 2024  
Thursday April 4, 2024  
Thursday May 2, 2024  
Thursday June 6, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST SUNDAY**  
On **Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>** we will hold a Parish Breakfast after the 10am and Noon Masses.

On **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** we will host a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. More details to follow!

### HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY Saturday February 3, 2024

We invite our parish community to celebrate our 83<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary with us on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, after the 5:00pm Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome.

### ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THE THROATS Saturday February 3, 2024

To celebrate the feast of St. Blaise there will be a blessing of throats at the 9:00am Mass



## ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024

### IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

#### WHAT IS LENT?

**Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.**

#### WHAT IS LENT?

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days. Why 40 days?** The “40 days” (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penance before Easter reflects Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness.

#### WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

- 1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God.** Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God’s will. Lent is a time of conversion.
- 2. Open our hearts to our Father,** so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer and living signs of his love for all. Let us all answer the call.

## 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: January 26 – Rescue**

## 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 on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!  
**Next Life Teen Night: January 19 -Fanatic  
February 2 – Teen Dance Party**

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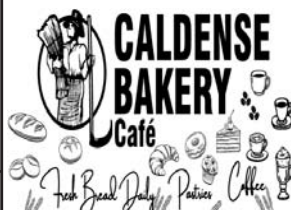


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