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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

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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 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, September 1, 9:00AM – Labour Day

+Antonio Martins & Fernando Martins

## TUESDAY, September 2, 9:00AM +Stephen LaRoche &

Charles Brizeno +Manuel Da Silva

## WEDNESDAY, September 3, 7:00PM +Samantha

Diogo +Maria Dolores Vigario

## THURSDAY, September 4, 9:00AM +Romanko Sakac &

Duncan Drummond

## FRIDAY, September 5, 7:00PM +Romanko Sakac

\*Special Intention for Tymothy Tuyen Tran

## SATURDAY, September 6, 9:00AM – First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

## SATURDAY, September 6, 5:00PM

+Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Maria &

Eugenio Arruda +Jan & Klara Rozek +Antonio Albert

Rocha +Joao Balugas +Virginia Correia +Virgilio

Domingues & Maria Rosa Miranda +Joao Veloso &

Antonio Veloso +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros

+Gladys Logrono +Ruth Linehan +Flavia Simoes &

Candido Rodrigues +Daniel Viveiros & Carlos Pais

+Graciette Domingues

## SUNDAY, September 7, 8:00PM \*ProPopulo

## SUNDAY, September 7, 10:00AM +Romanko Sakac

+Joao Perna

## SUNDAY, September 7, 12:00pm +Emma Correa &

Lourdes Furtado +Julia Jover

## SUNDAY, September 7, 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.

## REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 – LABOUR DAY

Wishing you and your families a well-deserved break on this special long weekend. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend.

## VOCATIONS

Humble yourself and you will find favour with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? 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)

*My merciful Lord, You came to earth to serve, not to be served, and to give Your life to others in an act of the most pure and holy love. I open myself to that gift of Your divine love and pray that, as I receive Your love, I may love You and others in the same selfless way. Jesus, I trust in You.*

# REFLECTION

*“When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Luke 14:12–14*

This Gospel passage goes to the heart of our motivations in life. Because of our fallen human nature, we can easily do what we do for selfish reasons. We want payment for our labors and acknowledgement for our acts of kindness. We want to get ahead in life and try to elevate ourselves over others. But Jesus makes it clear that our motivation for everything we do must only be the glory of God and the love of others.

The poor, crippled, lame and blind in this passage refer to those who are in need of our love. This certainly will include friends and family. When we encounter those in need, we must offer our love, not because we get something out of it, but because it is the right thing to do. The payment we receive in this case comes directly and exclusively from God. It's not a payment of societal recognition or praise. It's not a payment of material things. It's not a payment that helps us get ahead in life. It's a payment of grace that makes us holy. This is the only motivation we should have in life—a motivation for holiness by glorifying God through our love of Him and others.

Think about your motivations in life. Why do you do what you do every day? Clearly we all have certain responsibilities that must be met, such as earning a living, caring for the home and family, strengthening our relationships, etc. But why do you do these things? What is the source of your motivation? Is your motivation based on pure love?

When our love is pure, we are motivated to act in one way or another because we see that it is our holy duty toward God or an act that will benefit another. For example, a loving and holy parent will work hard to earn a living not because they want to get rich so as to indulge in the things of this world, but because they love and care for their family and want to provide for their material needs. Or a friend will seek to be there and listen to another friend not because it is advantageous for them, but because they love their friend and want to provide a listening ear when they need it. True love always looks at the good of the other, looking for the ways they are spiritually poor, crippled, lame and blind so that they can help them in accord with God's will. True love always seeks to fill a void with what is needed at that moment.

The good news for us is that when our motivations are pure and selfless, looking only to glorify God and care for others, God will lavish upon us eternal rewards that begin now. We will grow rich in virtue and rich in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We will obtain joy, peace, strength, courage, love,

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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 31, 2025

goodness and so much more. These good things are the true riches in life and can only be bestowed by God upon a soul whose motivations in life are pure, selfless, sacrificial and merciful.

Reflect, today, upon what motivates you each and every day. Do you think more about yourself when acting or more about God and others? Hopefully you will discover within your motivation a burning desire to serve others and glorify God in everything you do. But where you do see selfishness, know that this motivation can never fulfill you. Humble yourself by turning your attention to the love of God and the needs of others and make serving them your exclusive mission. Doing so will result in God lavishing upon you more than you could ever imagine.

*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

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2025!

We would like to officially kick off our 2025 Thanksgiving Food Drive! This year's campaign is coming at a time when food banks are facing uncertainty, especially with how the economic pressures from south of the border will impact food bank use. Those facing food insecurity already live with a level of precariousness. The use of food banks is not just for the marginalized, but for our everyday neighbour who is working a full-time job or 2, and already lives modestly! The cost of living continues to soar, and most months are a struggle for food bank visitors who must rely on the goodness and kindness of others just to get by. Let us answer to the Lord's call to FEED THE HUNGRY. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food" – Matthew 25:35-40. Let us come together with a renewed commitment to support and overwhelm our community food bank and its visitors not just with food, but with HOPE! Please drop off your perishable donations in the crate at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



## 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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