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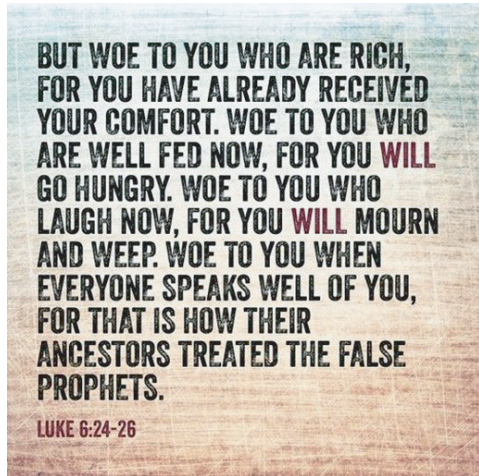
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Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

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

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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 17, 9:00AM – Family Day
+Romanko Sakac + George Kenny +Tom Lebar +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo *Special Intention for Domingues Grandchildren
TUESDAY, February 18, 9:00AM +Abilio Soares & Gasparina Soares
WEDNESDAY, February 19, 7:00PM +Maurizio Rapisardi & Antonio Rapisardi
THURSDAY, February 20, 9:00AM+All Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, February 21, 7:00PM +Erica & Milan Zrubak *Special Intention for Father Edwin Logrono
SATURDAY, February 22, 9:00AM *ProPopulo
SATURDAY, February 22, 5:00PM +Manuel Da Silva +Anthony McEvenue & Johanna McEvenue +Arlindo Araujo +Antonio & Ludovina Capela +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Fatima Faria +Emma Correa & Jose Estrela +Terezinha Teixeira +Frank Cota +Carmine Furguele & Noah D'Alleva +Herman Avelar +William Demarco +Rudolf Sutora & Stefan Hrin +Milan Brat +Bruno Serato +Stan Kaczorowski & Julia Adamczyk +Maria Dos Anjos & Rosa Miranda
SUNDAY, February 23, 8:00PM +Marcelino Prosper & Parents +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro
SUNDAY, February 23, 10:00AM *ProPopulo
SUNDAY, February 23, 12:00pm +Deolinda Oliveira +Romanko Sakac
SUNDAY, February 23, 2:00pm
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on the first Friday of the month 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 the first Friday of the month at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office

FAMILY DAY – MONDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2025 PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support.

Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other.

Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example.

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Wishing you all a blessed Family Day long weekend!
Please note the parish office will be closed, and Mass will be at 9:00am.

REFLECTION

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.” [Luke 6:24–26](#)

[Luke 6:20–49](#) offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew’s Gospel. Luke’s version of this sermon takes place on a plain, “a stretch of level ground.” The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke’s teaching on the Beatitudes adds the “woe to you’s” quoted above, which are not found in Matthew’s version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke’s version of the “woes” are meant for those who are “uninstructed hearers” because they “must first be brought by terrors to good works.” He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the “blessings,” are meant for the “perfect” because they “need but be invited by rewards” rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives.

When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope. When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.

In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus’ clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven. *My Catholic Life! 2024*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 16, 2025

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

On behalf of the entire parish, I wish to extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering generosity and support. Your donations, both financial and in time, have made a significant difference in our parish community. Through your kindness, we continue to grow in faith and service, bringing comfort and hope to many.

It is through your sacrifices that we are able to sustain our ministries, reach out to those in need, and create a welcoming environment for all. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and compassionate community, and we give thanks for each and every one of you. May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly, and may His love guide you always. We look forward to continuing this journey together, united in faith, hope, and charity.

Tax Receipts should be received within the third or fourth week of March from the Archdiocese of Toronto. With our most sincere and humble thanks for your continued support and generosity.



SHROVE TUESDAY Tuesday March 4, 2025

On the Evening of March 4th, the Knights of Columbus will once again provide a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner for our parish. There is no fixed price—we ask for donations that will support our charitable works within the parish and our community. *More details to follow.*



ASH WEDNESDAY THE BEGINNING OF LENT March 5, 2025

There will be two Masses celebrated this day with the distribution of ashes. One at 12 noon and one at 7:00pm

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat

March 14, to March 16, 2025

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for Single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 14, (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 16, (2 p.m.) This retreat offers a way for men to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ and helping to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

SACRAMENTS

A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. May Jesus come to bless you and your families as you prepare to receive the sacraments. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate. Please help us reach our goal!

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

"Hope does not disappoint"- Romans 5:5

All are welcome and invited to join in an evening of fellowship on Tuesday February 25 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The Faith and Fellowship presentation will focus on the Jubilee year of Hope. *Next Study's to follow.*

"Isaiah 40:31: 'Those who hope in the Lord will be strengthened and will be able to run and walk without growing weary'"

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 28 – Playing it Safe

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