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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

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.

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

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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 16, 7:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Maria Rodrigues +Patrick & Margaret Connolly +Rudolf & Zofia Saniga +Eugenia Freskiw +All Souls

TUESDAY, September 17, 9:00AM

+Abilio Soares & Herminia da Silveira

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo +Baby Mateo Antonio Reynoso

THURSDAY, September 19, 9:00AM+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, September 20, 7:00PM+Teodoro Paletta

SATURDAY, September 21, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 21, 5:00PM

+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino

Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Terezinha Teixeira

+Irma Lancha +Arlindo Araujo & Joao Veloso

+Bruno Marson +Teresa Silva +Michael Joseph

De Freitas +Stefan Hrin & Special Intention for

Adrian Kasjak * Special Intention for Amanda

May

SUNDAY, September 22, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 22, 10:00AM

+Teresa & Jerry McCarthy

SUNDAY, September 22, 12:00PM

+Halina & Jan Woznica

SUNDAY, September 22, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AND ADORATION

Requiem Mass will be held at the cemetery on October 4, at 11:00am weather permitting. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office. **Holy Hour Adoration** will be held on October 4, 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!

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We would like to apologize to everyone who had planned to travel by bus to Martyrs Shrine in Midland for Rosary Sunday. Due to issues with our transportation provider the bus did not arrive. The Knights will be providing a full refund to everyone who had paid for a seat and we will continue to look for ways to offer our parishioners ways to worship together as a community.

REFLECTION

[Mark 8:34-35](#)

Practically speaking, how do we follow Jesus and save our souls? Is it enough to profess that we believe in Jesus? If we were to arrive at the conclusion that Jesus is God and the Savior of the World, would we then be saved? Certainly not. Even the demons believe this truth. Jesus is quite clear that salvation requires action on our part. We must deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him.

Furthermore, the road to salvation requires that we lose ourselves for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. What exactly does this mean, practically speaking?

To answer this question, let's first consider the way that many people live. We tend to desire that which is the easiest in life, the most enjoyable, the greatest, and the most consoling. We often seek out those things that make us feel good and the path of least resistance. For example, if you could choose to fast on bread and water or feast on the most delicious foods, which would you choose? If you could choose between a vacation in the most exotic and luxurious location or a week of very difficult work, which would you choose? If you could choose to drive a brand new, high-end car or a very old beater, which one would you prefer? Most people would quickly pick the nice food, luxurious vacation and fancy new car.

In his spiritual classic, the *Ascent to Mount Carmel*, Saint John of the Cross outlines a very different path. He gives a series of spiritual maxims to use for prayer and meditation to help purify your soul of every unhealthy attachment so that you can become more fully attached to God and His holy will. St. John says, "Strive always to prefer, not that which is easiest, but that which is most difficult; Not that which is most attractive, but that which is most unpleasant; Not that which gives most pleasure, but rather that which gives least..." These spiritual maxims, when read in their entirety, challenge us to the core of our being. They quickly reveal to those who are honest that they often prefer the easiest, most pleasant and best that this world has to offer. But what is best for your eternal soul?

Jesus' teaching, that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, is the road map to saving your eternal soul and to discovering a spiritual fulfillment that far surpasses anything this world or our flesh have to offer. But in order to understand this road map and then to follow it, we often need to make a "spiritual U-turn" so to speak. This U-turn begins with us choosing the Cross on every level of our being and concludes with God stripping away all selfish desires and replacing them with a desire for sacrificial love. If you were to carefully examine your thoughts throughout the day, you might find that you think about yourself a lot. "I like this, don't want to do that, am angry about this, and am trying to avoid that..." Very often, our thoughts begin with "I" and end with "me." Denying yourself, taking up your cross, and losing your life means that you no longer think about yourself. It means that the eyes of your soul have turned away from yourself and focus exclusively upon

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the will of God and the love of others. But this will never be possible until we are freed of the numerous selfish desires that often direct most of our action's day in and day out. Reflect, today, upon that which you desire throughout your day. What occupies your thoughts the most? Do you spend most of your day thinking about how you can better serve God and His holy will? Do the eyes of your soul most often turn to the selfless service of others? Reflect upon these difficult questions and seek to eradicate everything within you that is selfish so that you can carry the glorious and transforming Cross of Christ. *Catholic News Agency2021*



CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Saturdays at 5pm Mass

Children's choir is resuming starting Saturday October 5th! Students in grades 2-8 are invited to meet in the downstairs large meeting room at 4:30pm to warm up and review the music. High school students are also invited to assist for volunteer hours. ALL ARE WELCOME!! For more information and to register please email Jenn at hmjchoirs@gmail.com

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP – NEW STUDY SERIES

Explore the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith. **“What We Believe”**. Maybe you have been Catholic your entire life Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you are in your Catholic journey this study will profoundly move you. **Dates/Times/Location – Holy Martyrs of Japan** October 3, 10, 17, 22, 29, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Free to participate. Cost of materials (Study Set) \$40.00 for book and workbook. Childcare will be available to give parents the opportunity to participate. To register, please scan QR code found on the posters in the foyer or on our website. Please register as soon as possible.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) Meet in the Large Meeting Room the First Monday of each month after the 7:00pm Mass. Anyone 18 years of age and older is welcome. Let us grow in faith together.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR MOMS

CALLING ALL MOMS 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. The cost is \$20.00 and includes: coffee/tea, snacks and lunch. E-transfer can be made to catholicmomsgroupdhmj@gmail.com Please see poster on the information board at the entrance of the church for more details.



OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 26th, 2024

LIVE MUSIC/FOOD/RAFFLE PRIZES/ CASH BAR
Doors Open At 6:00pm

Tickets: Adults \$30.00 Youth (under 18) \$15.00
Tickets are \$35.00 at the door if available (children under 2 free) Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in the church foyer starting **September 28, 2024, or can be purchased in person from the parish office until October 18, 2024.**

If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email:

youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR 2025

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2025 season will be made available soon. 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. Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. To register, please scan QR code. **1st Edge Night is: October 4– Access Granted**



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 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!
1st Lifeteen- November 8 – Break the Ice

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