# We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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# 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 St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492 St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653
- St. Charles-905-775-6762
- St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460
- St. Angela Merici-289-231-2085

Pastor:Rev. John Pakjpak@archtoronto.orgAssociate Pastor:Rev. Edwin Logrono

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**Deacon:** 





# Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

## **OFFICE STAFF** Office Manager:

Delia McEvenue

**MINISTERS** 

Youth Minister: Ray Reitzel email: reitzel@hotmail.com

**Office Assistant:** Anna Maria Mongillo

# Custodian/Maintenance:

Anthony Venroy

# PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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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 Trinidade & 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, July 14, 7:00PM

+Daniel Viveiros Sr & Lucia Da Conceicao Balugas +Virginia Correia \*Special Intentions of the Margarido Family

TUESDAY, July 15, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Fred & Mark Oliveira WEDNESDAY, July 16, 7:00PM +Antonio Gallo THURSDAY, July 17, 9:00AM +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGirolamo

FRIDAY, July 18, 7:00PM

#### +Abilio Soares & Marilia Soares SATURDAY, July 19, 9:00AM \*ProPopulo SATURDAY, July 19, 5:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGiraolamo +Jose Manuel Barbosa +Arlindo Araujo +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Silvestre Rodrigues +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Joao Balugas +Marco Fernandes +Joao Veloso & Antonio Veloso +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Elizabeth & Paul Gres +Doris & Nick Yaremko +All Deceased Arminda & Carlos Miranda Family Members +Manuel Silveira

#### SUNDAY, July 20, 8:00PM

+Joao Assuncao & Rufino Alves +Isaura de Jesus & Amilcar Miranda SUNDAY, July 20, 10:00AM +Maurizio Rapisardi

+Marco Fernandes SUNDAY, July 20, 12:00pm \*ProPopulo SUNDAY, July 20, 2:00pm \*ProPopulo St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)



#### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday August 1, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

## **REQUIEM MASS**

**The Requiem Mass will be held Friday July 25 at 11:00am at the cemetery weather permitting.** Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

## PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the months of July and August the parish office will **be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Only**. Tuesdays and Thursdays the parish office will be closed.

# **CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in August 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800- 268-2637.

# REFLECTION

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <u>Luke 10:27</u>

A scribe asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the scribe what the Law of Moses taught. The above line was the scribe's response. He was essentially quoting <u>Deuteronomy 6:4</u>, which was a common prayer prayed by the Jews and seen as a summary of the entire Law of Moses as found in the Ten Commandments. Notice that this summary of the Law does not present a negative prohibition such as "Thou shalt not..." Instead, it is a positive command stating, "Thou shalt love..." Love is the fulfillment of the Law of Christ. When we love God with our whole being, that love overflows upon all of God's creatures, including our neighbor.

In this Gospel, the scribe goes on to ask Jesus who His neighbor is. Jesus responds by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, there was a man beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest and a Levite passed by and ignored the man. But a Samaritan passed by and took care of the man, bringing him to an inn and vowing to pay for his recovery. The story concludes by the Samaritan being identified as the one who acted as a neighbor to the victim.

Traditionally, the victim of the robbers in this story has been seen as Adam. Adam represents fallen humanity. The Samaritan represents Jesus who cared for fallen humanity, healed us of sin and provided for our every need. Therefore, according to this parable, Jesus has acted as a neighbor to us, and we must love Him as we love ourselves. But Jesus also says, "Go and do likewise." This is a commission to fallen humanity, now healed of sin, to go forth to others, acting as Jesus Himself, bringing the healing grace they have been given and bestowing it upon others generously. Sometimes we can see love as a feeling or emotion. Though love is often accompanied by certain emotions and feelings, love is much more. It is an action. In this parable, if the Samaritan simply looked upon the victim and felt sorry for him, had compassion for him but then moved on, he would not have shown love. The love of charity is an action and requires much of us. If we are to fulfill this first and greatest commandment of love of God and neighbor, then we cannot wait until we feel like loving to act. Instead, we must act now and not hesitate. This is love.

Reflect, today, upon the true nature of love. Love, in its most elevated form, is the choice to do what is best for others—to help free them from sin and to be an instrument of God's providence in their lives. It's a participation in the very love that God has shown us in Christ Jesus by giving His life for our salvation. We are all called to devote ourselves to this same form of selfless and sacrificial love. Doing so is a requirement for the glorious sharing in eternal life. *My Catholic Life! 2025* 

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 13, 2025**, **at 7:00pm**.

Cemetery Location and celebrations for this year's Mass are as follows:

#### Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill: Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto:

Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge:

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

**Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:** 

Rev. Monsignor Edgardo Pan

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie:

Most Rev. John Corriveau

#### In the Event of Rain, Masses will be held In:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum Chapel at Assumption Cemetery

Cemetery Office Reception Center at **Christ the King Cemetery** 

Holy Family Mausoleum at **Holy Cross Cemetery** St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto for **Mount Hope Cemetery** 

St. Anthony's Mausoleum Chapel at Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at **Resurrection Cemetery** 

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 65 Amalia St. Barrie for St Mary's Cemetery

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARTYR'S SHRINE

Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine **Sunday**, **August 24**, **2025**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Toronto's Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland on Sunday, August 24, 2025, with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. The program will include opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Mass with Cardinal Leo, a rosary procession, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Fellowship. For more information, visit: <u>www.archtoronto.org/jubilee</u> **Note: Our Knights of Columbus will be organizing bus transportation to the Shrine. More details to follow** 



# I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish office at 905 775 2065 or email

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# **SL ShareLife**

# You help young parents raise their children with love and care.

Rose of Sharon is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. Your kindness ensures that young parents are equipped with the tools they need before and after childbirth to raise their children with love. "Your generosity enables us to provide crucial resources; practical supports including food, baby formula and clothing; guidance through our counsellors; and a supportive environment for these individuals during a pivotal and challenging phase of their lives." - Kenneth Kukulewich, Executive Director, Rose of Sharon. Thus far, we have raised \$35,200.00 for ShareLife. Our ShareLife Parish goal this year is \$54,500.00. Please continue to donate so that we can meet the goal required to be able to assist ALL the charities that ShareLife supports. Together we can make a difference. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

# VOCATIONS

It's a simple concept: Love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God Calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood", "diaconate" or "religious life"? If God is calling you, contact Fr Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email : vocations@archtoronto.org

# SACRAMENTS

## 2026 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2026 season will be made available sometime in the fall. Please stay connected with us. We invite you to celebrate Mass with us on Saturdays or Sundays. Announcements regarding registration will be made at Mass. Please be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information and registration for these sacraments.

