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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.

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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, August 19, 7:00PM

+Manuel da Silva +All Souls +Teresa Silva

TUESDAY, August 20, 9:00AM

+Glen & Vincenza Lamp

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 7:00PM

+Virgilio Conceicao & Jose Conceicao

THURSDAY, August 22, 9:00AM

+Sandra & Jennifer Da Silva

FRIDAY, August 23, 7:00PM

+Patrick Connolly

SATURDAY, August 24, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 24, 5:00PM

+Terezinha Teixeira +Eduardo Lancha & Irma Lancha +Joseph Klic *Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family *Special Intentions for Ernie Dobney

SUNDAY, August 25, 8:00AM

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 25, 10:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

SUNDAY, August 25, 12:00PM

+Delfina De Rose & Salvatore De Rose

SUNDAY, August 25, 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.

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN – September 6, 2024, at 11:00am

Requiem Mass will be held at the cemetery weather permitting. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday September 6, 2024 at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

VOCATIONS

Today's Gospel reading asks for us "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Through the mystery of Eucharistic consecration, we partake of the "living bread". In faith we can also respond to God's invitation to be his priest, religious, or the deacon. If you can, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

MASS TIME CHANGE:

Starting on September 1, the St Philip of Jesus Migrant Workers' Mass will be celebrated at 2:00pm on Sundays instead of 4:30pm.

REFLECTION

Jesus said to the crowds: "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 6:51](#)

It must have been somewhat shocking to the people who heard Jesus say this for the first time. Immediately after Jesus said this, we read that "The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" Jesus addressed their confusion even more directly by saying, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Those who were confused must have become even more confused, and those who believed must have deepened their faith as they heard Jesus teach so clearly and profoundly.

Of course, Jesus was speaking about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We know that. We believe it. But from time to time, it is a helpful spiritual practice to revisit our Lord's very direct and definitive teaching. On the deepest level, the Eucharist will always remain a profound mystery of faith. How can we eat His flesh and drink His blood? To someone without faith and without a basic understanding of the Eucharist, this teaching seems shocking and unbelievable. In fact, it's easy to understand how some of the first hearers of this teaching quarreled among themselves in confusion. For that reason, we must listen to Jesus' words with the spiritual gift of understanding so that we are not among those who are confused. Understanding is a gift of the Holy Spirit that opens our minds to the deep spiritual truths Jesus is revealing. If we attempt to listen to this teaching using our human reason alone, we will never understand.

When you consider Jesus' teaching on the Holy Eucharist, what do you understand and believe? Especially consider what goes through your mind when you attend the Holy Mass and go forward to receive Communion. What normally takes place within you at that moment? Some come forward distracted or even disinterested, paying more attention to the others around them than to the Eucharist. Others simply go forward out of habit because that's what they have always done. Some see the Eucharist more as a symbol of our sharing in God's banquet. But some come forward with a deep spiritual hunger and thirst for God, receive Him in faith, love Him deeply as they consume Him, and are filled with hopeful anticipation that their reception of this holy gift will transform them interiorly and set them more firmly on the path to holiness. Which person are you most like?

Believing in the Holy Eucharist and receiving it with the utmost faith and devotion will only happen when we believe. But believing doesn't come automatically. It first requires understanding. And understanding will only come when we allow our minds to engage the mystery and teaching of Jesus, ponder it, contemplate it, penetrate it and open ourselves to God's gentle and revealing voice. Words

do not suffice to explain this mystery. Prayer that opens oneself to the voice of God alone suffices. Reflect, today, upon how you approach Holy Communion each week. Start by thinking about the last few times you went forward to receive our Lord in this way. From there, think about how deeply you understand that moment. Is it transforming for you? Are you among those who hunger and thirst for Jesus? Do you notice the spiritual effects that take place within you as a result of your reception of the Eucharist? If so, then deepen your faith by committing yourself to a more prayerful participation in the Mass the next time you attend. If not, then try to step back and examine that which you actually believe, are confused about or do not believe. There is no greater gift we will ever receive in life than the Eucharist. Believe it with all your heart, and the Eucharist will change your life.
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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.

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

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. **Next Meeting is Thursday September 12, 2024.** For More information contact: Kayleigh Garcia Meneses at: catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

HMJ VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER September 14, 2024, after the 5:00pm Mass

We are hosting an appreciation dinner in honor of all our volunteers. Thank you to each of you for your willingness, and dedication to give of your time, energy and talents in service to our parish ministries and community, we humbly thank you. Personal Invitations will be sent out according to the list of volunteers in various ministries.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP – Free Event
Tuesday September 17, from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the parish hall. All are Welcome!

PRAYER FOR OUR EDGE CAMPERS

Awesome, Ever-Present God, You are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important, and life-changing things with you.

Today, we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over our campers who will be attending Edge camp this upcoming weekend. They are about to embark on a journey filled with adventure, fun, and faith formation that will help them grow closer to you.

Bless them this week so that all of their fears and anxieties might be met with your peace.

Bless them this week so that all of their questions and seeking might be explored with your guidance.

Bless them this week so that all of their excitement and energy might be met with your joy.

Help them feel you close and remind them that we are here, back home, praying for the exciting week ahead.

Bless our church, too, God. Bless us as we wait for our campers to return home prayerfully and patiently. Bless us so that we might be changed, just as they are, because of their week at camp.



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

ShareLife isn't just local. Your ShareLife gift extends mercy and justice to people beyond our borders by supporting the humanitarian projects of our agencies, particularly those that prioritize taking care of hungry children in vulnerable communities. Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION (Grade 2 and up) AND CONFIRMATION (Grade 7 and up) 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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