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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

2:00 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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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, August 26, 7:00PM

*ProPopulo

TUESDAY, August 27, 9:00AM

*Special Intentions for All Students and Young People

WEDNESDAY, August 28, 7:00PM

+David Harrison & Robert Spek

THURSDAY, August 29, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, August 30, 7:00PM

+Maria Helena Oliveira

SATURDAY, August 31, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 31, 5:00PM

+Celeste & Manuel Larajero +Luisa & Garcia

Miguelo +Lynn Ladouceur +Cidalia Rodrigues

*Special Intention for Mary Toich *Special

Intention for Ernie Dobney

SUNDAY, September 1, 8:00AM

+Antonio Janeiro & All Souls

SUNDAY, September 1, 10:00AM*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 1, 12:00PM+Romanko Sakac

SUNDAY, September 1, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

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.

Labor Day Long Weekend – Monday September 2

Please note that Mass will be at 9:00am, and the parish office will be closed. May the final long weekend before school be filled with laughter, fun and unforgettable moments with family.



Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community. 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.

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 then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." [John 6:67-69](#)

These words of Saint Peter present us with the conviction we must have when fidelity to the will of God becomes difficult. God is demanding. He wants everything from us. We will only obtain Heaven once we surrender everything over to the will of the Father and believe all that He has revealed. If we fail to do so before we die, we will need to be purified in Purgatory. There is no way around this. God is a demanding God to the greatest extent possible.

The truth is that this is all good. It is good that God demands complete submission to His perfect will and teaching because these are exactly what is best for us. From time to time, because of our weak and fallen human nature, we can perceive God's will as too demanding and His teaching as too difficult. Do I really have to forgive everyone completely? Do I really have to lay my life down without reserve? Do I really have to keep the Commandments to perfection? Do I really have to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect? Yes. But as we try to do so, we will experience many temptations to give up, thinking that God's will is too hard.

Today's Gospel comes at the end of the beautiful Bread of Life Discourse in which our Lord taught clearly, "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." At the beginning of today's Gospel, upon listening to Jesus' new teaching, many of His disciples murmured among themselves saying, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" This teaching of Jesus is "hard" in the sense that it requires a profound faith to understand completely. But just because something is hard to accept does not mean that we should not accept it.

Peter's statement quoted above gives us the words we should say whenever we find God's will or His teaching difficult to accept. When that happens, we must hear Jesus ask us the same question He asked the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?" Jesus will not try to manipulate us. He will not back down when He sees we are struggling. He will not lessen the requirement of being His faithful follower.

Instead, He will give us the freedom to either believe or leave. And when we feel like leaving, we should always remember Peter's words, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Peter's statement says all we need to know in the face of any interior conflict of faith. Sure, we could leave our Lord and do our own thing. But where would we go? To embrace the passing pleasures of the world? To what end? If we believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God, then no matter how hard, no matter how demanding, no matter how difficult, we must embrace fidelity to God in all things.

That act of fidelity, especially when we struggle with some interior conflict, is the key to unlocking the transforming power of God in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have felt God's will or any of His revealed truths to be difficult and demanding. When you face such an interior challenge, what do you do? If your response is to turn from God and become lax in your fidelity to Him, then reflect upon Peter's words to Jesus. Make those words your prayer, and let that prayer strengthen your conviction to become an unwavering and faithful follower of God. *Catholic News Agency2021*

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: catholicmomsgr ouphmj@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.

SOLEMNITY OF HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN Monday September 16, 2024- 7:00pm Mass

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

"It is difficult to become a saint. Difficult, but not impossible. The road to perfection is long, as long as one's lifetime. Along the way, consolation becomes rest; but as soon as your strength is restored, you must diligently get up and resume the trip." – St Pius of Pietrelcina

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Dear Lord, As our students begin a new school year, we pray that you keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in your knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience, understanding and courage, and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and our family of schools and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in you peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things! In Jesus' name. Amen



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 program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in October. 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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE
Catholic Middle School 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. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8. **More information on dates and registration to follow.**

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12. **More information on dates to follow.**

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