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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.

### PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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, April 7, 7:00PM** +All Deceased Pontes & Bastos Family Members +Carlos Pais +Joao Balugas & Joao Augusto Laranjeiro +Virginia Correia +Rika Hellings +Agnes Hwang & Angela Lee +Miguel & Maria Oliveira \*Special Intention for Roy Domingues \*Special Intention for Jennifer Castro

**TUESDAY, April 8, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva +Joao Perna

**WEDNESDAY, April 9, 7:00PM**+Manuel Marques & Maria Oliveira +Antonio Soares

**THURSDAY, April 10, 9:00AM** +Kyle Lee & Gary Lee +Luis & Maria Borges

**FRIDAY, April 11, 7:00PM** +Vincenzo Pellegrini +Manuel Marques & Maria De Oliveira

**SATURDAY, April 12, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, April 12, 5:00PM- Palm Sunday Vigil** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, April 13, 8:00PM – Palm Sunday** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, April 13, 10:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, April 13, 12:00pm** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, April 13, 2:00pm** \*ProPopulo

**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE MASS ON TUESDAY**

**APRIL 15, 2025, WILL BE AT 7:00PM**

**INSTEAD OF 9:00AM. THERE WILL BE**

**NO MASS ON MONDAY APRIL 21, 2025,**

**AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE**

**CLOSED.**

**THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED ON**

**APRIL 17, 18, 19 FOR THE TRIDUUM.**



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

### NOTE: CHANGE TO REQUIEM MASS SCHEDULE

Starting the month of April, the Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month, **APRIL 25, 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.

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT - APRIL 12, 2025, FROM 9:00AM – 3:00PM WITH Fr. Charles Nahm in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided; voluntary donations are welcome. Please contact the parish office to register**

**EASTER DECORATING – Help wanted! Please come and help decorate our parish for our Easter Celebrations after the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. All are welcome!**

## REFLECTION

*Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. [John 8:1-3](#)*

What a painful and humiliating experience this must have been for this woman! Fortunately, the Savior of the World was there to care for her and to help her navigate this situation through His abundant mercy. Though she was a sinner, God's mercy offered a remedy for her sin and its consequences.

The scribes and Pharisees who brought this woman to Jesus also appeared to be scandalized by Jesus' mercy. Thus, the depths of mercy offered to this woman was one of many occasions in which Jesus was merciful to a point that was hard for the people to comprehend.

How about you? How far are you willing to go when it comes to mercy? It is easy for us to resort to condemnation when we see the sins of others. We might feel justified in condemning them and even obliged to do so out of a desire to condemn sin itself. But Jesus' action shows that the sin must not be equated with the sinner. Sin must be condemned and was condemned by our Lord when He said to this woman, "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

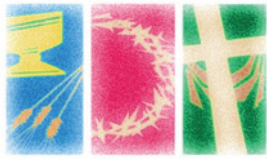
Though He condemned her sin, he did not condemn *her*: "Neither do I condemn you."

The mercy of God is incomprehensible. For example, recall that Jesus cried out from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Imagine the surprise that the first hearers of those words would have had. How could this man ask that God forgive the people who were murdering Him? Perhaps the only person who truly understood this prayer of mercy from the Cross was Jesus' own mother as she stood there gazing at Him with love.

An important lesson for us to learn from Jesus' depth of mercy is that, at first, it will most likely scandalize us also. To this extent, Mercy is supernatural. It challenges our natural reason and calls us to a new way of thinking and relating to others. The only way to overcome the "scandal" we might feel in the face of God's mercy is to live it ourselves. Doing so will require that we put on new eyes to see sin, mercy and forgiveness through the eyes of God. Reflect, today, upon how deeply you understand God's mercy. Do you rejoice when mercy is offered to another? Or do you find yourself condemning? Our Lord said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." None of us are without sin; therefore, none of us has the right to cast a stone at another. Allow the apparent scandal of God's mercy to challenge you so that you come to not only understand God's infinite mercy but also to act as an instrument of that mercy to everyone.

*My Catholic Life! 2025*

## TRIDUUM



### HOLY THURSDAY

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**April 17, 2025, at 7:00pm (Livestream)**

*Followed by Adoration from 8:00pm until 12:00 Midnight  
in the Parish Hall*

### GOOD FRIDAY

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**April 18, 2025, at 12:00pm and 3:00pm (Livestream)**

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3:00pm Service

**7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross**

### HOLY SATURDAY

**Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 19, 2025, at 8:00pm (Livestream)**

**Reception after Vigil Mass**

*(No 9:00am and 5:00pm Mass and No Confessions)*

**Blessing of Food – Saturday at 10:00am**

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 20, 2025, 8:00am (Portuguese Mass),**

**10:00am, (Livestream) & 12:00pm, 2:00pm (Migrant  
Worker Ministry-Spanish Mass)**

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We invite our entire community to pray the Divine Mercy  
Starting on Good Friday after the 3:00pm service and  
continues every day for 9 days at 3:00pm concluding on  
Divine Mercy Sunday. Please note: The church is closed on  
Easter Monday, pray the Novena at home this day.

**Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27, 2025, at 3:30pm  
(Livestream) Holy Hour Adoration and the Chaplet *in  
Song***

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays during Lent  
at 7:30pm (after the 7:00pm Mass). Let us prepare  
for the Triduum.** On Good Friday the stations will be at  
7:00pm.

### GARDEN OF LILIES

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honor of  
the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies  
that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants can be dropped  
off Wednesday April 16, to Thursday April 17, 2025, in the  
foyer. Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put  
the names of your loved ones on your lilies.

### HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

On the weekend of April 12-13 we will welcome our special  
guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing  
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will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the  
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website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registrations  
for this year's children's overnight summer camps. First  
come first serve basis!! Camp Ozanam for boys ages 7-12  
and Marygrove Camp for girls ages 5-13. The camps are  
subsidized (no fees) for children who otherwise would not  
have the opportunity to participate in a camp adventure,  
because their families are experiencing financial or domestic  
hardships. If interested contact the parish office at 905 775  
2065.

## 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: April 18 – No Edge – Good Friday**



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: April 11 – Cross My Heart**

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