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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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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, February 10, 7:00PM +Marian Yanek

TUESDAY, February 11, 9:00AM & 7:00PM

*Special Intention for all the sick and those in need of healing

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 7:00PM

+Margaret Dudo & Marianne Keliar

THURSDAY, February 13, 9:00AM

+All Deceased Borges & Da Silva Family Members

+Maria Esperanca Espinola

FRIDAY, February 14, 7:00PM +Maria Dolores Vigario

+Lucy Dantas

SATURDAY, February 15, 9:00AM +Francesco Ignoto

SATURDAY, February 15, 5:00PM +Salvatore Vena &

Vincenzo DeGirolamo +Amelia Oliveira Domingues

+Manuel DaSilva +Lowrance Alexander +Joao Veloso

+Catarina & Michele Puma +Isaura Lorencio +Bob Podger

+Anton Zic +Antonio Gallo +Joao Balugas Maria Albina &

Natividade Miranda *Special Intention for Gary &

Stephanie Marston *Special Intention for Joel & Fani

Yaokokore

SUNDAY, February 16, 8:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 16, 10:00AM +Angelo Tarantino

+Lino Enzo Callicchia

SUNDAY, February 16, 12:00pm +Isabel Camacho &

Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Maria Teresa Lontini

SUNDAY, February 16, 2:00pm

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Holy Hour will be held on the First Friday of the month at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

FAMILY DAY – MONDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Please note the parish office will be closed, and Mass will be at 9:00am.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - ANNOINTING MASS

World Day of the Sick Tuesday February 11, 2025, 9:00am and 7:00pm Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Will host a parish breakfast on Sunday February 16, 2024, after the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses. We will also be serving a meal after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass on the 15th for those who can't make it to breakfast on Sunday. The cost is a voluntary donation to help support programs that support our parish and community. Please come support your Knights!

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP STUDY COMING SOON!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT SMCD SB

Is your child turning 4 in 2025? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten! Visit the website at smcdsb.on.ca for more information on registration.

REFLECTION

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. [Luke 5:4-6](#)

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter's mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter's entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today's Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men. There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite Him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is that of putting out "into deep water." It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they "caught a great number of fish" symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter's apostolic ministry. And the fact that the "nets were tearing" points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ. Though the symbolic aspects of this Gospel passage are worth much prayerful pondering, there is another line within the Gospel that might speak to you just as powerfully. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fact that he relates this to Jesus suggests that he was tired and perhaps even discouraged. Any fisherman could relate to this. But the important lesson Peter teaches us is that he does not give in to that discouragement. And the reason he doesn't give in to discouragement is because it was Jesus Who commanded him to lower the nets.

In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.

Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that "deep water" to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, "Master...at your command I will lower the nets." Say "Yes" to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit. *My Catholic Life! 2024*

MARRIAGE SUNDAY- February 8/9, 2025 HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN PARISH



“Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of matrimony, God is, at it were, “mirrored” in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us.” *From Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia Blessings and best wishes to all married couples, those journeying to be married, and to those who have experienced the pain of a broken relationship or the loss of a spouse. Each day that you say “Yes”, you affirm the vows made on your wedding day.*

It is not easy, a path. A good marriage requires patience, trust, forgiveness, and mutual support. At any stage, ensure that prayer be at the center of the relationship ever mindful of God’s role in the sacramental bond that accompanies your life-long commitment. May we find the inspiration in the life and personal sacrifice of our loving Mother Mary and her spouse Joseph, and also those married couples you encounter each day; parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are faithful witnesses celebrating their relationships and authentic love for one another. May your love and shining example extend to your families and all those you meet, reminding us of the profound impact your deeply committed relationship can have on others. May God continue to bless you.

OUR BEAUTIFUL YOUNG PEOPLE YOU ARE THE HOPE OF OUR WORLD!

BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI TO BE CANNONIZED A SAINT at the Youth Jubilee from July 28 - August 3, 2025

Pope Francis announced in November of 2024 that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness were to be canonized saints in 2025 during 2 major jubilee celebrations dedicated to young people.

Pier Giorgio was a handsome physically fit young man, from the northern Italian city of Turin was an avid mountaineer and Third Order Dominican known for his charitable outreach. Born on Holy Saturday, April 6, 1901, Frassati was the son of the founder and director of the Italian newspaper La Stampa. Although well off, he chose to live a humble life.

At the age of 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to taking care of the poor, the homeless, and the sick as well as demobilized servicemen returning from World War I. Frassati was also involved in the Apostleship of Prayer and Catholic Action. He obtained permission to receive daily Communion. On a photograph of what would be his last climb, Frassati wrote the phrase “Verso L’Alto,” which means “to the heights.” This phrase has become a motto for Catholics inspired by Frassati to strive for the summit of eternal life

with Christ. Frassati died of polio on July 4, 1925. His doctors later speculated that the young man had caught polio while serving the sick.

John Paul II, who beatified Frassati in 1990, called him a “man of the eight beatitudes,” describing him as “entirely immersed in the mystery of God and totally dedicated to the constant service of his neighbor.” Courtney Mares © 2025 CNA

He is an example of true manhood. With gender confusion, sexual promiscuity and pornography addiction running rampant and assailing the hearts and minds of young people, Pier Giorgio models how to live a virtuous, chaste and courageous life. He was an extraordinary athlete, described by a contemporary as “healthy, strong, and tanned with eyes as clear as pure water.” When he discerned that pursuing a relationship with a young woman whom he highly esteemed would lead to familial strife with his parents, he relinquished that love in cooperation with God’s holy will. “True happiness, young people, does not consist in the pleasures of the world and in earthly things,” he said in a speech to Catholic youth, “but in peace of conscience, which we can have only if we are pure in heart and in mind.”

He is the personification of true friendship. Pier Giorgio was an influencer long before social media popularized the concept. He was an instigator, a practical joker, joyful, and a natural leader. He held his friends accountable when they were losing their way. He did not seek out the approval of others and therefore earned the respect of everyone around him.

He is the quintessential guide to heaven. As a young adult, Pier Giorgio contemplated the life that is to come. He knew how to be detached from earthly things; he mastered the balancing act of living in this world but not being of it. He said the day of his death would be the happiest day of his life, and he prepared for it. At 22 years old, he wrote to a friend: “Since one does not know when Death will come to take him away, it is very prudent to prepare oneself every day as if one is going to die that same day; and so from now on I will try to make every day a little preparation for death, so that I shouldn’t find myself unprepared at the point of death and have to regret the beautiful years of youth, wasted from the spiritual side.” Future St. Frassati, Pray for us!

Christine M. Wohar [Features](#) May 7, 2024 – NCR

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 21 – Reply

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 14 – Go Figure

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