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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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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, September 9, 7:00PM

+Marian Yanek +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria

+Carlos Pais +Joseph Lundy +Alex Francis

TUESDAY, September 10, 9:00AM

+ Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, September 11, 7:00PM

+Duncan Drummond

THURSDAY, September 12, 9:00AM

+Lorenzo Cetrulo & Gino Merola

FRIDAY, September 13, 7:00PM

*Special Intention of the Marques Family

SATURDAY, September 14, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 14, 5:00PM

+Maria De Jesus Carreiro +Jose Manuel Caldas

Azevedo +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria

+Daniel Viveiros +Maria Esperanca Espinola

+Mario Sist +Jose Manuel Barbosa +Assunta

Colalillo +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano

Coelho +Augusto Balugas & Sons *Special

Intention for Celestina May

SUNDAY, September 15, 8:00AM

+Joao Domingues

SUNDAY, September 15, 10:00AM

+Leonardo Talarico

SUNDAY, September 15, 12:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGirolamo

SUNDAY, September 15, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN

Requiem Mass will be held at the cemetery the first Friday of every month weather permitting. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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



We would like to kick off our Thanksgiving Food Drive!! The cost of living has risen to a decade long high. Many households are struggling to afford enough food. Food banks in communities large and small are being stretched to their limits, facing increased demands. This thanksgiving, please help our local food bank meet the needs of our community so they can be there for families that urgently need them. Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with food and love this thanksgiving! We invite our parish community to drop off non-perishable food items in the crate at the entrance of the church to help support our local food bank this thanksgiving!

REFLECTION

One interesting point in this story is that the people who brought this deaf and mute man to Jesus begged Him to "lay his hand on him" so as to heal him. But what did Jesus do? Instead, He took the man away from the crowd, put His divine finger into the man's ears, touched the man's tongue with His own sacred saliva and the man was cured. At first, the act of putting your finger into someone else's ear and touching their tongue with your own saliva may seem repulsive. Normally it would be. To understand these two actions, we must understand the symbolism.

The image of a finger is used a number of times in the Scriptures to refer to God's power. In the Book of Exodus after the plague of the gnats, Pharaoh's magicians said that this was clearly done "by the finger of God" ([Exodus 8:19](#)). On the mountain when Moses received the Ten Commandments, we know that it was also God's finger that wrote them ([Exodus 31:18](#)). In the book of Daniel, a finger appeared and wrote a prophetic message on a wall ([Daniel 5:5](#)). In the New Testament, Jesus cast out a demon "by the finger of God" ([Luke 11:20](#)) and in today's Gospel He healed this man's hearing with His finger. The "finger of God" is understood as the power of God and an action of the Holy Spirit. Thus, by using His sacred finger to heal, Jesus was symbolically revealing that He fully exercised the power of God and acted in perfect union with the Holy Spirit and the Father.

The image of saliva is also interesting. Perhaps you have noticed that when an animal has a wound it often licks that wound. This is a natural instinct but also one that makes sense. Saliva has a certain medicinal power of healing. It contains antibacterial agents. Therefore, since normal saliva can help heal a wound, Jesus's saliva is able to heal in a supernatural way. Recall, also, that Jesus healed a blind man by spitting on the ground and then smearing the mud on his eyes ([John 9:6](#)).

Did Jesus need to use His finger and His saliva to heal this man? Certainly not. He could have done it with a mere thought. But He chose to use His body as an instrument of His healing power. Doing so reveals to us that Jesus' humanity became the source of unity between God and man. Even His finger and His saliva unite us to God. Everything about the Son of God in His human form dispensed grace, healing and mercy. Even that which may, at first, seem most repulsive.

Though there is much we can take from this passage, one thing that should not be missed is that if Jesus chose to use His finger and even his saliva to dispense His power, so, also, He desires to continue using the members of His Body to distribute His grace. By Baptism, you are a member of Christ's Body, the Church. You are His hands and feet, His eyes and voice, His heart and finger, and even His saliva. That last thought is very humbling. But if Jesus can use His saliva for healing, He can use you. If we can humbly understand that, then we will be better disposed to become an instrument of His divine mercy to those who need it. God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 8, 2024

is able to use us NOT because we are worthy of being used. Rather, He can use us because He has chosen to do so, even in our most humble state.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus healing this deaf and mute man. If you ever feel as though God cannot use you, call to mind the way in which our Lord worked this miracle. This miracle shows us that God can use all things for His glory for the simple reason that He is God. Humble yourself and offer yourself to God to use you as He wills. Doing so will give God the opportunity to manifest His almighty power through you. *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: catholicmmsgrouphmj@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 catholicmmsgrouphmj@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

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR:



**OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 26th, 2024**

More information to follow

ShareLife

In welcoming Jesus into our hearts and in the Spirit of His teaching and example let us continue to extend our hands to those who need our help the most. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings. 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.

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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– *St Jane Frances de Chantal*

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