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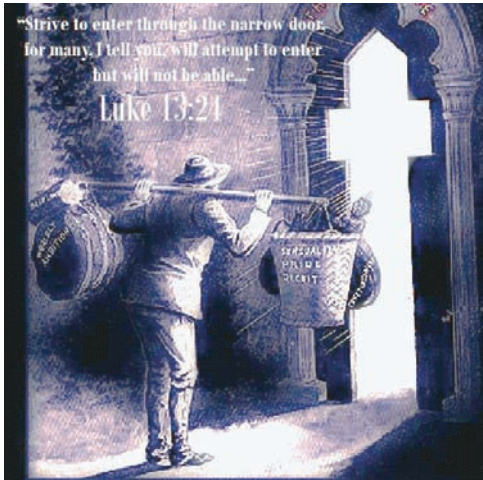
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



## 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.

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Consolation and Hope

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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 25, 7:00PM** \*ProPopulo  
**TUESDAY, August 26, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva +All Souls in Purgatory  
**WEDNESDAY, August 27, 7:00PM** +Antonio Mirassol & Family +Marco Fernandes  
**THURSDAY, August 28, 9:00AM** +Sandra Da Silva  
\*Special Intention for Sidonio Gomes  
**FRIDAY, August 29, 7:00PM** +Miquelina Dias +Gladys Logrono  
**SATURDAY, August 30, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo  
**SATURDAY, August 30, 5:00PM** +Joao Balugas +Maria Helena Oliveira +Maria & Joao Ferreira +Joao Veloso +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Antonio Rodrigues & Frank Cota +Maria Pereira & Rui Serra +Francisco Xavier & Maria Dias Xavier +Eugenia Freskiw +Fernando De Jesus Marques +Graciete Domingues  
**SUNDAY, August 31, 8:00PM** \*ProPopulo  
**SUNDAY, August 31, 10:00AM** \*Special Intentions of the Margarido Family  
**SUNDAY, August 31, 12:00pm** \*ProPopulo  
**SUNDAY, August 31, 2:00pm** \*ProPopulo  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday September 5, 2025, 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 on August 29, at 11:00am at the Church.** Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Today, we honor the hands that construct and minds that create. May your hard work continue to motivate progress and success. Wishing you and your families a well-deserved break on this special day! Please note: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend.

*“Whoever would enter, must first before everything else, posses an upright and uncorrupted faith and then a spotless morality, in which, there is no possibility of blame, according to the measure of human righteousness. One who has attained to this in mind and spiritual strength, will enter easily, by the narrow door and run along the narrow way.” – St Cyril of Alexandria (376-444) Father & Doctor*

## REFLECTION

*Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” He answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” [Luke 13:22-24](#)*

The context of this passage provides insight into Jesus’ mission and His concern for each and every person. Note that Jesus was traveling toward the large and populous city of Jerusalem. But as He traveled, He passed through “towns and villages” and taught the people as He went. This might seem like a small detail, but it is also a significant one. A city like Jerusalem was large and often had wealthy, influential, and “important” people. The less-populated towns had borders and often some form of local government. Villages were much smaller rural areas, often made up of poorer, less educated, less influential, and simpler people. One historian, Josephus, wrote that there were about 240 villages throughout Galilee at the time Jesus lived. It’s interesting to note that Jesus wanted to teach everyone. He didn’t care if they were wealthy and powerful people in the large city or peasant farmers and shepherds from the countryside. His mission was to all.

One thing this teaches us is that we, also, must have love and concern for everyone, regardless of their social status. Each and every person is equal in dignity. From the president of a large country, to the beggar in an alleyway, everyone deserves our respect and attention in an equal way. Our fallen human nature experiences various forms of temptation. Among them are temptations for riches, power and prestige. For that reason, we tend to admire those who have obtained worldly success because we want it for ourselves. As a result, we tend to show greater respect for those who have achieved what we covet and give less attention to those who do not have that success. This, of course, goes to the heart of the problem.

When you think about the people whom you have encountered recently, what comes to mind? Perhaps your “encounter” was to read about someone’s great success in the financial world. Or perhaps it was to read about someone’s demise in another way. Perhaps a neighbor has done well and purchased a new car, or a friend got fired from a job. Whatever the case may be, it is important to consider the level of personal respect and love you show for each person. It must be equal. Worldly status cannot determine how we treat others. This is hard to avoid. The teaching that Jesus gave to those in the towns and villages was an exhortation to holiness. “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” And at the end of today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” The latter statement must have especially resonated with those who felt somewhat insignificant and unimportant in life. Those

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who felt like they were “last” would have received a certain hope. This tells us that God never measures us by our successes from a worldly standpoint. He measures us only on the level of our fidelity to His holy will.

Reflect, today, upon how you look at all people. Do you see every person in the way that God sees them? Do you see everyone with equal dignity and worth? Or do you elevate those whom you envy and whose success you covet? Seek to eliminate all worldly ways of looking at others so that you will only look at others through the lens of their dignity and fidelity to the will of God. *My Catholic Life! 2025*



## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,  
Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children and our teachers prepare to start a new year, may YOU be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope and faith be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as you love. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things! In Jesus' Name.  
Amen



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## 85<sup>th</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Weekend of September 13 & 14, 2025**

All Sunday Masses will be offered in thanksgiving for 85 years of faith and community. Join us as we celebrate this milestone together as one parish family.

## 85<sup>th</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY SEMI-FORMAL DINNER & DANCE

**Date: Saturday September 13, 2025**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Location: Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford**  
767 Simcoe Road, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A6

**Tickets: \$50.00 per person**

**Tickets will be sold at all weekend Masses in the foyer**

## EVENING INCLUDES: Catered Dinner

**Bottle of water and soda**

**Sparkling Wine (one bottle per table for toasting),**

**Coffee, tea, and dessert,**

**Cash bar available**

**Raffle prizes and more!**

All proceeds for the event will go toward the renovation of our parish worship area - a sacred space dedicated to healing, reconciliation, and the spiritual life of our parish. Come join us for a joyful evening of food, music, and celebration as we honor 85 years of faith and community!

**If you own or operate a business, please consider supporting our event through sponsorship, gift cards, merchandise, or services for prizes. Sponsors will be acknowledged in our program, signage, and parish communications (with permission to use your logo).**

**If interested, please send an email to [holymartyrssofjapan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holymartyrssofjapan@archtoronto.org) outlining your donation item(s) and an image of your logo.**

## 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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