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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

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

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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 Trinite & 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, June 16, 7:00PM** +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGirolamo +Laura Marques +Nourangiz Anvari \*Special Intentions for Charlene & Nick Emmanuel  
**TUESDAY, June 17, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva  
**WEDNESDAY, June 18, 9:00AM** +Abilio Soares & Herminia Viegas  
**THURSDAY, June 19, 9:00AM** +Manuel & Glorinda Da Silva  
**FRIDAY, June 20, 9:00AM** +Maurizio Rapisardi +Teresa Carlesimo  
**SATURDAY, June 21, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo  
**SATURDAY, June 21, 5:00PM** +Arlindo Araujo +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Robert Spek & Jane Slessor +Joao Balugas +Joe & Lucy Toich +Isaura Lorenzo & Virgilio Domingues +Dorinda De Jesus & Frank Cota +Eduardo Coelho & Maria De Jesus Carreiro +Salvatore Gallo +Marco Fernandes +Augusto Balugas & Sons + Michael Borges +Virginia Correia +Maria de Fatima Soares +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros  
**SUNDAY, June 22, 8:00PM** +Maurizio Rapisardi  
**SUNDAY, June 22, 10:00AM** \*ProPopulo  
**SUNDAY, June 22, 12:00pm** +Terezinha Teixeira  
 \*Special Intention for Vilma LaRoche  
**SUNDAY, June 22, 2:00pm** \*ProPopulo  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**

### IMPORTANT: UPCOMING MASS TIME

**CHANGE** Due to school graduation Masses, our regular scheduled Masses for Wednesday June 18, Friday June 20 and Monday June 23, will be moved from 7:00pm to 9:00am.

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

At 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

### NOTE: CHANGE TO REQUIEM MASS SCHEDULE

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month. **The Requiem Mass will be held Friday June 27 at 11:00am at the cemetery weather permitting.** Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Keep them I pray thee, dearest Lord.

Keep them, for they are Thine. Thy priests whose lives burn out before thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world, though from the world apart; when earthly pleasures tempt, allure – shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them, and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, when all their life of sacrifice for souls, seems but in vain, keep them, and O remember, Lord, they have no one but Thee. Yet they have only human hearts, with human frailty.

Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they caress, their every thought and word and deed, deign, dearest Lord, to bless. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, Pray for them.

## REFLECTION

[Matthew 28:19-20](#) (Year B Gospel)

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him. Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. *My Catholic Life! 2025*

### CORPUS CHRISTI

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

At every mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. Please join us for the celebration of this solemnity. **Saturday June 21, 5:00pm Mass followed by procession.** We invite all children, especially those who recently received their First Communion and their families to join us in this Solemn Eucharistic Procession.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and as Pilgrims of Hope during the Jubilee Holy Year we recall the words of Pope Francis, "Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross" (Spes non Confundit, 3). Let us pray that we may all grow in Christ's love, and in a special way let us pray for our Bishops and Priests as the Jubilee Day for Bishops (Wednesday June 25) and Priests (Friday June 27 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests) are celebrated in Rome this month.

We also invite parishes, families and individuals to join His Eminence Cardinal Leo and the Auxiliary Bishops in our Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland on Sunday August 24, 2025.

Further information (and registration) will follow in the weeks to come. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend as we also celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the first mass in Huronia and the 100th Anniversary of the Martyrs' Shrine!

## DEAR GRADUATES

"The Church together with your parents and families, your priests, teachers and mentors along with all who have supported you during your years of elementary school, high school and college are very proud of you. We pray that your futures be filled with many blessings from the Lord. You have learned the teachings of Jesus; you have learned how to build your lives on solid rock. When we listen to Jesus and put his words into practice, we are building our lives on a secure foundation. Listen to his words each day through prayer. He is the one friend who will never deceive you, reject you, or leave you. We get lost along the path of life when we do not walk with Christ as our guide. As you go forth, whatever your plans are after graduation, be steadfast in your faith. If you build on this solid rock, not only will your life be solid and stable, you will also be able to confront challenges and difficulties with confidence and courage."

Dearest youth, you are not our future, you are our now! Know that each of you are a unique gift from God, each with unique talents which He has bestowed on you so that you can accomplish His will on this earth. You are forever in our prayers as you embark on this wonderful journey. God Bless,

From The Clergy and Staff of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish  
[www.rkspa.nl](http://www.rkspa.nl), Pope Benedict to WYD: Build your life on Solid Rock  
[www.vatican.ca](http://www.vatican.ca) – Krakow-Blonie May 27, 2006, [Todayscatholic.org](http://Todayscatholic.org) - May 30, 2021



## CANADA DAY – Tuesday July 1, 2025

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed.



Dear Fathers, on this special day I want to encourage you in the complete gift of your life for the good of your marriage and family. How great it is to father a child; and yet becoming a loving, and responsible and reliable dad takes great heart, patience, intentionality and courage. You play such a vital and irreplaceable role in your child's life and in the stability of the family unit. The impact of your contribution on the daily life of your family members is immense. Your presence, affection, discipline and personal faith journey are necessary to educate and raise your child into the adult the Lord is calling him/her to be and to help them fulfill their God given calling in their own lives. Together with your spouse, you are the true pillars in the development of your child's spiritual, human, physical, emotional and social life as they instinctively look to you so that you may teach them words of wisdom boundaries to be respected and rules to be obeyed. You are that provider, protector, guide, leader and consoler that children need to have in their lives so that they may fulfill their calling and live the abundant life. You give them support and security, a link to their past, and you open up for them a horizon and opportunities for their future in the world before them. When you are involved in their lives and take your place in family life, children flourish, they come to know their worth and relish in self-confidence and in the knowledge of their unique giftedness.

Finally, let us call to mind and pray for the fathers who have passed on to eternity. We likewise pray for those family situations and circumstances where fathers are not present, where tragedy has hit, where homes are broken and facing hardships of many kinds. Let us never lose hope but rather come to the Lord in faith and prayer as He is the source of all hope and new life. I thank you, dear Fathers, for your commitment and your love for your family, for God and for the Church. I assure you of my fervent prayers that you may always be pleasing to the Lord in the way you raise your family. I congratulate you in your efforts to fulfill your vocation as an incredible gift of self-giving in fidelity, love and devotion. Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,  
Most Rev. Francis Leo, Most Rev. Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, June 11, 2024, © 2020 Archdiocese of Toronto. All rights reserved.

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