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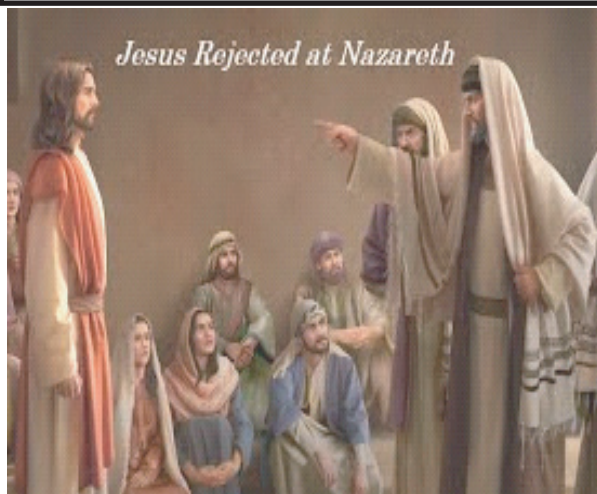
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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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, January 27, 7:00PM

+Antonio Mirassol & Family

TUESDAY, January 28, 9:00AM

+Manuel Cruz Conceicao & Maria Santos Rosete

WEDNESDAY, January 29, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for Gary & Stephanie Marston

THURSDAY, January 30, 9:00AM

+Alzira Neto & Celeste Dinis

FRIDAY, January 31, 7:00PM

+Maria De Jesus Morais & Guilhermina De Jesus

+Rosa Fischetti

SATURDAY, February 1, 9:00AM- First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, February 1, 5:00PM

+Manuel Da Silva +Maria & Eugenio Arruda

+Perpetua & Manuel Barroso +Cidalia Rodrigues

& Venancio Silva +Frank Cota +Maria Pereira

+Donald Fernandez +Antonio Viegas *Special

Intention for Alan & Jocelyn Bensley

SUNDAY, February 2, 8:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 2, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 2, 12:00pm

+Maria Dolores Vigarrio +Gary Moran

SUNDAY, February 2, 2:00pm

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday February 7, 2025

at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass



“I THIRST”

“It is there in His Eucharist that He says to me: “I thirst, thirst for your love, your sacrifices, your sufferings. I thirst for your happiness, for it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left you the Eucharist. So you have there all My life, all My tenderness.” – *Mother Mary of Jesus, foundress of the Sisters of Marie Reparatrice*

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN Requiem Mass will be held at the church on the Friday February 7, 2025, at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

REFLECTION

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. [Luke 4:14-15](#)

This Gospel passage reveals to us the very beginnings of Jesus’ public ministry. He began His public ministry immediately after spending forty days in the desert being tempted by the devil. As He began, He went to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit.” Many people heard about Him and welcomed Him with much enthusiasm.

Though Jesus was initially welcomed with praise, we know that things quickly changed. Some eventually became so hostile that they put Jesus to death, but it’s useful to ponder the initial response He received. This initial response is one that must become continuously new in our lives. The initial response was that He “was praised by all.”

Jesus would later teach about this initial experience many would have toward the Gospel when He taught the Parable of the Sower. Recall that the seed that was sown on rocky ground, that fell among thorns, and that was sown in good soil all began to grow. Only that which was sown on the path failed to grow, because the birds came and ate it up.

This latter case describes those who are completely indifferent to the Gospel. But in today’s Gospel, the “all” are those who at least paid attention and initially responded with enthusiasm. The seed began to grow in these three scenarios—but, of course, in only one of those cases did the seed ultimately bear good fruit.

Another way to look at this initial encounter with the Gospel is to consider a child. In almost every case, when a child is presented with the Gospel, they will begin to respond and even find excitement in the faith. But, as many parents have seen, this initial welcome is sometimes followed by a rejection of the Gospel later in life.

When did you initially encounter the Gospel? For some it was during childhood. For others, there was a powerful experience of conversion later in life. Think of that initial encounter you had and the ways that you were excited by your newfound faith. Has that experience continued and grown in your life? Or has your initial praise of God and enthusiasm dwindled or even died?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants us to continuously experience the Gospel as something new and transforming. The newness of the life of grace must never wear off. Ponder this experience in your life and try to see yourself as one of the people in today’s Gospel who heard Jesus for the first time. Ponder their enthusiasm and join in their praise of our Lord so that you will be motivated to let God and the preaching of His holy Word continuously transform you. *My Catholic Life! 2024*

Glorious Word of God, You have come to set us free by revealing to us Your love and mercy and by bestowing that grace upon us. Please open my mind and heart to Your holy Word so that I will be driven by a holy love to serve and follow You all the days of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 26, 2025

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise there will be the Blessing of the Throats on Monday February 3, 2025, after the 7:00pm Mass.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY- February 9, 2025, At 2:30PM -St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

Registration is open and can be accessed online. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage January 31, 2025, is the last day to register. Reserved seating is limited so please register early. All other seating is on a first come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream. The broadcast will begin at 2:15pm.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - ANNOINTING MASS World Day of the Sick Tuesday February 11, 2025, 9:00am and 7:00pm Mass

FAMILY DAY – MONDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2025 FAMILY, they are God's gift to you as you are to them.

"Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy we need for every family to have joy." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa was intimately aware of poverty – living it and serving the poor. Yet she identified poverty of spirit as one of the greatest ills in society. Her advice to families was to pay attention to one another and notice needs beyond the physical. It is at home that we learn what God is like and what we are worth. When we notice the needs of our family members, we show them that they are beautifully made, worthy of love, and desired by us and by God.

"Prayer is needed for children and in families. Love begins at home and that is why it is important to pray together. If you pray together, you will stay together and love each other as God loves each one of you." – St Teresa of Calcutta

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VOCATIONS

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 email:

vocations@archtoronto.org

2025 OFFERTORY BOXES

2025 Offertory Boxes will be available for pick up once again in the front foyer! If you do not find your box, please contact the parish office. *Please be sure to use 2025 offertory envelopes ONLY when making donations.*
NOTE TO ALL USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: We kindly ask that you please complete the full name and address on each envelope for every offering, to ensure proper allocation of funds for tax purposes. If you are new to our parish community, and would like to register with our parish, or 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.

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!

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!!

Thank you to all who have registered to receive the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for the spring of 2025. As of November 30, 2024, the registration process for the Sacraments is now closed and we are able to move into the next stages of the planning process based on our number of registrations. 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 communication regarding the registration process 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: February 7 – New Message

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: February 1 – Teen Dance
RSVP to Ray by January 24, 2025.**

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