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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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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, December 2, 7:00PM +Maria Dolores Vigario +Adele & Tony Caruso +Venancio Borges +Maria Jose Pereira

TUESDAY, December 3, 9:00AM +Samantha Diogo

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 7:00PM

+Romanko Sakac

THURSDAY, December 5, 9:00AM +Tecla Tarantino

FRIDAY, December 6, 7:00PM +Marian Yanek

SATURDAY, December 7, 9:00AM - First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, December 7, 5:00PM +Antonio

Carneiro & Antonio Cardoso +Maria & Eugenio

Arruda +Manuel da Silva +Sidonio Marques &

Augusto Marques +Carlos Pais +Vincenza &

Candido Longo +Joao Balugas +Tony Cericola

+Maria Conchetta & Amadeo Cericola +Odile

Scott +Mary Matos *Special Intention for

Timothy Tran*Special Intention for Ernie

Dobney

SUNDAY, December 8, 8:00AM+Maria de Jesus Carreiro

SUNDAY, December 8, 10:00AM +Joao Perna

SUNDAY, December 8, 12:00PM

+Manuel da Silva & John da Silva

SUNDAY, December 8, 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

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

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

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation –

Resource: Catechism of the Catholic Church (pg401)

1440 Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. ... 1442 Christ has willed that in her prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry which he charged with the "ministry of reconciliation."

REFLECTION

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36

"That day." These two words are spoken twice in the passage above. To which day is our Lord referring? Clearly, He is referring primarily to the day of our final judgment and is warning us to make sure we are prepared for it in case it were to come at an unexpected moment. So how do we prepare?

Animals have the natural gift of instinct. They know how to survive, how to reproduce, how to gather food and how to avoid danger. They know this because God has implanted this knowledge within them. By this natural gift of instinct, they know what to do and what to avoid.

We, as humans, also have basic natural instincts. But our natural instincts are only sufficient to help us accomplish that which the animals accomplish. Therefore, if we are to gain an even greater knowledge and are to know how to properly prepare ourselves spiritually for the sudden and unexpected coming of Christ, then we need more.

The way we most properly prepare is through a special grace by which God reveals Himself and His will to our human reason. When that happens, we will know the best way to be fully prepared for "that day" the moment it comes. Perhaps one of the best ways to describe this ability is by describing it as a "supernatural instinct." When our natural instincts become open to grace, and when the information on which we base our daily decisions in life comes to us by an ongoing and personal revelation from God through the infused gift of faith, then we will find that we simply know what to do and what to avoid. By analogy, just as a bird knows to fly south for the winter or a salmon knows to return to its place of birth to lay its eggs, so we will "know" within our spirit how to best serve the will of God and, thus, be most fully prepared for His imminent return.

"Supernatural instinct" is nothing other than us allowing the grace of God to enter our lives so as to take control of everything we do and to lead us into the fulfillment of the perfect and glorious will of God. When that happens, we can be certain that we are perpetually prepared for all that comes and will never be caught by surprise like a trap.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are daily led by the knowledge of God's will alive within you as a supernatural instinct. If this language seems foreign to you, then perhaps it is a time to ponder the question "Why?" Why aren't you led by God's grace through an ongoing gift of supernatural knowledge of His will? And if this language does resonate within you, then spend time pondering this gift and being grateful for the way that God has truly taken over your day-to-day life. *My Catholic Life 2024*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Sunday of Advent | December 1, 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.

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.

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Continued) The Effects of this Sacrament (pg409)

1468 The whole power of the Sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God’s grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship. For those who receive the sacrament with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation “is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation....1470 the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgement of God anticipates in a certain way the judgment to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life. For it is now, in this life, that we are offered the choice between life and death, In converting to Christ through penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life and “does not come into judgement.” (pg 410)

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

PLEASE HELP! Drop off your goods in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA – 9 DAY NIGHT MASS

*A Filipino and Spanish Christmas Tradition:
Simbang Gabi /Misa de Aguinaldo*

This custom began as a way of accompanying Mary symbolically in prayer through the nine months of her pregnancy in anticipation of the coming of Our Lord. We invite all the faithful to celebrate this “Promise of Salvation” to attend this nine-day English Novena Mass starting on December 15 at the 7:00pm Mass, through to December 23 in our Parish. Experience the Joy with a peaceful spirit as we await the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. All are welcome! “Advent is the anticipation of the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ the Light that will lead us out of darkness.”

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 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!

HOLY TRINITY HOLIDAY MARKET December 7 & 8 at Holy Martyrs of Japan

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2025 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW CLOSED!

Thank you to all who registered to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2025. Registration is now closed, and we are now able to move forward with the next stage of our planning process; sacramental preparation, and the recruiting of the volunteers required to assist with the number of children registered. For all those who have not registered for the 2025 sacramental season, we look forward to celebrating these sacraments with you next year. Be sure to visit our website and online bulletin for future communications regarding sacramental registration for next year.

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: December 13 – Emergency Exit – Life Raft**



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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