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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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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 9, 7:00PM

+Silvio Gentile +Maria Jose Pereira +Margaret Roberts

+All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, December 10, 9:00AM

+Angela Lee & Agnes Hwang

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 7:00PM

+Deolinda Oliveira

THURSDAY, December 12, 9:00AM

*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

FRIDAY, December 13, 7:00PM

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Vita & Stephanie Nalli

SATURDAY, December 14, 9:00AM *ProPoulo

SATURDAY, December 14, 5:00PM

+Joao Veloso +Lino & Walter Andrade +Manuel

Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Manuel da Silva

+Vita & Stephanie Nalli +Benedito DaSilva &

Albina Barbosa +Maria Paletta & Teodoro

Paletta +Euclides Pinho +Carlos & Maria

Medeiros +Daniel Viveiros +Maria Esperanca

Espinola +Joao Balugas +Mary Matos *Special

Intention for Mary Toich *Special Intention for

Deacon David Langley

SUNDAY, December 15, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 15, 10:00AM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGirolamo

SUNDAY, December 15, 12:00PM +Giovanni Gutta

SUNDAY, December 15, 2:00PM

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo



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 Punishment of Sin- The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (pg 411) States: 1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a *double consequence*. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain. 1473 The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials

REFLECTION

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:5-6

These, the words of the prophet Isaiah, were spoken about the mission of Saint John the Baptist. John was to "Prepare the way of the Lord" and to "make straight his paths." In prophesying this, Isaiah goes on to give this very descriptive image of John's ministry. It would be one that levels mountains and valleys, straightens every winding road, and smooths out the rough terrain. In other words, John came to remove every obstacle to God, making it easy to encounter the Messiah.

How does John complete this mission? By calling the people of that time to the dry and empty desert where all the false allurements cease to exist. This is done by detachment from the many sins and temptations they faced. Their repentance was an act by which the people humbled themselves before God, admitted their sins and acknowledged their need for a Savior. This humble admission, coupled with the commitment to change their ways, prepared heart after heart for the grace and mercy that came through Christ the Lord. Today, there are countless obstacles to grace that so many people encounter. Some have been drawn into the satisfactions of earthly riches and material comforts and find little need for God. Others have very little that this world can offer but are consumed with a desire for money and the passing comforts it promises. And still others are drawn into many other forms of sins and false satisfactions. But there are some who are like a dry and deserted desert, just waiting to soak up the gentle rain of God's grace. These are those who have sought to detach themselves from the false promises of this world and remain "empty" and "dry" so as to be prepared for the abundance of grace when it comes. These holy souls have heeded the call to repentance and have humbly acknowledged their need for the Savior. Reflect, today, upon whether or not your soul is like that dry and barren desert, detached from all the false and passing satisfactions of this world, and prepared to soak up the mercy and grace of God alone. Repentance brings forth detachment, and detachment prepares the soul for God. When one is truly detached and free from the many obstacles to God, then the road from God to your soul will be straight and easily traveled. Reflect upon your soul today and where you see unhealthy attachments. Repent with all your heart so that you are among those most fully ready for an abundance of the grace and mercy of God.

My Catholic Life 2024

The Punishment of Sin (Continued)

of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and put on the "new man".

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

Rosary will begin 45 minutes before Christmas Masses followed by singing of carols

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.

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.

OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

2025 Offertory Boxes Coming Soon! 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 for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** 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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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!

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

During this season of Advent, 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 neighbor. Help 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 donations in the crate at the entrance of our church. Thank you for your generosity!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VIGIL MASS

Wednesday December 11, 2024, at 9:00pm

Commencing with a Rosary Procession at 8:00pm, 9:00pm Vigil Mass, with 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!

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



Next Edge Night:

December 13 – Emergency Exit – Life Raft



Next Lifeteen Night is: December 20 – Christmas Party

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