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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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 Trinite & 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 28, 7:00PM +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria+Luciana & Stefania Tomizza +Emilia O. Domingues *Special Intentions of Carolina Santana

TUESDAY, October 29, 9:00AM +Isaura O. Lourenco

WEDNESDAY, October 30, 7:00PM +Gladys Topliss

THURSDAY, October 31, 9:00AM +Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, November 1, 7:00PM – All Saints Day

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 2, 9:00AM- All Souls Day

First Saturday +All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, November 2, 5:00PM +Maria

Dolores Vigario +Maria De Jesus Carreiro

+Manuel da Silva +Saul Domingues & Maria

Oliveira +Delfina Almeida & All Souls +Virgilio

Domingues & Manuel Oliveira +Isabel Camacho

& Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Joao Balugas

+Daniel McDonald +Helen McDonald +Wendell

McDonald +Henry McDonald +Connie Willimas

+Julie Zwarun *Special Intention for Mary Toich

SUNDAY, November 3, 8:00AM +Samantha Diogo

SUNDAY, November 3, 10:00AM

+Manuel Miranda & All Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, November 3, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 3, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) + Carlos Logrono

Penafiel +All Deceased Relatives of Migrant

Workers

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday November 1, 2024, All Saints Day, there will be a Mass 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday November 2, 2024, All Souls Day,

All Souls Day, reminds us of our own mortality, that the love of each of us is limited and we need to be ready to meet our Lord when he calls us. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and our beloved dead. Through our prayers may they find eternal rest.

There will be a Mass held on Saturday November 2, 2024, at 9:00am (English) and 12 Noon (Spanish). We will also be having Prayer Service at Holy Martyrs Cemetery on 9th line at 11:00am (No Mass).

PLEASE NOTE THE 2025 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024.

Note: Due to the increase demand, additional Mass Intention Spots have been added to weekday and Sunday Masses.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in Our Book of Remembrance, after Mass, and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar of the church.

REFLECTION

[Mark 10:46-47](#)

Imagine the humiliation you might experience if your only way to survive each day was to sit on the side of the road and beg. As a blind man at that time, Bartimaeus was not able to work and support himself. Many saw his blindness as a curse from God and the result of his sin or the sins of his parents. He would have been treated as an outcast of society and as a burden to his family and community. Thus, the mental and emotional trauma a blind person experienced at that time would have been just as difficult to deal with as the physical blindness itself.

The symbolism in this story is extraordinary and teaches us many things about our Christian journey. First, we must strive to identify with Bartimaeus' humility and weakness. On a spiritual level, we are all blind and, in our fallen natural state, we are spiritual outcasts. This means that we cannot attain Heaven by ourselves. Bartimaeus is a symbol of our fallen natural state.

Bartimaeus is also a symbol of what we must do in order to be drawn out of the blindness and misery we experience in life. The moment he heard that Jesus was walking by, he cried out for mercy. But he didn't just cry out to our Lord. He did so with perseverance. The people who heard him crying out rebuked him and told him to stop. But their rebukes only led him to be more fervent in his prayer. Also, it appears that Jesus ignored him at first. Why would Jesus do that? It certainly wasn't because Jesus didn't care. It was because our Lord knew that Bartimaeus would persevere, and He wanted him to do so. Jesus wanted Bartimaeus' prayer to become more resolute, and it did.

The prayer of Bartimaeus must become the way we pray. It is very easy to become discouraged in life and to lose hope. When that happens, our prayer becomes weak and ineffective. At times, we will experience many other temptations to give up on prayer. The rebukes by the crowd are a symbol of the many temptations we will experience to give up on prayer. When those temptations come, we must double our effort and strengthen our resolve. Jesus' silence at first must also be seen as an invitation to pray with greater faith. If we pray and feel as though God is not listening, we must know that God does hear us and His initial silence is His way of inviting us closer and to a deeper level of faith and prayer.

When Jesus stopped and told the disciples to bring Bartimaeus to Him, Bartimaeus immediately got up, threw off his cloak and went to our Lord. His cloak is a symbol of everything we need to shed in life that keeps us from immediately and quickly responding to the promptings of grace. We must be ready and willing to eliminate anything that keeps us from responding to God the moment He calls to us. Finally, Bartimaeus' prayer was perfect. "Master, I want to see." Spiritually speaking, we must work to foster the deepest desire to see God, to see our Lord. If we desire the gift of faith, the ability to see spiritual truths and understand them, then our Lord will answer that prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 27, 2024

Our Lord will also say to us, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Reflect, today, upon this poor blind beggar, Bartimaeus. See in his humble soul a model of how you must see yourself and of how you must pray and our Lord will remove the blindness of your heart. *My Catholic Life! 2024*

PLENARY INDULGENCES – NOVEMBER

312. What are Indulgences? *Indulgences are the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. The faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains the indulgence under prescribed conditions for either himself or the departed. Indulgences are granted through the ministry of the Church which, as the dispenser of the grace of redemption, distributes the treasury of the merits of Christ and the Saints. Further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC 1471-1479, 1498*

Types of Indulgences:

Plenary Indulgences: Removes all temporal punishment due to sin. To obtain it, the Catholic must...

1. **Sacramental Confession:** (within about 20 days before or after the indulgenced act)
2. **Reception of the Eucharist,**
3. **Prayer for the Pope’s Intentions.**

November Plenary Indulgences: During November, the Church offers two traditional ways to obtain plenary indulgences for the souls in Purgatory:

1. **Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead during November 1-8** (extended to any day in November this year)
2. **Visit a church or oratory and pray the Our Father and the Creed on All Soul’s Day (November 2).** This has also been extended for the entire month of November.

For those unable to leave home due to illness or other serious reasons, they can obtain the indulgence by praying for the dead at home before an image of Jesus or the Virgin Mary, and by being spiritually united with others, detached from sin, and intending to fulfill the usual conditions when possible.

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

One stop shopping for Christmas!

Hosted By: Catholic Women’s League

Saturday November 9th &

Sunday November 10th

9:30am to 2:00pm Parish Hall

The event will feature lots of vendors with new innovated ideas like jewellery, soaps, honey’s, jams, candles, gift baskets, crystals, plants, religious goods and lots of fresh baked goods and much more! As well, join us for our hearty home-made soup and sandwiches.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP! – November 17, 2024



“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7)

On the World Day of the Poor weekend, please think of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Holy Martyrs of Japan. Every dollar donated goes to helping people in our community and the need is greater than ever before. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and donations are tax deductible.

2025 MISSALS

Missals for the 2025 liturgical year are available for purchase after all weekend Masses at the entrance of the church. The cost of the Missals will be \$6.00 each. Exact change would be appreciated.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration forms can be pick up at the back of the Church after Mass, from the parish office and will also be available on our parish website for downloading. **To allow for faster processing times, please ensure you attach a photocopy of your child’s baptism certificate with your completed registration form.** The completed registration forms and a copy of the baptism certificate can be emailed to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or dropped off after any Mass, or at the parish office. Please allow a 2 week (or so) processing time. We will confirm your registration and date of celebration via email. We look forward to seeing you and your families at Mass. **PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE SACRAMENTS IS NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

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: November 1 – Tsunami



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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