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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

And let Your goodness flow through our

hearts and hands as we reach out to one

another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 14, 9:00AM- Thanksgiving Day

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Manuel da Silva +Antonio Martins & Parents +Maria Esperanca Espinola +Amelia de Oliveira Domingues

TUESDAY, October 15, 9:00AM

+Cecile Santos & Grey Lamp

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions of the Marques Family

THURSDAY, October 17, 9:00AM

+Abilio Soares & Joao Fernando Soares

FRIDAY, October 18, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions for Joe Mongillo & Family

SATURDAY, October 19, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 19, 5:00PM

+Irene Rozbiewski & All Souls +Afonso Lameirinhas +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Manuel Rodrigues +Arlindo Araujo +Adalina & Jose Araujo +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Bruno Marson +Assunta Colalillo +Teresa Silva +Joao Balugas +Salvatore Vena

SUNDAY, October 20, 8:00AM

+Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro

SUNDAY, October 20, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 20, 12:00PM +Joseph Lundy

SUNDAY, October 20, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo



Wishing everyone a peaceful long weekend with family and friends as we celebrate this time of gratitude for our many blessings. Mass will be at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Monday, October 14, and the parish office will be closed.



Thank you to all who have supported and donated to our thanksgiving food bank drive! Your acts of kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you for your gift of hope this thanksgiving to the many families in need in our community. Please continue to give and donate to our local food bank as the need is great and Christmas is quickly approaching. Together, WE can make a difference! May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly. Continue to pray for one another!

REFLECTION

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” [Mark 10:24–27](#)

Have you ever been “exceedingly astonished” by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully you have been. And if you have been, hopefully you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through in order to enter the Kingdom of God. The “eye of a needle” is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the center of that gate. A person could pass through by ducking down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth clearly have the potential to destroy your soul. That’s a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Therefore, if love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

When the disciples witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over Heaven, and then Jesus standing His ground and making it clear that it is very hard to make it to Heaven, their astonishment would have challenged them personally. But that is good. It is good because it reveals that they were also convicted of their own unholy attachments and their astonishment arose from a holy fear within. As they saw the rich young man walk away, they would have thought about those things that they also held onto that needed to be purged from their lives. “Astonishment” in this case is the holy realization that they needed to change. The good news, however, is that when a person does change and becomes freed from the attachments that keep them from God, then they will no longer have any attachment that will lead them to be astonished at God’s demands. The ultimate goal is to overcome the astonishment caused by the demands of

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discipleship so that conformity to these demands becomes a way of life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has taught that is difficult for you to face. Is there any commandment that you tend to ignore? Any teaching that you attempt to rationalize? If you are to enter the eye of the needle, you must be wholeheartedly committed. Jesus will not shy away from demanding a total surrender of your life to Him. Reflect upon those attachments that you continue to hold onto and try to see Jesus speaking to you about those attachments as He spoke to this rich young man. Overcome all astonishment and make unwavering submission to the will of God your way of life. This is the only way to enter the gates of the Kingdom of God. *My Catholic Life! 2024*

ShareLife

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2025 MISSALS

Missals for the 2025 liturgical year will be made available for purchase starting October 19 after all weekend Masses at the entrance of the church. The cost of the missals will be \$6.00 each. We kindly ask to bring exact change.



CWL cordially invites...
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Sunday October 20th at 2:00pm in the
Parish Hall

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Masses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday October 27, 2024. After all Masses.

More Information to follow.

OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

If you are new to our parish community, WELCOME to Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish! If you would like to register with our parish, would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity. holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org



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.

Raffle Prizes Wanted!!!

If you are able to donate any raffle prizes, 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 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 is October 18 – Setting Course**



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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