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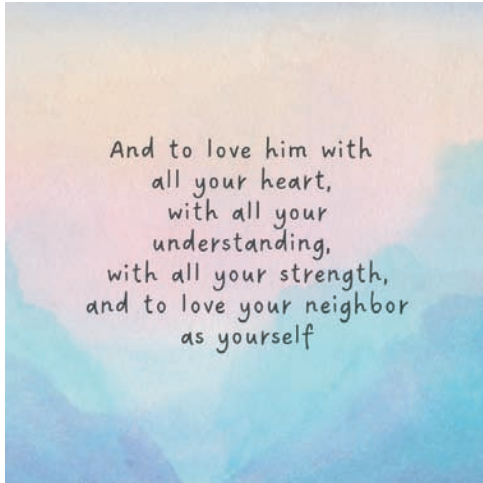
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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
At least one year's notice is needed and do not book venues until the first meeting with the priest.

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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Alpha

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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, November 4, 7:00PM +Manuel da Silva
+Romanko Sakac +Carmine Furgieule & Noah D'Avella
+Luigi & Assunta Furgieule +Salvatore & Carmela Rende
+All Deceased Furgieule & Rende Family Members
+Peggy & Charles Langley +All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, November 5, 9:00AM

+Maria & Saul Domingues

WEDNESDAY, November 6, 7:00PM

+All Deceased Marques & Oliveira Family Members

THURSDAY, November 7, 9:00AM +Eugenia Freskiw

FRIDAY, November 8, 7:00PM +Joao Perna

SATURDAY, November 9, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 9, 5:00PM

+Antonio Carneiro & Antonio Cardoso +Joao
Veloso +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Manuel da
Silva +Angela Tarantino + Lidia Nunes &
Grandma +Carlos Bento & Euclides Pinho
+Carlos Pais +Joao Balugas +Horacio Da Silva
& Jose Da Silva +Francesca Cardoso & Idalia
Gravito +Mary Matos *Special Intention for
Timothy Tran *Special Intention for Celestina
May

SUNDAY, November 10, 8:00AM

+Delfina & Salvatore DeRose

SUNDAY, November 10, 10:00AM +Luis Pontes

SUNDAY, November 10, 12:00PM

+Maria Do Ceu & Manuel Marques

SUNDAY, November 10, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo




PLEASE NOTE THE 2025 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS AS OF 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.

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. We kindly ask to bring exact change.

 **ShareLife** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate. Please help us reach our goal!

REFLECTION

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.'" [Mark 12:32-33](#)

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others?

Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it. In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and

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hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work. Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. *My Catholic Life! 2024*



FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

These times have been challenging for everyone, some more than others. However, it has taught us how truly dependent and

connected we are to one another. We are ONE family! Advent is coming quickly, let us prepare our hearts in the anticipation of His coming by being the hands and feet of Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help to spread the message of Christ's HOPE this season by donating non-perishable items (such as: Pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, Cereal, Granola Bars, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Juice Boxes/1lt Juices, Soup, Peanut Butter, Rice Flour, Sugar, Tea, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Diapers and Baby wipes are just a few suggestions) to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the entrance of the Church when you come to Mass. Let us overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this upcoming season!

Family Movie Night

All are welcome to join us for Free Family Movie Night on Saturday November 23 at 6:30 sharp (after the 5:00pm Mass) in the parish hall. Pizza and refreshments will be available. Donations are welcome to help cover for expenses. Please contact the parish office in advance to let us know how many people are coming so we can better plan for the event. **Movie: War Room – Rated PG**
For Movie Preview Visit:
https://youtu.be/mIl-XY9t_Lw?si=xOIRXaCIIF-p3rHU



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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



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST Sunday November 17, 2024, After all Masses.

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



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please scan the QR code to register. **Next Edge Night is: November 15 – Lights Out Dodgeball**

LIFE TEEN

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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