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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Holy Martyrs of Japan-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 St. Philip of Jesus Mission (Migrant Workers in Spanish)

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.

PARISH 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

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Faith and Fellowship

Knights of Columbus

LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

Nossa Senhora de Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

Santissima Trinitade & Espirito Santo

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, July 8, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna +Assunta Colalillo +For All Deceased Scanga Family Members +Emma Abate +All Souls *Special Intention in Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, July 9, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, July 10, 7:00PM

+Gary Lee

THURSDAY, July 11, 9:00AM

+Sandra & Jennifer Da Silva

FRIDAY, July 12, 7:00PM

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo

SATURDAY, July 13, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, July 13, 5:00PM

+Charlie Fleury +Carlos & Maria Medeiros +Daniel Viveiros +Maria Esperanca Espinola +Mario Sist +Andy Klic +Laddy Balon *Special Intention for Timothy Tran

*Special Intentions of Carolina Santana

SUNDAY, July 14, 8:00AM

+Luisa & Garcia Miguelo

SUNDAY, July 14, 10:00AM

+Peter Scotto

SUNDAY, July 14, 12:00PM

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 14, 4:30PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the months of July and August the parish office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Only.

Tuesdays and Thursdays the parish office will be closed.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on the first Friday of the month, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN

Mass will be held at the cemetery on the first Friday of the month at 11:00am, weather permitting. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

VOCATIONS

Today's readings speak of prophets sent by God. Could God be calling you to be His voice in His Church at this Time? If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

"If I were worthy of such a favour from my God, I would ask that God grant me this one miracle: that by God's grace God would make of me a good person" – St. Ansgar

REFLECTION

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. [Mark 6:4-6](#)

Why was Jesus "not able to perform any mighty deed" in His hometown of Nazareth? Because the people who had known Him since He was a youth lacked faith in Him. But why wouldn't Jesus simply perform awe-inspiring miracles with the hope of winning them over? Why not try to convince them by raising someone from the dead or by revealing His transfigured glory to His kinfolk, as He did on the Mount of Transfiguration to three of His disciples? The answer goes to the heart of the workings of faith in each soul.

Jesus' goal in His hometown was not to convince the people that He was the Son of God, the Messiah. He could have easily convinced them of this by the most incredible of miracles and proved Who He was. But doing so would have undermined the reason He came. He came to ignite authentic faith in people's hearts, not to convince them through clever reasoning or by the proof of miracles. Miracles were offered to those who already had faith, so as to increase their faith and to show them mercy. But when one lacked faith, a miracle could not increase that which was absent. It might have convinced them on a rational level, or at least impressed them greatly, but that is not true faith.

By analogy, say your spouse said to you, "I love you," and your response was "Prove it." How would they do so? What could they do to prove that they truly love you? Perhaps they could show charity, kindness, compassion and the like. These qualities certainly are manifestations of authentic love. But deep down, no one can prove they love another. Instead, love must be offered and received in a spiritual way. When that happens, each person somehow simply knows they love and are loved. This is the mystery of spiritual and authentic love.

The same is true with faith. Faith can't be proved. It can't be analyzed rationally. It must be embraced and lived. If the people in Jesus' hometown were to have faith in Him, this gift of faith would start within their own souls. They would look at Him and listen to Him. By their openness and a special personal revelation from God, they would come to know and to believe Who He was. Faith comes first from within, when God communicates to the heart.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of faith in Jesus. When you look into your own soul, what do you see? Do you see a heart that knows Christ Jesus as its Lord? Have you discovered the presence of God within you, speaking to you, revealing Himself to you? Or do you primarily look for external signs and proofs of God's presence and love? Look into your soul today and ponder the depth of faith that you discover there. When you discover this gift, gaze at it with love, for you are seeing God's revelation of Himself to you.



Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 14, 2024, at 7:00pm**

Cemetery Location and celebrations for this year's Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:

Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill:

Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto:

Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge:

Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie:

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

In the Event of Rain, Masses will be held In:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery

St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery

Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the

Reception Center at the Cemetery Office

Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto

St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. John

Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie

“Fall in love with true virtues: its effect is the opposite of that of vice, because sin brings bitterness while virtue brings sweetness and even in this life a foretaste of the next. When the hour of death comes, the virtue we have lived answers for us and shields us from God's judgment.”
– *St Catherine of Siena*



Sunday September 8th, 2024

The Knights of Columbus will organize a bus trip to Martyr's Shrine in Midland, for the 40th Annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage which will include an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau, followed by a procession. More details and final cost to come over the next few weeks.



Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.

ShareLife

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

“If I can help even one person at this difficult time, I'm doing my part. Through ShareLife we assist those who need it the most.” – A ShareLife Supporter

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR 2025

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2025 season will be made available sometime in September. Please stay connected with us. Announcements will be made at Mass. We invite you to come celebrate Mass with us on Sundays, and be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information and registration for these sacraments.

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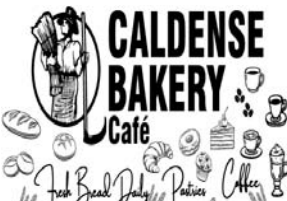


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