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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 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, July 28, 7:00PM +Virginia Correia *Special Intention for Vilma LaRoche *Special Intentions of the Margarido Family

TUESDAY, July 29, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Cidalia Rodrigues

WEDNESDAY, July 30, 7:00PM +Vanessa Rodrigues *Special Intention for John Domingues

THURSDAY, July 31, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

FRIDAY, August 1, 7:00PM +Vanessa Rodrigues *Special Intention for Tymothy Tuyen Tran

SATURDAY, August 2, 9:00AM - First Saturday +All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, August 2, 5:00PM +Maria Dolores Vigario +Phillip Mattucci +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Joao Balugas +Manuel Pereira & Jose Miranda +Marco Fernandes +Perpetua Barroso & Manuel Barroso +Dorinda de Jesus +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Manuel Silveira +Maria Dos Anjos Braga & Jose Bettencourt Sousa *Special Intentions For Buchannan Family

SUNDAY, August 3, 8:00PM +Samantha Diogo +Maria Rosa De Miranda & Manuel Oliveira

SUNDAY, August 3, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 3, 12:00pm +Teresa Carlesimo +Alfreda Coritico & All Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, August 3, 2:00pm *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on the First Friday of the month, August 1, 2025, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

MARTYRS' SHRINE PILGRIMAGE – BUS

The Knights of Columbus have organized a bus to Martyrs' Shrine on Sunday August 24th. Signup sheets are available after all Masses, or email hmj.kofc4915@gmail.com for more information. Cost for return transportation, a small meal and admission is only \$15.00 per person.

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.

VOCATIONS

“Ask and it shall be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” If God is calling you to the priesthood or diaconate contact Fr Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email : vocations@archtoronto.org

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” [Luke 11:1](#)

In today's Gospel we are given three teachings on prayer. First, Jesus teaches His disciples what has come to be called “The Lord's Prayer.” Second, He teaches about the importance of persistence in prayer. Third, He teaches about the fruit that comes from correct and persistent prayer. The Church Father Tertullian said that The Lord's Prayer “is truly the summary of the whole Gospel.” Saint Augustine said, “Run through all the words of the holy prayers [in Scripture], and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer.” Saint Thomas Aquinas said, “The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired” (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2761–2763).

It's amazing to consider what these great teachers of the faith have said about this short prayer. Perhaps because of our familiarity with this prayer we can easily gloss over the depth of its meaning. We can fail to use it as a foundation and model for all of our prayer. One way to correct this tendency is to use The Lord's Prayer for an extended period of time by prayerfully pondering every word slowly and meditatively. Doing so will help open us up to these perfect “instructions” on how we should pray.

Immediately after Jesus taught this short prayer, He taught a lesson about persistence in prayer. He taught that we must not simply say a few prayers and leave it at that, giving up if they do not appear to be answered. Instead, we must continuously beg God for His grace until it is bestowed in its fullness.

What will we receive from persistent prayer? This is an important point. We ought not go to God with our own wants and desires. We ought not beg Him for things that do not fall within His perfect will. Instead, when our prayer is modeled on the Lord's Prayer, and when it is persistent and grounded in faith, then our prayer will be for what the Father bestows upon us, that is His will alone. We must pray that His Kingdom will come. We must trust that He will provide for our needs. We must seek His forgiveness for our sins, and we must pray that He will protect us from the evil one. Reflect, today, upon that perfect prayer, The Lord's Prayer. Spend time studying it, thinking about each petition, the order in which Jesus laid it out, its simplicity and its clarity. Acknowledge that because we pray The Lord's Prayer so often, we can sometimes miss its true meaning and beauty. Our Lord gave us this prayer for a reason. Make sure that you do all you can to discover its meaning and practice its teaching. *My Catholic Life! 2025*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 27, 2025

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARTYR'S SHRINE

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 Knights of Columbus will be available at all weekend Masses if you wish to book your spot on the bus.



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.**



I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

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 holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org



To ensure that our Grandparents and the Elderly feel valued

On World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, your kindness improves the well-being of those who have given us so much. Through your loving support, ShareLife agencies like Society of Sharing ensures that seniors are embraced by social connection and continue to feel valued in our community. "Through your compassion and generosity, you have rekindled the hope of some of the most vulnerable seniors in the city. On behalf of all of the staff, volunteers and clients of Society of Sharing, thank you for continuing to give to ShareLife" – Mariza Garcia, Executive Director, Society of Sharing. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2025

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe long weekend!

Save the Date

**HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN 85th Anniversary
MASS – Saturday September 13, 2025, at 5:00pm**

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**

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR 2026 SEASON

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 for more information. 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.

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