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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

These people come near to me
with their mouth and honor me
with their lips, but their hearts
are far from me. Their worship of
me is based on merely human rules
they have been taught.

- Isaiah 29: 13

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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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, September 2, 9:00AM- Labor Day

+Stephen LaRoche +Duncan Drummond +Maria Dolores Vigario +Antonio Martins +Virgilio Pinho + Edgar Ramiro Oliva de Leon

TUESDAY, September 3, 9:00AM

+Glorinda & Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo

THURSDAY, September 5, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, September 6, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for Olakunle Veronica Talabi & Family

SATURDAY, September 7, 9:00AM - First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, September 7, 5:00PM

+Antonio Carneiro & Antonio Cardoso +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Stanley Cemas & Matija Cadonic +Ema Correa & Lourdes Furtado +Mario Cemas & Joe Stanesic +Virgilio Domingues & Manuel Marques +Sidonio Marques & Augusta Marques +Manuel Pereira & Jose Miranda +Joseph Lundy +Maria Ragno +Cidalia Rodrigues *Special Intention for Timothy Tran

SUNDAY, September 8, 8:00AM +Luis Pontes

SUNDAY, September 8, 10:00AM +Samantha Fernandes

SUNDAY, September 8, 12:00PM+Joao Perna

SUNDAY, September 8, 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 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.

VOCATIONS

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father...”. God’s gifts should prompt a response of gratitude which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or diaconate, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email:**

vocations@archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. [Mark 7:1-2](#)

What a foolish thing for these Pharisees and scribes to be concerned about! They were in the presence of the Son of God, the Savior of the World, a man of perfect virtue and pure goodness, and all they could do was to observe that some of Jesus’ disciples failed to follow the scrupulous teaching on how they should wash their hands before a meal. The reason for this was their pride. These teachers of Israel had devised a large body of detailed, unwritten, human laws that they treated with the same binding force as the Law of Moses that they received from God. But the scribes’ and Pharisees’ human traditions were not from God; they were a body of regulations flowing from their own self-righteous need to act as interpreters of the Law. Therefore, whenever someone failed to follow the traditions the Pharisees and scribes taught as binding, they took it personally and reacted with judgment.

One lesson we can learn from these religious leaders is that we should never take things personally. Allowing ourselves to become personally offended at anything at all is, in fact, an act of our own pride. We do need to have sorrow for the sin we see, but that is different than allowing ourselves to become personally offended. For example, even if we were to teach the very Law of God and someone rejects that teaching, our response must be sorrow for them as we reject their error.

Jesus went on to respond to the Pharisees and scribes by quoting to them the Prophet Isaiah: *“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts”* (See [Isaiah 29:13](#)). What’s interesting is that Jesus didn’t really engage them in conversation about this, defending Himself or His disciples in their eyes. Instead, He rebuked the Pharisees and scribes in a general way so as to dismiss their criticism as false, and then turned away from them and addressed the crowds.

We will all experience unjust condemnation at times. If we are in the wrong, then we must receive the condemnation as if it were from God and repent. But if the condemnation flows from someone’s wounded pride or error, then Jesus set the example on how we ought to respond. The best response is to reject their error and then refuse to become engaged in the conversation further. Too often when we are criticized unjustly, we also take it personally. We tend to fight back and justify ourselves, trying to prove that the other person is wrong. But when we do that, we are most likely acting out of our own wounded pride. This will result in angry sulking feelings and the experience of oppression that the evil one inflicts upon us. Jesus’ model is to reject the lie and then refuse to engage it further. The reason for this is that the unjust condemnation is actually the seed of the evil one. The person delivering it is only the instrument.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 1, 2024

So, we rebuke the lie of the evil one and refuse to get into a personal battle with the person delivering the lie. Doing so brings freedom from oppression and allows our hearts to remain at peace, no matter what we endure.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have taken some conversation personally, allowing it to oppress you with anger, becoming defensive or argumentative. Know that whenever that happens, this is an attack from the evil one as he seeks to oppress you. Do not accept that abuse. The guide for each of us is the peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. Reflect upon any ways that you have allowed the evil one to agitate you and leave you upset with your wounded pride. Do not fall into his trap. Hold on to the truth and remain at peace, and that will be all the defense you need to make. *Catholic News Agency2021*

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

SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR MOMS

CALLING ALL MOMS of young children, who are expecting, who have recently had a baby, or will soon/ have baptized their child: you are invited to join the Catholic Mom's Group for a special workshop event on **Saturday September 21st, 2024, from 10:30-1:30pm** at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish in Bradford. Come and meet like-minded moms and build friendships, get inspired and identify the changes that motherhood brings. The cost is \$20.00 and includes: coffee/tea, snacks and lunch. E-transfer can be made to catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com. Please see poster on the information board at the entrance of the church for more details.

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!

ShareLife

Rosalie Hall is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. They are a mental health facility focused on the needs of pregnant and young parents, their children and their families. Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they raise their children with love and care. 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.



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.

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 late 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 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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