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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

FOR THIS REASON
a Man
WILL LEAVE HIS
FATHER AND MOTHER
AND BE UNITED TO
his Wife,
AND THEY WILL
BECOME ONE FLESH.
GENESIS 2:24

Pastor: Rev. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.org

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elogrono@archtoronto.org

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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, October 7, 7:00PM +Gord Stephen & Margaret Dudo +Eugenia Freskiw & Marian Keliar
TUESDAY, October 8, 9:00AM +Manuel da Silva
WEDNESDAY, October 9, 7:00PM +Joao Perna
THURSDAY, October 10, 9:00AM

*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

FRIDAY, October 11, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions for Marisa Mongillo

SATURDAY, October 12, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 12, 5:00PM

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Maria da Conceicao Camarneira +Daniel Viveiros +Mark & Fred Oliveira +Carlos Marques & Grandparents +Eugenia Freskiw +John Balugas +Antonio Ramos Dias & Wife +Sabrina Cericola & Maria Pina Cericola +Susen Torregosa

*Special Intentions for Celestina & Dennis May

*Special Intentions for May & Fenchak Families

SUNDAY, October 13, 8:00AM +Joao Veloso

SUNDAY, October 13, 10:00AM *Maria Dolores Vigarito

SUNDAY, October 13, 12:00PM

+Deolinda Oliveira & All Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, October 13, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION

Saturday October 5th 2024, and Sunday October 6th 2024

Saturday October 5, 7:00pm Mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan celebrated by Father John Pak, followed by procession and a candlelight vigil. The Rosary will be recited in several languages. Sunday October 6, at 2:00pm, there will be a Mass celebrated by Father John Pak, followed by a procession with Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After the procession and the celebration on Sunday, we would like to invite everyone to a social afternoon at the Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford. There will be coffee, tea, refreshments and snacks.

A Comissão da Festa de Nossa Senhora. De Fátima vai realizar missas e procissões em Honra de Nossa Senhora De Fátima na Igreja dos Santos Mártires do Japão. Sábado, 5 de outubro, Missa celebrada às 19h00, celebrada pelo Padre John Pak, seguida de procissão e vigília de velas. O Rosário será recitado em diversas línguas, seguindo-se a procissão de velas. O terço será rezado em diversas línguas. Domingo, 6 de outubro, às 14h00, celebração da Missa do Padre John Pak seguida de Procissão e Bênção do Santíssimo Sacramento. Depois de terminar a procissão e cerimónia de domingo, gostaríamos de convidar todos para uma tarde de confraternização no Centro Cultural Português em Bradford. Haverá café, chá, refrescos e doces variados!

ROSARY RALLY – Saturday October 12, 2024, at 1:00PM in the Church. All are welcome!

REFLECTION

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” They were testing him. [Mark 10:2](#)

The Pharisees were not interested in the deepest truths of God. They were only interested in twisting God’s truths in an attempt to prove their own self-righteousness. The question they posed to Jesus was a trap, but Jesus doesn’t fall into it. He asks them what Moses taught about the love in marriage and then explains that their understanding of Moses’ teaching was based on the hardness of their hearts and not the original intent of God as was revealed in the beginning.

Our Church’s teaching regarding the indissolubility of marriage flows from the teachings found in the Book of Genesis, subsequently confirmed and clarified by Jesus in today’s Gospel. When a true marriage bond is established by the free and total consent of a man and woman, that bond can only be separated by death.

From a much broader perspective, the marriage bond of which Jesus speaks also reveals to us the depth of commitment that God has made to each one of us and the reciprocal commitment He invites us to make. God’s covenant offered to us is freely given, total, and irrevocable. This is important to understand. God will never change His mind when it comes to the commitment, He has made to each one of us. For our part, we must continuously seek to reciprocate that commitment by giving ourselves to the will of God in the same way.

Though much more could be said about this exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees regarding earthly marriage, we must also see in this exchange a common trap that we will encounter in our marital covenant with God and our love of others. Just as the Pharisees used the law of marriage to try to trap Jesus in His speech, caring nothing about the deeper truths that this teaching revealed, we can also use the Law of God in a way that reveals our own hardness of heart. Love, be it that of marriage or the love that is the basis of our union with God, can easily be used as a weapon rather than a source of unity. Regarding others, we can easily fall into the trap of using the precepts of love as a source of manipulation and persuasion. “If you loved me, then you would...” Regarding our love of God, we can often reduce our love into a reluctant following of God’s most basic laws, such as “I have to go to church.”

If love is to be pure and holy, it must rise above erroneous interpretations of love and be lived in the way it was intended to be lived. Pure love is always self-giving. It is sacrificial. It always looks to the good of the other. Love is total and must be irrevocable. Love forges a bond that should never be broken. It must endure everything and is possible only when it is grounded in the love that God has for us.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you love. Does the hardness of your heart lead you to misrepresent the love God wants you to share with others? Do you minimize the

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 6, 2024

requirements of love? Is your love total, irrevocable, and freely given? Is your love self-seeking or self-giving? Reflect upon the pure and holy nature of the love God has offered to you, and recommit yourself to offer this same depth of love to God and to others so that the covenants that result from your love will always endure.

My Catholic Life! 2024



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Tickets will be available for purchase after all weekend
Masses.**

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION – OCTOBER 5 & 6

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 5/6, 2024 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday October 27, 2024. After all Masses.

More Information to follow.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEW AND CURRENT SERVERS

Join us for a training session on Thursday October 10, at 7:00pm in the church. This is a great opportunity to learn, refresh your skills, and serve Jesus with reverence and joy. We look forward to seeing you there!



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! 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

ROSE OF SHARON (Center for Young Mothers)

The Knights of Columbus will be selling roses for the Rose of Sharon after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses on October 12 and 13. Please help support this important cause.

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. **Next Edge Night: October 18 – Setting Course**



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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