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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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### MINISTERS

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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, March 17, 7:00PM** +Virginia Correia  
**TUESDAY, March 18, 9:00AM** +Abilio Soares & Carlos Soares +Maria Helena Oliveira  
**WEDNESDAY, March 19, 7:00PM**  
\*Special Intentions for Carolina Santana  
\*Special Intentions for Giuseppe Mongillo  
**THURSDAY, March 20, 9:00AM** +Lucia Margarido Direito +All Souls in Purgatory  
**FRIDAY, March 21, 7:00PM** +Maurizio Rapisardi +Antonio Soares  
**SATURDAY, March 22, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo  
**SATURDAY, March 22, 5:00PM** +Manuel da Silva +Diana Rogers +Stan & Mary Chafe +Maria & Dan Kostov +Arlindo Araujo +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Dennis Faria +Eduino Cabral & Fernando Paulino +Terezinha Teixeira +Frank Cota +Herman Avelar +William Demarco +Rudolf Sutora & Stefan Hrin +Anna & Stefan Brat +Joao Balugas +Carol Gonsalves +Alfonso Lameirinhas  
**SUNDAY, March 23, 8:00PM** +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro  
**SUNDAY, March 23, 10:00AM**+Jesiliya Addaikala Muthu +Jose Manuel Barbosa  
**SUNDAY, March 23, 12:00pm** \*ProPopulo  
**SUNDAY, March 23, 2:00pm**\*ProPopulo  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on the First Friday of the Month at 6:00pm to 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm during Lent.

### NOTE: DATE CHANGE TO REQUIEM MASS

**SCHEDULE** Starting the month of April, the Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month. at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### VOCATIONS

“In the Lord your labour is not in vain”. Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God’s call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### 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.**

## REFLECTION

*Luke 9:32–33* As we are presented with this glorious event of the Transfiguration this Sunday, there are numerous lessons we can learn from it. The passage above presents us with two particular lessons.

First, Peter and his companions were overcome by sleep while Jesus was transfigured in glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah. This line could suggest many things. It could mean that Peter was weak and more concerned with his human condition than he was with attentiveness to the important journey he was invited to take with our Lord. It could reveal a kind of spiritual sloth. It is easy in life to become weary of the journey and to become drowsy at the times that we should be most attentive to our Lord. For example, think about any time when you knew you should pray but instead, sat daydreaming or distracted, or chose to fill that time with something mindless. Peter and his companions, therefore, teach us that it is easy for us in our fallen human nature to “doze off” during those times when God wants to speak to us, especially while at Mass.

Another interpretation of this line comes from the Church Father, Saint Ambrose. He suggests that this sleep of Peter and his two companions was primarily a result of them encountering “the incomprehensible brightness of the Divine nature.” As Jesus was transfigured, the initial vision was too much for them to comprehend, and so this vision began with them asleep as a symbol of the fact that we are all incapable of seeing the glory of God in our weakened state. But then they became “fully awake,” which implies that it took time for them to open their eyes to see the glory of God. This lesson teaches us that we all must wake up and work to become fully awake if we are to see the glory of God as He reveals Himself to us.

After becoming fully awake and encountering the incomprehensible brightness of the divine nature, Peter says, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” The Gospel writer then goes on to say that Peter “did not know what he was saying.” Again, if we turn to Saint Ambrose, he points out that Peter’s experience is commendable because he not only had earnest feelings but also took initiative. Peter “did not know what he was saying” because he did not, at that time, realize that it was indeed his mission to build a dwelling place for Jesus, the Law and the Prophets. It was his mission to build the Church, which was to be the future dwelling place of God on earth and the place in which we will encounter God throughout life.

You, too, are entrusted with the responsibility of building up the structure of the Church on earth so that many may encounter the full glory of God. This will only happen if you continually seek to become fully awakened to the glory of God as He reveals Himself to you and, in the joy of that encounter, go forth to build up God’s Church by your earnest desire and intentional acts of charity. Pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire you to follow in their footsteps. *My Catholic Life! 2025*



## LENTEN FAST and RECONCILIATION

- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen

The second Sunday of the Season Lent is upon us. Lent is a time of penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. As we continue to journey through Lent with our Lord, let us reflect on how we can change the things in our lives that get in the way of our relationship with God.

## 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*



Saturday, March 22nd, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for our SOUP NIGHT in the Parish Hall. Come and warm up with some fresh homemade soup with a bun, coffee, tea, water and cookies. The cost is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for children under 10 years.

## DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference  
 Saturday March 22, 2025, 9:00am-4:00pm at the Old Mill Subway Station (includes lunch). To register go to: [dwf2025.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2025.eventbrite.ca)



## March 30 ShareLife Sunday Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## ST. JOSEPH – BLESSED SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - MARCH 19, 2025

We really don't know too much about Christ's foster father, but we do know a few things. Guardian and head of the Holy Family, Scripture tells us St Joseph was a just man (sf Matthew 1:19) and a carpenter (sf Matthew 13:55). Although St Joseph, himself, is not quoted in Scripture, he did speak a very important word. As St. John Paul II tells us: *"At the circumcision Joseph names the child 'Jesus.' This is the only name in which there is salvation (cf. Acts 4:12). Its significance had been revealed to Joseph at the moment of his 'annunciation': 'You shall call the child Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins' (cf. Mt 1:21). In conferring the name, Joseph declares his own legal fatherhood over Jesus, and in speaking the name he proclaims the child's mission as Savior"* (*Redemptoris Custos*, paragraph 12). Just like the Blessed Virgin Mary, he is a model of kindness, obedience, faith, humility, patience, service, selflessness, faithfulness, and a model of the contemplative, hidden, interior life, ever abandoned to the will of God, a very hidden collaborator in the work of the Redemption. Thus, St Joseph is the Patron of Unborn Children, Protector of Childhood, Protector of Spouses, Protector of the Family, Patron of Fathers, Patron of Immigrants and Workers, Patron of Employment, Patron of Carpenters and of Realtors, Protector of Virgins, Protector of Fugitives, Patron against Doubt and Hesitation, Protector of the Dying, Patron of a Happy Death, and Patron of Canada, Croatia, Korea, Vietnam, and many others. St. Joseph Pray for Us! – Liz Estler, March 19 2019 [SpiritualDirection.com](http://SpiritualDirection.com)

## 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 21 – Pinned Conversation**



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: March 28 – You are what you eat**

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