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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

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

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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 29, 7:00PM** \*Special Intention for Michael Rannea & Veronica Hurtado \*Special Intention for Leo Alejandro Sandoval & Angel Hurtado

**TUESDAY, September 30, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva \*Special Intention for Pervan Govindraj

**WEDNESDAY, October 1, 7:00PM** +Lucy Dantas

**THURSDAY, October 2, 9:00AM** +Maria Dolores Vigario \*Special Intention for Joel LaRoche

**FRIDAY, October 3, 7:00PM** +Samantha Diogo +Maria Rosete & Manuel Conceicao Jr.

**SATURDAY, October 4, 9:00AM – First Saturday** +All Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, October 4, 5:00PM** +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Maria & Eugenio Arruda

+Romako Sakac +Mario Cemas & Stanley Cemas

+Benedito da Silva & Albina Barbosa +Joao Balugas

+Mark & Fred Oliveira +Virgilio Domingues & Manuel

Marques Oliveira +Ana Balkovec & Matija Cadonic +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Graciete Domingues \*Special Intention for Tymothy Tuyen Tran

**SUNDAY, October 5, 8:00AM** +Joao Domingues

**SUNDAY, October 5, 10:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, October 5, 12:00pm** +Sunthyo Addaikalammuthu \*Special Intention of Aldo & Sandra Greco

**\*SUNDAY, October 5, 2:00PM – Our Lady of Fatima**  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) \*ProPopulo**

**\*OUR LADY OF FATIMA - October 5, at 2:00pm**

**Note: Please join us in celebrating our Lady of Fatima at the 2:00pm Mass in Portuguese.**



### 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 at the cemetery weather permitting.** Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish Office.



You can extend God's compassion and solidarity to our brothers and sisters. Together with your support, let us illuminate His light in the darkest places, providing strength to those enduring unimaginable hardships. Help us to reach our ShareLife Parish goal of \$54,500.00. Together we can make a difference! We thank you for your kindness and generosity. 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).

## REFLECTION

### Luke 16:19-22

No rational person would want to go to hell. The rich man in this parable certainly did not desire hell, but his actions led him there. Most people, however, do want to be rich in this world. In fact, many people would think it irrational *not* to desire wealth. It is very rare to find a person who chooses to live in simplicity as a means to deeper spiritual fulfillment and as a preparation for the riches of Heaven. But one clear message from our Gospel story today is that the life that Lazarus lived on earth was far better than that of the rich man. So which life do you prefer here and now? While it is true that the rich man's riches were not the exclusive cause of his eternal damnation, it is also true that his riches imposed upon him a temptation toward selfishness and indifference to the needs of others, which ended in his eternal demise.

Imagine that you won many millions of dollars. What would you do with it? As a good Christian, you might immediately profess that you would use that money for good, to help the poor and make a difference in the lives of others. What would the ideal response be to winning many millions of dollars? Would it suffice to give away ten percent and then use the rest for yourself? Probably not.

One thing that this parable teaches is that material wealth not only adds nothing of value to our eternal reward, it also adds much temptation to our lives. True, if you received a lot of money and then used that money exclusively for good in accord with God's will, that would be a holy act of charity on your part and good for your eternal soul. But doing so would be very difficult. It would be very difficult to resist the temptations that come from material wealth. Is it good to be rich? It is certainly good to be able to take care of your basic needs in life and those of your family. Having money helps you do that. But once our basic needs have been met, the money left over is far more of a temptation than it is a blessing. We have to believe that. And if you are among those who want to become rich so that you can help others, consider this scenario. If that is your motivation, and if you did win a large amount of money, would it be possible for you to continue living the way you are living now? Imagine staying in the same home, driving the same car, having the same lifestyle, and using all the money you obtained 100% for the glory of God and the good of others. That would be hard to do. But if you could do it, not only would it be good for others, it would be exceptionally good for your own soul. Though this Gospel story has many valuable lessons in it, one of the clearest messages is that earthly poverty benefits a soul far more clothed in fine linen and purple garments and then spent eternity in the netherworld where he was tormented. The other longed to eat the scraps from another's table, had no home, was covered in sores, than earthly wealth. Many people will find that hard to accept. Reflect, today, upon the stark contrast between Lazarus and the rich man. One dined sumptuously every day, was but



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 28, 2025

spent eternity in Heaven after being carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. Choose to imitate Lazarus rather than the rich man. If you have many material possessions, work hard at being detached from them. Live simply, be generous, and never neglect those in need. If you have very little, do not covet more. Eliminate envy, don't despair, trust in the providence of God, and rejoice that, like Lazarus, you are able to build up eternal riches within your soul that will remain with you forever. *My Catholic Life! 2025*



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2025!

The need is great! The cost of living has risen to a decade high. Many households are struggling to afford enough food. Food banks in communities large and small are being stretched to their limits, facing increased demands. This Thanksgiving, please help our local food bank meet the needs of our community so they can be there for families that urgently need them. Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with food and love this Thanksgiving! We invite our parish community to drop off non-perishable food items in the crate at the entrance of the church to help support our local food bank this Thanksgiving! Thank you for your Kindness and Generosity.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA - CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday October 4 & Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Saturday October 4, 7:00pm Mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan celebrated by Father John Pak, followed by procession and a candlelight vigil. Sunday October 5, at 2:00pm, there will be a Mass celebrated by Father John Pak, followed by a procession with Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After the procession and the celebration on Sunday, we would like to invite everyone to a social afternoon at the Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford. There will be coffee, tea, refreshments and snacks.

A Comissão de Festas de Nossa Senhora de Fátima vai realizar missas e procissões em Honra de Nossa Senhora De Fátima na Igreja Holy Martyrs of Japan no Sábado, 5 de outubro. A missa será celebrada às 19h00 com o Padre John Pak, seguida pela procissão das velas. No Domingo, 6 de outubro, às 14h00, celebração da Missa com o Padre John Pak seguida pela Procissão e Bênção do Santíssimo Sacramento. Depois de terminar a procissão e cerimónia de Domingo, gostaríamos de convidar todos para uma tarde de convívio no Clube Português de Bradford. Haverá café, chá, refrigerantes e doces variados!



## 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**

## 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.

***Please visit our website, go Our Ministries/Youth Ministry/Edge to download and complete the registration form and email it to [youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com).***

***Next Edge Night: October 10 – Step 1***



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. ***Please visit our website, go Our Ministries/Youth Ministry/LifeTeen to download and complete the registration form and email it to [youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com).***

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