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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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July & August Office Hours - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 9:30am - 12pm & 1pm - 4:30pm



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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 Trinite & 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, August 12, 7:00PM

+Joao Veloso +Daniel Viveiros +Emilio & Mario Brunati
+Teresa Massaro

TUESDAY, August 13, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, August 14, 7:00PM

+Maria de Jesus Carreiro

THURSDAY, August 15, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva & John da Silva

FRIDAY, August 16, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo

SATURDAY, August 17, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 17, 5:00PM

+Arlindo Araujo +Virgilio & Jose Santos Conceicao
+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario &
Olimpia Sousa +Virgilio Domingues & Manuel Oliveira
+Fernanda & Manuel Miranda +Mario Sist +Bruno Marson
+Assunta Colalillo +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano
Coelho +David Suh +Obdulia Lorenzana & Aniceto
Lorenzana +Teresita Lorenzana & Rosario Salvador
Mendoza

SUNDAY, August 18, 8:00AM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Rufino Rodrigues

SUNDAY, August 18, 10:00AM

+Helen Pak

SUNDAY, August 18, 12:00PM

+Abilio Soares & Julio Manuel Soares

SUNDAY, August 18, 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

Holy hour will be the first Friday of every month at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

VOCATIONS

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God's presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life as a priest, religious life or the deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

BIKES WANTED!

We are looking for used adult bikes in good condition to donate to our migrant workers. If you have a bike that you wish to donate, please contact the office at 905 775 2065.

REFLECTION

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." [John 6:48-51](#)

We continue this Sunday with the beautiful "Bread of Life Discourse" from John's Gospel. At the beginning of today's passage, we read that the people listening to this discourse "murmured about Jesus." They did so because He had been teaching them that He was the Bread of Life Who had come down from Heaven. For some of His listeners, this was too much to accept. It was especially difficult for those who knew Jesus and His family from Nazareth. When Jesus became aware of their murmurs, He confronted them straight on saying, "Stop murmuring among yourselves." He then doubled down on His teaching, taking it even further, telling them that whoever eats His flesh will live forever. In some ways, Jesus' teaching could be said to defy human reason. Imagine hearing this teaching for the first time from someone who grew up in your hometown. Human reason alone is insufficient to comprehend and accept such teaching. But that is precisely the point. Human reason alone is insufficient. But when human reason is endowed with a special revelation from the Father in Heaven, then all becomes clear and all makes sense.

On that point, Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him" and that "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Therefore, even though it is beyond the ability of natural human reason alone to make sense of what Jesus was teaching, those who were drawn by the Father and listened to His voice were given a new form of knowledge that brought clarity to their human minds. This knowledge is essential if we are to know and understand the path to eternal life and if we are to understand and believe in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is just believing in something that is beyond us. But faith is much more. It's not just blindly believing. It's not just wishful thinking that turns into a personal choice to believe. Faith is based on something absolutely real and unmistakable. It's based on true spiritually revealed knowledge—a knowledge given to us by God. In fact, this form of knowledge, given by God, is far more certain than any other form of knowledge.

For example, you know that 2+2=4 because you can take two objects, add two more, and then count four. Or you know that music is playing because your ears perceive the sound. Thus, you rely upon your senses to produce knowledge to arrive at conclusions. Spiritually infused knowledge, however, is even more certain than that which we can obtain through our senses because it is God Who reveals the truth. Therefore, if God speaks to you and imparts to you a knowledge that His flesh is true food and

His blood is true drink, and that if you eat His flesh and drink His blood then you will obtain eternal life, then this knowledge is certain, transforming, and becomes the basis of a life of pure faith. Though this may seem overly philosophical, it is true and necessary to understand. Reflect, today, upon anything that you fail to have perfect faith in. Do you believe in the Most Holy Eucharist? Do you believe that it is the food for eternal life? Do you believe in everything Jesus taught? Examine your faith and where it is lacking; seek the voice of the Father. Only God can impart the deepest spiritual knowledge to you. For your part, you must listen, comprehend, accept and believe. Doing so will produce the gift of faith within your human reason, and that faith will be your guide to the life of the fullness of grace. Catholic News Agency2021



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 Vlastic

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

PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYR'S SHRINE

Sunday September 8th, 2024

40th Anniversary and celebration of Blessed Pope John Paul II visit to the Martyr's Shrine. The Knights of Columbus are chartering a bus for those who would like to participate in the Mass, Living Rosary and Benediction. The cost will be \$30.00 per person which covers the bus parking, admittance ticket, and the tip for the driver. For those that registered, the bus departs at 10:15am from HMJ and tentatively returns at 5:30pm. For further details please contact Ainsley 647 395 6334.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP- HMJ Parish Hall

Tuesday August 13 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm

All are invited to our Faith and Fellowship evenings, where we cover a different topic of Catholic theology. Come learn and share about our beautiful Catholic Faith! Format: Fellowship, video presentation, group discussions. This is a free event, no registration is necessary. For Parents with young children, our large meeting room is available for childcare and activities to give parents the opportunity to participate.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

Show your love through ShareLife

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to the inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Thank you for sharing your blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION (Grade 2) AND

CONFIRMATION (Grade 7) 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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