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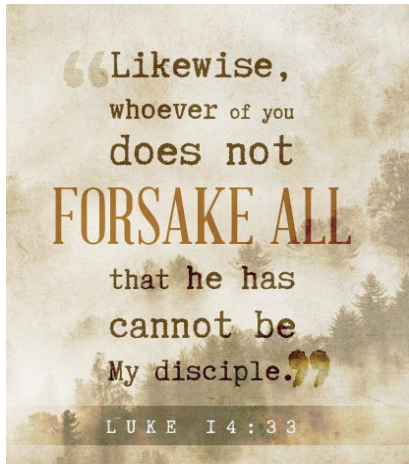
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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 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 8, 7:00PM** +Samantha Fernandes  
+Maria Soares +Virginia Correia +Gladys Logrono  
+Nhjim Shaaya \*Special Intention for Gordon Robert Magahy

**TUESDAY, September 9, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva  
+Amelia Oliveira Domingues

**WEDNESDAY, September 10, 7:00PM** +Antonio Di  
Ruscio +Graciette Domingues

**THURSDAY, September 11, 9:00AM** +Manuel &  
Glorinda Da Silva +Augusto Barros & Joao Gomes Faria

**FRIDAY, September 12, 7:00PM** \*Special Intention for  
The Marques Family +The Liberation of all Deceased  
Priests from Purgatory

**SATURDAY, September 13, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, September 13, 5:00PM**

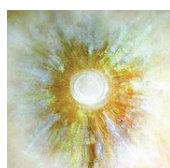
+Jose Manuel Barbosa +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa  
+Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Isaura Lorencio +Jose  
Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Joao Balugas + Lucy Balugas &  
Danny Viveiros +Manuel Laranjeiro & Celeste  
Clementinha +Florentina Estacio & Francisco Xavier  
+Silvina Vieira & Manuel Pereira +Graciette Domingues  
+Tonino Scaturro +Theresa Nhon Nguyen\*Special  
Intention for Hai Tran & Huong Nguyen \*Special Intention  
for Gordon Robert Magahy

**SUNDAY, September 14, 8:00PM** +Amelia Oliveira  
Domingues

**SUNDAY, September 14, 10:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, September 14, 12:00pm** \*Special Intention for  
Grace Sheeja \*Special Intention for Sheeja & Sujay Sunny

**SUNDAY, September 14, 2:00pm** \*ProPopulo  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday October 3,  
2025, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm  
Mass.

### REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month. **The Requiem Mass will be held on September 26, at 11:00am at the cemetery weather permitting.** Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish Office.

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 9:00am

How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through Proper Estate Trustee selection and other important information.

3 ways to register: Scan QR code or

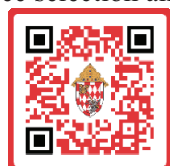
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## REFLECTION

*Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." [Luke 14:25-26](#)*

Why would Jesus exhort the "great crowds" to hate their families? In fact, Jesus went even further than that. He said they must also hate their own lives. If they do not, then they cannot be His disciples. One thing that this shocking teaching did was to shake people out of their lukewarm faith. Sometimes we think of Jesus only as a kind and gentle soul Who always brightens people's days. We see images painted of the smiling Jesus who always made people feel welcomed and loved. And though these images have truth, it is also true that one way He brightened their days was by challenging them to the core of their being to convert. And that is what Jesus does today in our Gospel.

To hate your father, mother, children, siblings and even your very self is obviously not a reference to the sin of hate that flows from anger. In this case, the word "hate" refers to the best way to love others and to love even your own self. To begin, let's look at the conclusion. Jesus said that this form of hate is a requirement of being His disciple. This is the key. Unless we are first and foremost a disciple of Christ, we cannot love others and we will not even love ourselves in the proper way. "Hate" in this context refers to selfish attachments. This means that people and things can easily get in the way of our love of God. When they do, we must see them as an obstacle to both the love of God, as well as to the authentic love of others and even ourselves. For example, if a family member were to demand in some way that you love them more than you love God, then this must be rejected with passion. This could be referred to as holy hatred of the temptation, not the person. Say a spouse criticizes you for attending Mass and tries to stop you from doing so. If you listen to them, then you are placing them before God. Or say someone hurts you and you choose to forgive them, only to have a family member challenge you and try to stir up anger in you toward that person. If you listen to them, then you are not listening to God. In these cases, we must "hate" in the sense that we reject the temptation.

What about yourself? How do you hate yourself? This is a reference to the many ways that our disordered appetites are drawn to sin. If we indulge in the disordered desires, or even worse, if we treat those disordered desires as normal and good for us, then we have chosen the disordered desire over God. In that case, we must learn to hate and reject the selfish and disordered desire, choosing God and His will alone. When we are able to choose the love of God first and foremost in our lives, rejecting the temptations that come through others and even the temptations within our disordered desires, then, and only then, are we in a position to love others and ourselves, in the right way. Jesus obviously wants us to love others and ourselves. But this is

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 7, 2025

only possible when our love is pure and holy and flows from the love of God. Any other form of “love” is not love at all. It is a selfish attachment that hinders our true mission as lovers of God and instruments of that love to others. Reflect, today, upon the passion that you must have to reject all forms of sin. This includes sin that tempts you through the mediation of your family and friends. It also includes every form of temptation that arises within you on account of your disordered human nature. This holy hatred is an act of love in that it seeks to eliminate everything that keeps you from true love. Choose, today, to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and commit yourself to reject all that seeks to interfere with this choice. Doing so will not only increase your love for God, it will also increase your love for others, and even your love for your own soul.

*My Catholic Life! 2025*



## Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the Hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000.00 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The Food Share program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall “is a lifeline for families,” says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate)

## 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 boarder 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 and LOVE! 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**

## 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 [holy martyrsofjapan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martyrsofjapan@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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