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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  
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### MINISTERS

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**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, January 22, 7:00PM

+Ilona Szabo & Martha Kogut +Manuel Conceicao Jr. & Maria Rosete +Manuel Augusto Dinis & Family +Manuel Diniz & Celeste Diniz +Laddie Balon +Regina Pinho

### TUESDAY, January 23, 9:00AM

+Manuel & Maria Branco

### WEDNESDAY, January 24, 7:00PM

+Joao Veloso

### THURSDAY, January 25, 9:00AM

+Saul & Maria Domingues

### FRIDAY, January 26, 7:00PM

+Eduardo Jose Coelho

### SATURDAY, January 27, 9:00AM

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### SATURDAY, January 27, 5:00PM

+Manuel da Silva +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Terezinha Teixeira +Joseph Balon +Walter & Maria Bak +Francesco Gammicchia & Antonino Gammicchia +All Deceased Barroso & Silva Family Members \*Special Intentions for Mary Toich +Danilo Mendoza

### SUNDAY, January 28, 8:00AM

+Emilia Laranjeiro & Joao Laranjeiro

### SUNDAY, January 28, 10:00AM

+Maria De Jesus Carreiro

### SUNDAY, January 28, 12:00PM

+All Deceased Macdonell & Caron Family Members

### SUNDAY, January 28, 4:30PM

El Sembrador \*ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, January 28, 6:30PM

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

Mass will be held at the Church. Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.

### INDEGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND-PROJECT APPROVALS

On December 12, 2023, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families. Recipients include the **Embrace Life Council** located in Iqaluit, Nunavut, that will receive \$250,000 over five years. The funds will be used for grief care packages to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one by suicide. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. For more info: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)

## REFLECTION

Jesus begins His public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil while in the desert for forty days. As He begins His ministry, He declares: “This is the time of fulfillment.” First, the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry was, historically speaking, the “time of fulfillment,” in that the new era of the Gospel and grace had just begun. But the “time of fulfillment” of which Jesus speaks also refers to each and every time that we hear the Gospel and respond. We do this by sincerely repenting of our sins and by becoming a fuller member of God’s Kingdom. But ponder for a moment the specific word “fulfillment.” What does this mean?

The word “fulfilled” can be contrasted with its opposite “unfulfilled.” To be unfulfilled is always undesirable. In this world, many people find themselves unfulfilled and try to fill this void with many things. Interestingly, the three temptations that Jesus had just experienced in the desert are among the temptations that so many people give into during their search for fulfillment in life.

First, Jesus was hungry, and the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread to satiate that hunger. This is a temptation to fleshly fulfillment. Second, the devil tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple to prove He was the Son of God. This is a temptation to fulfillment by pride—pride to convince another of one’s importance and identity. Third, the devil showed Jesus all the nations of the world and promised them to our Lord if Jesus worshiped him. This is a temptation to fulfillment by obtaining earthly wealth and power. Of course, Jesus rejected all three temptations as a way of showing that none of these truly fulfill us. And He did this just prior to the beginning of His public ministry so as to then go forth preaching the true message of fulfillment. “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

True fulfillment is only found in the Gospel, the message of Truth that Jesus shared during His three years of public ministry and then brought to completion by His sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed His words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfillment that they seek.

Reflect, today, upon your own interior desire for fulfillment in life. How do you try to satiate this desire? Do you allow the evil one to trick you into thinking that fleshly desires, pride or wealth are the answer? Reject those temptations with our Lord and then immerse yourself in His Gospel message, which is the only source of fulfillment in life. Catholic News Agency2021



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 21, 2024

## A THANK YOU FROM THE ROSE OF SHARON

The Rose of Sharon wishes to thank Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Community.

We made an urgent request to the CWL council, and they asked you, the parishioners, to help fill our shelves with diapers, formula, Mom's personal items, etc. We did not have enough for December for our moms and babies. Your Parish responded to our request beyond our expectations. The CWL ladies and two gentlemen who delivered your donations just kept unloading more and more. There were tears of relief and joy in all our eyes. May God bless you all for your generosity and love towards those in need.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARISH MOVIE MATINEE - Free

Saturday January 27, 2024, 10:00am – 12Noon in the Parish Hall

Feature Movie: **SILENCE** Rated: **R**

About the Martyrs of Japan in anticipation of our Feast Day

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST SUNDAY

On **Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>** we will hold a Parish Breakfast after the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses. We will serve a complete breakfast - eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes and all the trimmings. The cost is a voluntary donation to help support our charitable works.

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

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-BLESSING OF CANDLES

Friday February 2, 2024

Bring your candles to have them blessed during the 7:00pm Mass

### ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THE THROATS

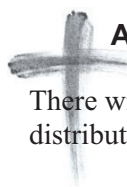
Saturday February 3, 2024

To celebrate the feast of St Blaise there will be a blessing of throats on Saturday February 3, at the 9:00am Mass

### HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY

Saturday & Sunday February 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

We invite our parish community to celebrate our feast day with us, with a pasta dinner on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, after the 5:00pm Mass in the parish hall. Free reservation tickets will be available in foyer. Suggested donation is \$20.00/person for the building fund. All are welcome.



### ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024 THE BEGINNING OF LENT

There will be two Masses celebrated this day with the distribution of ashes. One at 12 noon and one at 7:00pm



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting Friday February 16, 2024, and every Friday thereafter during the season of Lent, join us for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.



## 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.  
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. 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: **February 3 – Teen Dinner/Dance Party (offsite) - Please contact Ray for further details at Reitzel@hotmail.com**

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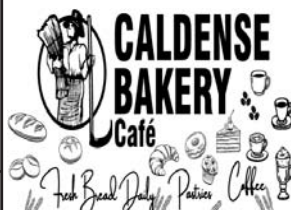


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