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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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, March 4, 7:00PM

+Romanko Sakac +Laddie Balon +Antonio Martins & Clara Gomes +Manuel Neto +Helen Rak \*Special Intention for Sharon Bellon

### TUESDAY, March 5, 9:00AM

+Elijah Roberts & Astrid Marson

### WEDNESDAY, March 6, 7:00pm

+Evelyn Lilian Dawson

### THURSDAY, March 7, 9:00AM

+All Souls in Purgatory

### FRIDAY, March 8, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna

### SATURDAY, March 9, 9:00AM

\*ProPopulo

### SATURDAY, March 9, 5:00PM

+Kyle Lee & Gary Lee +Joao Veloso +Manuel

da Silva +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +May

Hand +Celeste Clementinha +Louis Franklin

+All Souls \*Special Intention for John Pellegrini

& Rossana Pellegrini \*Special Intention for Chris

& Antonieta Wilson

### SUNDAY, March 10, 8:00AM

+Jose Cardoso & All Deceased Family Members

### SUNDAY, March 10, 10:00AM

\*ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, March 10, 12:00PM

\*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

### SUNDAY, March 10, 4:30PM

El Sembrador\*ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, March 10, 6:30PM

+Manuel & Maria Neto



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Fridays 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.

### VOCATIONS

If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**2023 TAX RECEIPTS** should be received within the third week of March. With our most sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity especially during these difficult economic times.

“I PRAY TO GOD TO GIVE ME PERSEVERANCE AND TO DEIGN THAT I BE A FAITHFUL WITNESS TO HIM TO THE END OF MY LIFE FOR MY GOD.”  
– St. Patrick

## REFLECTION

### John 2:15–16

All four Gospels speak of Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple. However, there is a difference between the way this event is portrayed in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and in the way it is portrayed in John’s Gospel. John’s Gospel places this event at the very beginning of Jesus’ public ministry during the first of His three annual trips to Jerusalem for the Passover. This was His first attempt at cleansing the Temple. Jesus was also less severe in John’s version of the story, stating only that the moneychangers had turned His Father’s House into a “marketplace.” In the three Synoptic Gospels, this event takes place at the very end of Jesus’ public ministry, less than a week before Jesus’ death when He returned to Jerusalem for the last time. In those versions, Jesus was more severe, stating that the moneychangers had turned His Father’s House into a “den of thieves” and not just a “marketplace.” In commenting upon the differences between John’s version and the Synoptics, Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas believe that they are two different occasions when a similar act of cleansing of the Temple took place.

The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus’ public ministry, was the place people traveled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. During this annual celebration, Jewish families who traveled to Jerusalem would purchase a lamb for sacrifice. At the appointed time, they slaughtered the animal in the courtyard of the Temple and then presented it to the priest who gathered some of the blood and sprinkled it on the altar, and then removed the skin, organs and fat to be burned in sacrifice. The meat was returned to the family and roasted on a pomegranate branch so that they could feast on it as they recalled the saving action God granted their ancestors in Egypt.

Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple Who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Recall, also, that at Jesus’ death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two, opening it up to the whole world so that all may share in the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are now invited into this Holy of Holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by His Sacrifice. Since the grace of this Sacrifice of our Lord enters into each and every heart that believes, to cleanse and purify, then every person receiving this grace becomes a new dwelling place of God, a member of His new Temple, the Body of Christ.

When Jesus came to the Passover feast and witnessed the buying and selling of these animals in the Temple, He drove them out with much zeal. It was clear that this holy celebration of the Passover had become less of a celebration of faith and more of a marketplace for profit. Jesus’ action is also a symbol of the zeal with which He now seeks to cleanse the temple of your soul. At first, when sin and

disorder pervade our souls, our Lord may take the approach of a gentle rebuke, as He did in His first cleansing of the Temple in John's Gospel. If we persist in our sins, then our Lord will become more zealous in His cleansing as He was in His final attempt to cleanse the Temple the week before He died.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to your own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle rebuke from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you obstinately persist in? Allow Him to rebuke you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you, and allow His judgment and wrath to "passover" you this Lent.



**DATE CORRECTION: Our Next CWL Soup night is: Saturday March 23, from 5:00pm-7:00pm**

Join us for our SOUP NIGHT. Enjoy some fresh homemade soup with a bun, coffee, tea, water and cookies. The cost is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for children under 10 years. Take out containers for \$15.00 will be available after 6:00pm. Soups will be listed on a board in the foyer closer to the date.

## 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. For More information contact: Kayleigh Garcia Meneses at: [catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com)

## FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Join our upcoming Parish Lenten Study on Prayer: *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God* by Dr. Edward Sri from Ascension Press. **Location:** Holy Martyrs of Japan parish hall from 7pm-8:30pm. **Dates:** March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2. For more information or to register please email Lay Pastoral Associate, Eduardo Meneses at [emeneses@archtoronto.org](mailto:emeneses@archtoronto.org). Note for parents with children our large meeting room is available during the study to allow parents to participate. **Suggested Donations:** \$40.00. We hope you can join us

## 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: March 8 – The Great Idea**

## 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: March 15 – March Break No Class**



## WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

### 10 Ideas for a More Meaningful Lenten Season

- 1. Give Up Sin:** Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sin.
- 2. Fast:** An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.
- 3. Pray:** Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.
- 4. Do Good Works:** Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.
- 5. Give Alms:** Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.
- 6. Abstain:** Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.
- 7. Do Meditative Reading:** Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.
- 8. Control Desire for Possessions:** Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself-your time and your talents with others.
- 9. Control Desire for Entertainment:** Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.
- 10. Carry out Duties in Life:** Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ! – Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living Lent" – 2020 Archdiocese of Toronto

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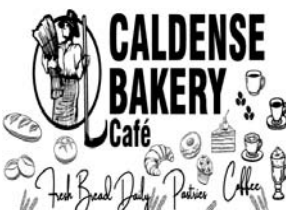
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