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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Office Hours - Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

## Luke 12:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"

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**Deacon:** Dcn. David Langley



## 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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### OFFICE STAFF

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### MINISTERS

**Youth Minister:**

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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, August 4, 9:00AM – Civic Holiday**  
+Romanko Sakac +Lurdes Gomes & Fatima Gomes  
+Gladys Logrono \*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

**TUESDAY, August 5, 9:00AM**  
+Glorinda Da Silva +Manuel Da Silva

**WEDNESDAY, August 6, 7:00PM**  
+Vincenzo DeGirolamo +Carlos Pais

**THURSDAY, August 7, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**FRIDAY, August 8, 7:00PM** +Joao Perna

**SATURDAY, August 9, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, August 9, 5:00PM** +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Antonio Albert Rocha +Joao Balugas +Virginia Correia +Lucy Balugas & John Viveiros +All Deceased Arminda & Carlos Miranda Family Members +Manuel Silveira +Ruth Linehan, Tony Macaluso

**SUNDAY, August 10, 8:00PM** +Joao Veloso +Isaura Lourenco & Rosa Oliveira

**SUNDAY, August 10, 10:00AM** +Gladys Logrono +Manuel Silveria

**SUNDAY, August 10, 12:00pm** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, August 10, 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 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

### 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

“Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.” Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God’s Will, especially if you think He’s calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you contact Fr Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email : [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: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.

**MISSION CO-OP COLLECTION – AUGUST 16 & 17**  
**Fr. James Cherickal will be visiting our parish to speak for the mission representing the Diocese of Thamarassery, India.**

## REFLECTION

*Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?”* [Luke 12:13–14](#)

Many things in life are not fair. Children are keenly aware of this any time they sense they have been cheated by a sibling. They complain to their parents, just as the person in the crowd quoted above complained to Jesus about his brother. We want justice and can become quite upset when we feel that we have been dealt an injustice.

The passage above is interesting because Jesus gently but clearly refuses to be the arbiter of justice for this man. It may indeed be the case that he was cheated out of his inheritance by his brother. But it’s interesting that Jesus not only refuses to resolve the dispute, He then goes on to teach about greed, suggesting that the cheated man was acting out of greed.

If you were cheated out of your inheritance by a sibling, how would you react? If a sibling were to do this, it would clearly be a sin and an injustice. But the question at hand is your reaction to being cheated. Being cheated by another might result in one of two responses. The most common response is to immediately seek justice, to fight back. But this is not always what God will inspire us to do. Instead, when we experience injustice, we are given an opportunity to love on a very deep level. And this must be our response. This is why Jesus said we must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. In the big picture of eternity, earthly injustices are always an opportunity for grace. This is evident by simply looking at the gravest injustice of the suffering and death of the Son of God. Jesus did not complain about being so cruelly treated. He did not call on the angels of Heaven to destroy the Pharisees and Romans who attacked Him. Instead, Jesus used the injustice inflicted upon Him as a foundation for His gift of salvation. As we journey through this life, we need to decide whether we are going to live for this life or for eternity. We cannot have both. However, by choosing to live for eternity, we also enhance our lives here on earth in ways that nothing in this world can match. For example, say you experienced the unfortunate situation of extreme poverty. Say you were cheated out of your home and possessions and were left with nothing. Would this make you miserable? It might, but it doesn’t have to. Instead, such an unfortunate circumstance has the potential for you to live day-by-day, trusting in God’s providential care and to offer mercy in the face of injustice. And that is good. It is good for your eternal soul. It is good because it will motivate you to trust God on a very deep level and to become a beacon of God’s mercy. By contrast, if you had everything you could ever want in this world, it would be seriously tempting to rely less upon God and more upon the things you possess in this world. But the things of this world cannot save your eternal soul. In fact, they are a serious hindrance to your ability to trust in God alone. So, truth be told, poverty and injustice actually open

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 3, 2025

the door to an opportunity for much more grace in our lives than material wealth does. But so often we still long to have more and more of the things of this world. Reflect, today, upon the spiritual and eternal blessings that come from relying solely upon God and not upon material wealth. This is a hard lesson for most people to learn. If this is your struggle, then try to take on the eternal perspective. Try to look beyond the temporary stability and pleasures that come from accumulating earthly wealth, so that you will see the eternal riches that come from seeking God alone. Everything in this world will one day pass away. In the light of that fact, recommit yourself to the embrace of God's riches by loving others through every injustice you encounter in life. *My Catholic Life! 2025*



**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](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org)



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We call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The Kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St Michael's Homes. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Sunday Masses - September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
Semiformal Dinner & Dance, Saturday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>,  
starting at 6:30pm. More information coming soon**



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**

## 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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