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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

**"What were
you
discussing
along the
way?"**

MARK 9:33-34

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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, September 23, 7:00PM

+Regina Hahn +Gabriel Domingues

TUESDAY, September 24, 9:00AM +Joao Veloso

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 7:00PM *ProPopulo

THURSDAY, September 26, 9:00AM +Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, September 27, 7:00PM +Romanko Sakac

SATURDAY, September 28, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 28, 5:00PM

+Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Manuel da Cruz

+Ignazio Polizzi +Cidalia Rodrigues & Venancio

Silva +Doris Mary Fernandez +Biagio

Belcamino +Eugenia Freskiw +Carlos & Jose

Alves +Maurizio Rapisardi *Special Intention for
Ethan May

SUNDAY, September 29, 8:00AM +Arlindo Araujo

SUNDAY, September 29, 10:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

SUNDAY, September 29, 12:00PM*ProPoulo

SUNDAY, September 29, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS

OF JAPAN 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.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on October 4, at 7:30pm following
the 7:00pm Mass.



We all have much to be thankful for! Let us share our blessings with one another. Our community is growing with many new families, immigrants and refugees. This thanksgiving many will be reaching out to our food bank for help. Let us respond to this need. You can feed HOPE this thanksgiving to those most vulnerable in our community. Thanks to rising food prices, and inflation, food banks are having a most difficult time keeping up with an increased demand. When food is placed into the hands of those in need, struggling with hunger, a profound change takes place. HOPE is restored! Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with FOOD, LOVE, and HOPE 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.

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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION

Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6

REFLECTION

[Mark 9:33-34](#)

One of the desires that we all have is for greatness. This is a good and natural desire. This desire is manifested in competitiveness in sports and games. It becomes a driving force in business and politics. It drives us to do better in life, such as in school, artistic endeavors, and hobbies, working hard to perfect various skills and talents so as to excel. The problem is that every good and natural desire we have is now disordered to a certain degree because of original sin. As a result, the desire we have for greatness can become an obsession, a cause of discouragement when we fail, a source of jealousy when others appear to do better and can lead us to pursue empty and fleeting goals in life.

Even within the life of faith, we can be affected by both the natural desire for greatness and the fallenness of that desire. The natural desire for greatness, when mingled with faith, will lead us to the desire to be a saint and to do great things for the Kingdom of God. But as a fallen natural quality, we can also fall into the trap of seeing ourselves in competition with others within the Church, and we can become jealous of those who appear to be holy and who are recognized for their good work for Christ.

Just prior to the passage quoted above in which the disciples were discovered to have been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, Jesus predicted to them, for the second time, that He would suffer and die. Recall that after the first prediction of His passion, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. Perhaps some of the other disciples became jealous of this apparent special treatment. Then, after Jesus predicted His passion to them for the second time, they might have wondered if some of them would likewise share in a similar experience as the Transfiguration.

Regardless of what motivated the disciples to argue among themselves about who was the greatest, the fact remains that they did so. This was not the result of a holy and purified desire. It was the result of a good desire for greatness that became distorted and turned into an unholy competition based on jealousy and selfishness.

In Heaven, we will all know who is the greatest.

Interestingly, the Scriptures, the official Church teachings, and many of the saints reveal to us that there will be levels of glory in Heaven. This is why Jesus said elsewhere, "Store up treasure in Heaven" ([Matthew 6:20](#)). In Heaven, each of us will be perfectly happy. But each of us will also share in God's glory in varying degrees, based upon the merit of our charity on earth. The classic example of this is that if every soul is like a glass of water in Heaven, then every glass will be full. But some glasses will be larger than others and will be able to contain more water (glory). For this reason, we must remember that the natural desire for greatness is good, but it must be properly ordered by grace. That desire must not become as it was among the disciples who saw each other as competitors. Instead, it must be directed to the

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deepest desire for holiness and charity. In Heaven, we will all be in awe of those holy souls who are filled with the greatest depths of glory forever. Most likely, they will be widely unknown on earth, but loved and admired in Heaven for the greatness of their holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the desire within your own soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven *My Catholic Life Inc.2023*

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. Stewardship Sunday an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. Please watch this homily by Archbishop Francis Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others in your parish community and beyond. <https://shorturl.at/YRMgN>

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – SATURDAY AT 5:00PM

Starting on October 19, the children's liturgy ministry will commence again breaking open the word of God at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass.

BLESSING OF PETS

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Friday October 4, at 5:00pm there will be a blessing of pets in the parking lot under the canopy. We kindly ask for donations of pet food to the Bradford Food bank.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP – NEW STUDY SERIES

"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. Please scan QR code found on the poster in the foyer or on our website to register. Please register as soon as possible.



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.

Volunteers are needed to help make Oktoberfest a great success! We cannot do this without your help. We are looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations, and cleaning. 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 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. 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 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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