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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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## 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  
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  
San Felipe de Jesus: Ministry to Migrant Workers  
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, April 22, 7:00PM

+Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +Antonio Mirassol & Family +Arminda de Jesus & Rafael Miranda +Assunta Colalillo +Pedro de Sousa Teixeira +Pedro Pereira Teixeira +Adriano Fernandes De Sousa +All Souls in Purgatory

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

+Manuel da Silva

### WEDNESDAY, April 24, 7:00pm

+Evelyn Lilian Dawson

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

\*Special Intention of the McEvenue Family

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

+Renato Fontana

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

\*ProPopulo

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

+Eduardo & Teresa Carreiro +Eddie Carreiro +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Jamie Pedro Viana +Joseph & Lady Balon +All Deceased Castro Family Members +Angela Facciolo +Carlos Marques & Idalina Brages +Manuel & Maria Quadros +Alexander Adamczyk +Odile Scott

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

+Francisco Gameiro & Helena Das Neves

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

+Francesco Gammicchia & Antonio Gammicchia

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

\*ProPopulo

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

**Migrant Ministry Spanish Mass:**\*Special Intention for Leo Alejandro Sandoval and Angel Hurtado

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

+Assunta Colalillo



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday May 3, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

### MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN- May 3, 2024

### VOCATIONS

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest religious or deacon, call, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### CALLING ALL MOMS

**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)

## REFLECTION

*Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." [John 10:11-13](#)*

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ. Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride. Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most. Catholic News Agency2021

*Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS APRIL 21, 2024

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and our world with many priests who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord, that they may be always faithful to the Holy Father, and that they may be devoted Sons of Mary, our mother, in making you known and loved; and that all may attain heaven. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.  
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**World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife. April 28, 2024, is ShareLife Sunday!**

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> World Youth Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey.

## SACRAMENTS

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are now going to be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next couple of months. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



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. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

**Next Edge Night: May 3 – Instruction Manual**

## 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: April 26 – My Brothers Keeper**

*"We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish." – St Francis de Sales*



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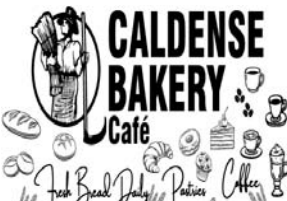


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