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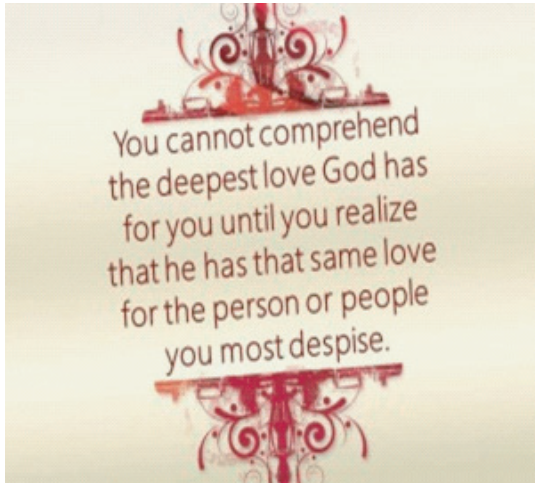
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Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

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.

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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 24, 7:00PM *ProPopulo
TUESDAY, February 25, 9:00AM *ProPopulo
WEDNESDAY, February 26, 7:00PM
+Antonio Mirassol & Family
THURSDAY, February 27, 9:00AM *ProPopulo
FRIDAY, February 28, 7:00PM *ProPopulo
SATURDAY, March 1, 9:00AM - First Saturday
+All Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY, March 1, 5:00PM
+Manuel da Silva +Maria Dolores Vigario
+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Antoinette Scott
+Antonio Viegas +Eugeniusz Adamczyk +Odette
Marques +Maria & Manuel Marques +For All
Deceased Marques & Gomes Family Members
+Eduardo & Irma Lancha +Joao Balugas
SUNDAY, March 2, 8:00PM +Jose Cardoso & All
Deceased Family Members
SUNDAY, March 2, 10:00AM +Lucia & Lorenzo Cetrulo
+Antonio Janeiro
SUNDAY, March 2, 12:00pm*ProPopulo
SUNDAY, March 2, 2:00pm*ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION



Holy hour will be on Friday March 7, 2025, at 6:00pm to 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS

OF JAPAN Requiem Mass will be held at the church on the first Friday March 7, 2025, at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days. Why 40 days? The “40 days” (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penance before Easter reflects Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

- 1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God.** Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God’s will. Lent is a time of conversion.
- 2. Open our hearts to our Father,** so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer and living signs of his love for all. Let us all answer the call.

REFLECTION

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” [Luke 6:35–36](#)

It is certainly difficult to be “kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” But doing so is exactly what our Lord commanded us to do. And His command is not a command in the sense of being a burden. On the contrary, it’s a command that frees us from the ingratitude and wickedness we encounter. Oftentimes, when we encounter ingratitude from another, or any other form of wickedness, we tend to react in kind. Our fallen human nature lures us into cruelty when faced with cruelty. We criticize, condemn, attack and get angry. But Jesus is very clear that this is not how the “Most High” acts toward the wicked. And it is not how He acts toward us. In the end, the wicked who fail to repent will endure the consequences of their rejection of God’s mercy. But until that final judgment, hope of conversion must always be present. And for that reason, we must never give up on another, no matter how difficult. Kindness shown to everyone, in every circumstance, goes to the heart of the mission we have received as children of God.

Think about the person in your life who seems unworthy of your kindness and generosity. Why are they undeserving? Are they truly undeserving? The truth, according to our Lord’s teaching, is that these are not questions we should even ask ourselves. Instead, we must fully commit ourselves to loving everyone who appears to be our enemy, and do good to them and to everyone whom we encounter. Though this is difficult, it won’t be if we understand the goodness that God has shown to us.

God has shown us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything back, but simply because He has willed to love us. If we want to be children of God the Most High, then we must reciprocate the love given to us. That’s the nature of God’s love. It cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also allowing it to pour forth from our lives. When we understand this, we will understand the reason Jesus instructed us to be “kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” It is simply because this is how God has treated us.

Reflect, today, upon the unlimited love God has for you. It is beyond what you could ever comprehend. Reflect, also, upon the great benefit there is in opening yourself to God’s perfect love, kindness, generosity and mercy. The benefit is that you are able to be filled with that which you receive. And as you receive this love of God, it necessarily overflows into the lives of everyone you encounter, the good and the wicked. Everyone must always be offered this love. Do not hesitate, for God does not hesitate with you.

My Catholic Life! 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 23, 2025

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

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.

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. With our most sincere and humble thanks for your continued support and generosity.

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.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday March 4, 2025

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday from 5pm -7pm in the parish hall. There is no fixed price-we ask for donations that will support our charitable works within the parish and our community.

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

PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS MARCH 18, 2025

From 6:00pm to 8:00pm

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us every Friday during the season of Lent, starting Friday March 7, after the 7:00pm Mass for the Stations of the Cross.

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'"

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS BREAKFAST

Thank you to all our parishioners who took the time to support our dinner after Saturday evening Mass and our breakfast after the Sunday morning Masses despite the snow there was a great sense of community in our parish hall.

Thank You Holy Martyrs!

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

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: March 7 – First or Last

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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