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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

## Prudence

is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. It guides the other virtues by setting rule and measure.

Catechism of the Catholic Church,  
CCC 1806

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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

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 22, 7:00PM** +Teresa & Jerry McCarthy +Marian Yanek +Tibor & Alojzia Sakac +Margaret Dudo & Zuzana Saly +Leokadia Karpienia & Jozef Karpienia +Jan Karpienia & Arthur Frej +Nelly Ryan & Leo Ryan \*Special Intention of the Margarido Family  
\*Special Intention for Sujay Sunny

**TUESDAY, September 23, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva +All Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, September 24, 7:00PM** +Romanko Sakac +Joao Veloso

**THURSDAY, September 25, 9:00AM** +Steven LaRoche +Lucia Cetrulo & Lorenzo Cetrulo

**FRIDAY, September 26, 7:00PM** +Santina Leonardi & Carmela Spizzirri +Maria Celeste Joaquina & Jose Marques

**SATURDAY, September 27, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, September 27, 5:00PM** +Terezinha Teixeira +Joao Balugas +Cidalia Rodrigues & Venancio Silva +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Ignazio Polizzi +Marco Fernandes & Carlos Januario +Graciete Domingues & Fatima Soares +Doris Fernandez \*Special Intention for Denis Chafe \*Special Intention for Ernie Dobney

**SUNDAY, September 28, 8:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, September 28, 10:00AM** +Christopher Macdonell +Sidonio Marques

**SUNDAY, September 28, 12:00pm** +Fortunato Rendine & All Deceased Family Members +John Di Re

**SUNDAY, September 28, 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.

### 2026 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We are looking forward to growing our membership and warmly welcome new members to join us in faith, service and community. Pre-Printed envelopes are available at the church entrance. The membership fee is \$40.00. Fees can be paid via e-transfer to [ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca](mailto:ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca) or cheques can be made payable to Holy Martyrs of Japan CWL. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or given to directly to a CWL executive member. Please submit your membership ASAP.

**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP – September 23, 7:00-8:30pm**

## REFLECTION

*And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."* [Luke 16:8](#)

These lines conclude the Parable of the Dishonest Steward. At that time, there was a Palastinian custom in which agents acted on behalf of a wealthier master's money, making loans and obtaining them back with interest. It is similar to our modern banking system. The problem presented in this parable was that the steward was dishonest, skimming some of the profits for himself. As a result, the master told the steward to get his financial affairs in order because he was going to fire him. The shrewd steward, acting on the authority he still had for the moment, then went forth and reduced the debt of each of his master's debtors so as to win favor with each of them so that he could do business with them after he was fired by his master.

Obviously, Jesus does not tell this parable because He approves of dishonest and shrewd deception in business practices. Instead, He tells it to illustrate the fact that many people who are motivated by selfishness and worldly goals use the natural gift of prudence with much more zeal than many of the "children of light."

Think about your goals in life. If you were to make a list of your goals, what would it look like? And if you were to order that list according to the importance of those goals, what would be first? Hopefully, on the top of that list, you would have as your primary goal the love, service and glory of God. In the end, that is all that matters in life. Every other goal in life will fall into place when that is our central goal. However, if you were to order your list according to how much time, energy and prudence you put into each endeavor, how would it look? Would it look different? Most likely. Many people go about their lives putting a tremendous amount of time and effort into the passing things of this world. Many make their financial advancement the goal with which they spend the most time and energy. Others devote countless hours to hobbies, entertainment, home improvements, sports, and even wasteful activities such as bingeing on television. When it comes to the practice of the faith, it is a rare person who devotes a significant amount of time and energy to daily prayer, studying the Scriptures, learning the Catechism, and studying the lives of the saints. Many experience Sunday Mass as a burden. Charitable service can become undesirable. Many rarely work at the proclamation of the Gospel.

Though it is true that much of your time might need to be devoted to the ordinary duties of life, such as making a living and caring for the home and family, it is also true that most people need to reorder their priorities by making sure that the will of God is the central mission of their lives. How is this best accomplished? It begins with the virtue of prudence. Prudence is both a natural virtue and a supernatural one. On a natural level, prudence is called the

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 21, 2025

“mother of all virtues” because it is the quality by which every other virtue, all our time and energy, goals and ambitions are directed. Prudence is the act of vigorously using our minds to creatively and zealously work to achieve the most important goals in life. Supernatural prudence is a spiritual gift by which our natural abilities of prudence are infused with the grace of God, and we are better equipped to know how to accomplish God’s will for our lives.

Reflect, today, upon what your list would look like if you were to make it honestly. What do you spend the most time and energy doing? Even if you need to spend most of your time on the ordinary aspects of life, this becomes a holy endeavor when you do it because God is inspiring you to do so. In that case, even the ordinary becomes grace-filled and a way by which you glorify God. Pray for the gift of supernatural prudence and ask our Lord to more directly order your life so that everything you do is for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. *My Catholic Life! 2025*

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2025!

We would like to officially kick off our 2025 Thanksgiving Food Drive! Food insecurity is now a nationwide crisis, deeply affecting the physical, mental and social well-being of individuals across Canada. Ontarians are concerned about their ability to feed themselves or their families

“Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, “The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending His love and compassion to those in need. Together we will continue to bring hope and dignity to our community, to those who suffer thus making a palpable and concrete difference in the lives of our neighbours.” *Archbishop Francis Leo, August 26, 2024, communication@archtoronto.org.*

In this Jubilee year, 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 non perishable donations in the crate at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your Kindness and Generosity.

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>

Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. Stewardship Sunday an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. Please read the homily by Cardinal Frank Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to your parish, and others in the community and beyond. See: <https://rb.gy/b6ooohy>



## OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

LIVE MUSIC/FOOD/RAFFLE PRIZES/ CASH BAR  
Doors Open At 6:00pm

**Tickets: Adults \$30.00 Youth (under 18) \$15.00**

**Tickets are \$35.00 at the door if available (children under 2 free) Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in the church foyer starting September 20, 2025, or can be purchased in person from the parish office until October 12, 2025.**

If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email:

[youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com)

**A Parish Youth Fundraising Event**

## BLESSING OF PETS

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Saturday October 4, at 10:00am there will be a blessing of pets in the parking lot under the canopy. We kindly ask for donations of pet food to the Bradford Food bank.

## 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 late September / October. We invite you to celebrate Mass with us on Saturdays or Sundays. Announcements regarding registration will be made at Mass. Please be sure to stay connected with us, visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information and registration for these sacraments.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE is a fun, exciting and free program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8.  
**More information on dates and registration to follow.**

## LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12. **More information on dates to follow.**



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