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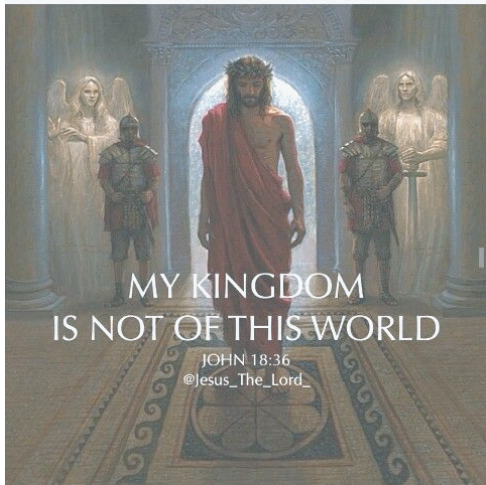
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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
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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 25, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Cipponeri *Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

TUESDAY, November 26, 9:00AM +Giacometti Brunati

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 7:00PM

+Jose Conceicao & Virgilio Conceicao

THURSDAY, November 28, 9:00AM

+All Deceased Palermo & Gambacorta Family Members

FRIDAY, November 29, 7:00PM

+Jose Marques & Maria Celeste Joaquina

SATURDAY, November 30, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 30, 5:00PM

+Manuel da Silva +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro

+Francesco & Maria Cardile + Cidalia Rodrigues

& Veneancio Silva +Joao Balugas +Richard

Lourenco & Michael Scott +Mary Matos +Peter

Dyke Sr. +Angelo & Danny Canestraro *Special

Intention for Ernie Dobney *Special Intention for Mary Toich

SUNDAY, December 1, 8:00AM

+Antonio Martins & Fernando Martins

SUNDAY, December 1, 10:00AM +Fernando Couto

SUNDAY, December 1, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 1, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo



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 Requiem Mass will be held at the church on December 6, at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY VIGIL MASS

Wednesday December 11, 2024, at 9:00pm

Join us in celebrating the feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe in prayer and traditional song! Commencing with a Rosary Procession at 8:00pm, 9:00pm Vigil Mass, attending will be Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau, 10:00pm Serenade to our Lady sung by Las Mananitas Mariachi, followed by a social with our bishop and all the faithful of our parish. All are Welcome!

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. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years.** We would be happy to provide you with another box number if necessary. If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database.

REFLECTION

John 18:36 Today, on the final Sunday of our Church year, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday begins Advent. On this day we profess the profound truth that our Lord is King! He is the King of all things. He is King of the Universe. And He is King of Heaven and all spiritual realities. However, in the Gospel passage quoted above, Jesus responds to Pilate who was questioning Him about whether or not He was the King of the Jews. Jesus is clear that He is a King, but that His Kingdom does not belong to this world. So where is His Kingdom?

We can look at Jesus' statement from two points of view. First of all, if Jesus would have claimed that He were an earthly king, one with civil authority, then Pilate would have judged Him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. This would be unlawful and would be punishable by death. In that case, Jesus could have been found legally guilty of violating civil law.

But Jesus was purely innocent. He was morally perfect in every way, and that included His obedience to all legitimate civil law. But Jesus was a King. He was The King of all Kings! Therefore, so as to exercise His Kingship, He declared that His Kingdom was not of this world. In other words, it was not a Kingdom that was in competition with the Roman authorities or any other civil authority. To that, Pilate did not know how to respond.

Today and always, God desires that His glorious Kingdom reign in every way. God begins by reigning in our souls. He invites us to invite Him to enter in and take control of our lives. He desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, His Kingdom is firmly established within us.

It also needs to be pointed out that Jesus wants His Kingdom to grow. First, it must grow in the minds and wills of all people. But from there, He wants every person to then work to conform every part of our society to the governance of Him as King. This means that as the hearts of civil leaders are converted, they will be called to enact laws that fully support and build up God's Kingdom on earth. It means that business leaders, as they convert, are called to govern their businesses in accord with the will of God so that their businesses contribute to the establishment of God's Kingdom here and now. It means that as the leaders of our schools, sports programs, social programs and the like all invite Jesus to reign in their hearts as King, The King of the Universe will then guide them to conform all of their endeavors to His will and to the continued upbuilding of His Kingdom.

Reflect, today, upon your duty to help bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now. Start by seeing your duty to allow God's Kingdom to grow within you and your family. From there, be open to the many ways that God wants to use you to help others do the same. Jesus is King, and He desires to reign everywhere. Cooperate with Him, and His Kingdom will indeed come. *My Catholic Life 2024*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe |
November 24, 2024

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Tuesday December 24, 2024

5:00pm English, 7:00pm-Spanish
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Wednesday December 25, 2024

10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon

Holy Family – Sunday December 29, 2024

8:00am, 10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon, 2:00pm

Vigil-Mary Mother of God – Tuesday December 31, 2024,

5:00pm-Spanish, 7:00pm-English

Mary Mother of God -Wednesday January 1, 2025

10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon

Please note: There will be No Mass on Thursday December 26, 2024, and Thursday January 2 and the office will be closed on December 25, 26, 31, January 1, and 2, 2025.

Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord !



ADVENT

Reconciliation

**TUESDAY 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*

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We invite all parishioners to bring a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia memorial garden for the altar. **Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on Saturday December 21st until Monday December 23rd in the Narthex of the Church.** Labels will be available to you to write the name(s) of your loved ones. Please affix the label to your poinsettia. They will later be placed at the altar for our Christmas celebration.



CHURCH DECORATING INVITATION

We will be decorating our Church for Christmas on Saturday December 21 after the 9:00am Mass and do the poinsettias on Monday December 23 after the 7:00pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to come in fellowship and help out.

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.

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Advent is upon us. 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 season!

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



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Next Edge Night is: November 29 – Mayday



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: December 6 – Play by the Rules

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