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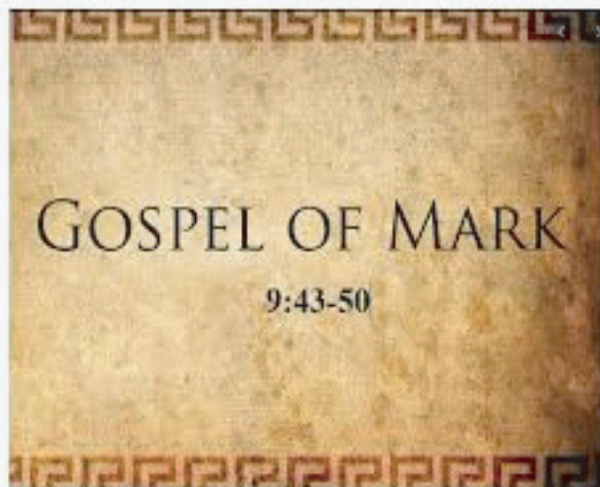
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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.

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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 30, 7:00PM

+Mark Oliveira & Fred Oliveira *Special Intention for Pervin Govindraj

TUESDAY, October 1, 9:00AM +Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, October 2, 7:00PM

+Maria Dolores Vigario + Lucy Dantas

THURSDAY, October 3, 9:00AM

+Maria Rosete & Manuel Conceicao Jr.

FRIDAY, October 4, 7:00PM +Samantha Diogo

SATURDAY, October 5, 9:00AM -First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, October 5, 5:00PM

+Antonio Carneiro & Antonio Cardoso +Maria &

Eugenio Arruda +Manuel Crus Conceicao &

Maria Rosete +Agneiska Heniek-Musialik

+Benedito Da Silva & Albina Babosa +Romanko

Sakac +Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +Virgilio

Domingues & Rosa Miranda +Carlos & Jose

Alves +Joao Balugas *Special Intention for

Timothy Tran

SUNDAY, October 6, 8:00AM +Carlos Pais

SUNDAY, October 6, 10:00AM

*Special Intention for Anna Mongillo and Family

SUNDAY, October 6, 12:00PM *ProPoulo

SUNDAY, October 6, 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.

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.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES: "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things" – Pastoral Letter to the People of God in Toronto by Archbishop Francis Leo. Visit our website to view the letter.

REFLECTION

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out..." [Mark 9:43-47](#)

Sometimes we need to wake up to the horror of sin. Sin and sin alone is capable of sending you to hell. Hell is real, and going there for eternity is a real possibility. Therefore, we must do whatever it takes to avoid that frightful possibility. This teaching from Jesus might not, at first, be thought of as one of His most inspiring teachings, but it should be. It's not inspiring in the sense that it is quite graphic. But it is very inspiring in the sense that it has the potential to motivate us to action.

Are you motivated to do all that you can to avoid sin? Would you even go so far as to cut off your hand or foot, and to pluck out your eye so as to avoid sin? First of all, this should not be seen as a literal command in which Jesus is telling us to mutilate ourselves. But He is the one Who chose such graphic language. Therefore, we should not shy away from pondering these images in a prayerful way so as to more clearly see those things that lead us into sin. When we see them, we must take the radical step of completely eliminating them from our lives.

Many of the Church Fathers say that the hand, foot and eye in this teaching refer to our friends. Just as a hand, foot and eye are good in and of themselves, so also are friends. We are made for friendship with God and with others. However, not every friendship helps us grow closer to God. Therefore, when an earthly friend becomes a source of sin, we must eliminate that friendship.

Friendship is different from charity. We owe charity to all people, even those who are the most sinful. But acting with charity toward others is different from being friends with them. To be a friend implies mutual giving and receiving. And though we must always give of ourselves to others, we ought not always receive from them when what they have to offer is an invitation to sin. This is how we "cut it off" and "pluck it out." When another person tries to relate to us in such a way that they lead us into sin, we must take that temptation very seriously and reject it with much vigor. The hand, foot and eye in this teaching also represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. For example, consider material possessions. If buying a very expensive car, house, or electronic gadget tempts you to become more materialistic, then you must avoid buying it. People are drawn to nice things. But does possessing nice things help your soul to become holy? One could argue that they can have nice things, while at the same time remain spiritually detached from them. But this is difficult to live. The more luxurious our material possessions, the more tempted we will be to rely upon them for our happiness. Therefore, choosing to live simply is almost always better for your soul

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than choosing to live in luxury. This teaching also applies to anything else that could become a source of temptation. Reflect, today, upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination. *My Catholic Life! 2024*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6

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

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.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 26th, 2024
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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 / October. 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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