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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.

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

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elogrono@archtoronto.org

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Catholic Moms Group

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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 Trinite & 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, October 6, 7:00PM +Virginia Correia
+Manuel Candido Rodrigues +Graciete Domingues
+Stanislaw Orzolek +Gladys Logrono +Antonio Julio &
Virginia Diogo +Augusto Cardoso & Ilda Marques +Mario
Do Nascimento & Lucinda Ferreira *

TUESDAY, October 7, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva
+Jim Cole

WEDNESDAY, October 8, 7:00PM +Baby Gabriel
Smith +Joao Perna

THURSDAY, October 9, 9:00AM +Lourdes Cruz

FRIDAY, October 10, 7:00PM +Urzula Blalasik

*Special Intentions for Mattucci-McEvenue Family

SATURDAY, October 11, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 11, 5:00PM +Manuel Marques
Riveiro Oliveira & Maria Rosa Miranda Oliveira +Antonio
Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia
Sousa +Isaura Lorencio +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo
+Fernando de Jesus Marques +Antonio Albert Rocha
+Virginia Correia +Augusto Marques +Laura Marques &
Sidonio Marques +Manuel Pereira & Jose Miranda +Lucy
Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Graciete Domingues +Manuel
Carvalho +Virgilio Pinho & All Deceased Family
Members *Special Intenions of the McEvenue Family
SUNDAY, October 12, 8:00AM +Michael Joseph
DeFreitas +Theresa & Joe Melo
SUNDAY, October 12, 10:00AM +Fred & Mark Oliveira
*Special Intentions of the Maragrado Family
SUNDAY, October 12, 12:00pm *ProPopulo
SUNDAY, October 12, 2:00pm *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on the First Friday of the
month, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm
Mass.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-ESPAÑOL

Invites you to the next weekend experience on November
1-2. For more information, call Ismael & Maria Gonzalez
647 916 8604.



Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife
envelope, online through our parish website, or at
sharelife.org/donate.

THANKSGIVING Monday October 13, 2025

Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed.
Wishing you and your families a blessed celebration!

WOW Living's Hand Up Clothing Room- Winter Coat & Boot Drive

Is in need of gently used coats and
boots. Accepting donations until October 15, Mon-Sat from
10:00am-2:00pm. Drop off location: Wow Living, 177
Church St. (A Hand up Clothing Room).

REFLECTION

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The
Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."* [Luke 17:5-6](#)

Is it possible to completely uproot a tree and plant it in the
sea? It's certainly hard to imagine how. It is especially hard
to imagine doing so with a simple command of faith.

Uprooting a tree is hard enough to imagine, but it is even
more difficult to imagine a tree being planted in the sea.
Though water is necessary, one cannot plant a tree in the sea
and expect it to grow. But that's partly the point. We often
underestimate the power of true faith. Saint Matthew's
Gospel says that faith can move mountains. Saint Luke's
says it can uproot a tree and replant it in the sea. All it takes
to do so is faith the size of a mustard seed.

How much faith is equal to a mustard seed? A mustard seed
is small, very small. It measures only about one millimeter
in length. People who worked the soil at that time would
have known that it was among the smallest of seeds they
planted. For that reason, Jesus uses this familiar image to
teach the apostles that faith, even a little faith, is powerful.
Jesus' teaching comes in response to a prayer on the part of
the apostles. "Increase our faith," they said. Jesus' response,
inviting them to have only a little faith, implies that their
faith was quite weak. To increase their faith to the size of a
mustard seed suggests that they did not even have a little
faith yet. Most likely they were aware of that fact, and that
was the reason they asked Jesus to increase their faith. They
perceived their lacking and turned to Him Who could help.
One of the first steps to increasing faith is to humbly admit
our lack of faith. In our pride, we often want to convince
ourselves and others that we are filled with faith. But if that
were the case, God would be doing incredible things
through us. He would be doing that which is otherwise
humanly impossible.

Obviously, faith does not give us magical powers by which
we can literally command a tree to uproot itself and plant
itself in the sea. This imagery is meant to tell us that faith
will work miracles of faith, not necessarily physical
miracles. In fact, if God ever did use us and our faith to
work a physical miracle, it would only happen because it
was a motivation for the far more important gift of the
increase of faith.

What, then, can a little faith do? It can uproot sin from your
heart and from the hearts of those around you. It can nourish
you and others in ways that seem impossible. Just as a tree
cannot normally be planted in the sea and survive, the gift of
faith, even a little faith, will enable the soul to be nourished
and strengthened in ways that otherwise seem impossible. A
martyr perfectly illustrates this fact. Normally, persecution
and death are not considered to be nourishing to a person.
But when a person has faith and suffers martyrdom on
account of Christ, then their soul will be fed by the
persecution itself. And that is among the greatest of miracles
possible. Suffering, persecution, illness, poverty, and every

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 5, 2025

other difficulty imaginable are transformed by God into a source of nourishment when we endure them with true faith.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of the apostles: "Increase our faith." Some of the greatest mystics taught that faith darkens the intellect. By this darkening, they mean that, by faith, God will lead us into the unknown, on a path that He alone is aware of. We will become instruments of His transforming grace in ways that are completely beyond our natural abilities. Pray for an increase of faith. When our Lord hears your humble prayer, by which you also confess your lack of faith, He will increase that faith, uproot sin and evil, and plant your soul in places in which you become nourished in ways that you could have never imagined possible. *My Catholic Life! 2025*

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2025!

We all have much to be thankful for! Let us share our blessings with one another. Our community is growing with many new families, immigrants and refugees. This thanksgiving many will be reaching out to our food bank for help. Let us respond to this need. You can feed HOPE this thanksgiving to those most vulnerable in our community. Thanks to rising food prices, and inflation, food banks are having a most difficult time keeping up with an increased demand. When food is placed into the hands of those in need, struggling with hunger, a profound change takes place. HOPE is restored! Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with FOOD, LOVE, and HOPE 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.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th, 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

A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

VOCATIONS

"Increase our faith." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious 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

CWL cordially invites...
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Tickets will be available for purchase after all weekend
Masses in the foyer. Please purchase tickets before
October 12th. We hope to see you there.



ROSE OF SHARON (Center for Young Mothers)

The Knights of Colombus will be selling the lapel embroidered roses for the Rose of Sharon after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses on October 11 and 12. Please help support this important cause.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2026 SEASON OPENS MONDAY OCTOBER 6!

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation will open on MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2025! Registration forms for each sacrament can be found on our parish website at holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org click "Sacraments" on the menu bar and click on "First Communion" or "Confirmation" and go to registrations 2025-2026.

**NOTE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 (INCLUSIVE).**

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. 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. Next Lifeteen: October 24 & 25 -Search (Must Register)Overnight Retreat*

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