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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.

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492
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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, November 18, 7:00PM

+Louise LeClaire +Lourdes Cruz

TUESDAY, November 19, 9:00AM

+Angela Lee & Agnes Hwang

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for Jose Santos Domingos

THURSDAY, November 21, 9:00AM +John Topliss

FRIDAY, November 22, 7:00PM +Maurizio Rapisardi

SATURDAY, November 23, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 23, 5:00PM

+Manuel da Silva +Vito Carnovale & Fr. Angelo

Bucciero +Joseph Lundy & Beatrice Lundy

+Joao Balugas +Perpetua & Manuel Barroso

+Manuel Borges & Antonio Pacheco +Emilia

Pacheco & Idelina Mones +Mary Matos +Joao

Oliveira & Liliana Marques +Victor Fernandes &

Parents +Zita Maria D'Ornelas +Evangilia

Silveira +Gilda Presta +Elizabeth Stephen

+Maduthlin Aralappu

SUNDAY, November 24, 8:00AM

*Special Intentions of the Macdonell Family

SUNDAY, November 24, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 24, 12:00PM +Terezinha Teixeira

SUNDAY, November 24, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

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.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday December 6, 2024 at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN

December 6 at 11:00am.

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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY MASS

Wednesday December 11, 2024

SAVE THE DATE

REFLECTION

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." *Mark 13:24-25*

The "tribulation" of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this "final trial" happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus' prophecy and the *Catechism's* teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words. With that said, this final trial and "mystery of iniquity" does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus' words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must "know that he is near, at the gates." In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope. As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus' glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial so as to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ's sufferings as a sacrifice of love.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus' prophecy that "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." As you do, know that these are words

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spoken not only to the Church as a whole, but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every “darkening of the sun” or any way that you feel “shaken” are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return.

My Catholic Life! 2024

Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord!



ADVENT

Reconciliation

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10, 2024,
6:00pm-9:00pm

“Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me” Psalm 51:10

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE- Lets start early!

Advent will soon be here. 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 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!

OFFERTORY BOXES REMINDER

2025 Offertory boxes coming soon! 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.
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ShareLife

Through your unwavering commitment to ShareLife, people struggling with addiction are able to find new beginnings. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate. Please help us reach our goal!

LENTEN PRAYER CARDS

Lenten prayer cards will be available on December 1 in the foyer, bulletin board. Leave a card with your intentions and take a card to pray for someone else’s intention. Join our community in prayer for one another this Lenten season.




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**

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 REGISTRATION IS 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**® 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 29– Mayday**



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!
Next Lifeteen Night is: November 22 – One for All

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