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*Give thanks to the Lord for  
His many Blessings  
On Thanksgiving*



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, October 13, 9:00AM – Thanksgiving Day**

+Joao Veloso +Manuel Martins & Maria Amanda +All Deceased Priests +Romanko Sakac +Manuel Santos

**TUESDAY, October 14, 9:00AM**

+Manuel Da Silva +Gordon Harmer

**WEDNESDAY, October 15, 7:00PM**

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGirolamo +Cecil Santos & Irene Rozbiewski

**THURSDAY, October 16, 9:00AM** +Jennifer Da Silva

**FRIDAY, October 17, 7:00PM** +Doris & Nick Yaremko +Stephanie Archer

**SATURDAY, October 18, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, October 18, 5:00PM**

+Deolinda Oliveira & Special Intention for the Marques Family +Abilio Soares & Joao Viegas Soares +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Afonso Lameirinhas +Irma & Eduardo Lancha +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Graciete Domingues +Mary Carter +Julia Robinson

**SUNDAY, October 19, 8:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, October 19, 10:00AM**

+Luis Pontes +Angela & Albert Sedore

**SUNDAY, October 19, 12:00pm**

+Elvira & Domenico Di Re \*Special Intention for Joe Mongillo

**SUNDAY, October 19, 2:00pm** \*ProPopulo

**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**



Wishing everyone a peaceful long weekend with family and friends as we celebrate this time of gratitude for our many blessings. Mass will be at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Monday, October 13, and the parish office will be closed.



Thank you to all who have supported and donated to our thanksgiving food bank drive! Your acts of kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you for your gift of hope this thanksgiving to the many families in need in our community. Please continue to give and donate to our local food bank as the need is great and Christmas is quickly approaching. Together, WE can make a difference! May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly. Continue to pray for one another!

## REFLECTION

*As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” [Luke 17:11-13](#)*

This story begins very well for all ten of these lepers. For nine of them, it ends tragically. For one, it ends in an even better and more glorious way than it began.

The lepers represent us all. Their illness was a symbol of all sin and the consequences of sin. When the disease began, the lepers began to experience the effects of their disease. Discolored and thick dry skin, sores, and rashes would set in. Once detected, each leper was removed from the community to stop the spread of the disease and was only free to associate with other lepers. They no longer could gather freely with their loved ones as the lepers entered isolation and shame. Analogously, all sin has similar effects. Sin causes pain within our souls as we discover the growing wounds it causes. Sin affects our relationships and our ability to freely relate to those whom we love.

The initial cure for sin is simple. We cry out, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!” But that is only the first step. By curing the lepers, Jesus was showing us that He had power over our sin. He could forgive us and will forgive us when we seek His mercy. But forgiveness will end in tragedy if it does not lead us to faith and to a following of the will of God with zeal and determination. If we take the forgiveness of sins for granted, then we will be in an even more miserable state than before. The nine lepers who failed to return and give thanks to God represent those who do not convert their lives when touched by God’s merciful hand. This story highlights the importance of our response to God when He does touch us. We must glorify God with a loud voice, fall on our knees before Him and express our deepest gratitude. When the one leper does this, Jesus says to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” That mercy from our Lord was a mercy that touched his soul. It imparted the gift of faith and enabled this man to go forth and be healed with eternal graces.

Too often we turn to God in prayer only when we have a problem. Then, once the problem is taken care of, we pay little to no attention to our Lord. God’s role in our lives is not to fix our problems so that we can then go about our daily lives as normal. His mercy must evoke ongoing and profound gratitude. Gratitude to God is nothing other than an acknowledgement of the truth. We owe everything to God. Without Him, we are nothing. We are dead in our sins. Just one leper realized this and was blessed with the gift of faith that saved not only his body, but also his soul. Reflect, today, upon the ways in which you turn to God in prayer. It is good to come to Him with your needs and problems. It is good to cry out “Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!” It is good to come to Him as the Physician of your soul and the source of healing you need. But that is not enough. In fact, if you stop there in your life of prayer, you will end

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 12, 2025

in a most miserable state. You will be using God for your selfish advantage. Reflect upon whether you are able to take the next and most important step in faith. Do you come to Him when all is well? Do you praise Him with all your might for all that He has done for you? Do you fall on your knees before Him with the deepest gratitude in your heart? Reflect upon your prayer and seek to imitate this one leper. If you do, your faith will also save you and our Lord will invite you to rise and go forth, healed in the truest way possible. *My Catholic Life! 2025*



## 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

## FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

**Dates:** Tuesdays October 28 and November 25, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. **This is a Free Event!** All are invited to our Faith and Fellowship evenings. We gather once a month to cover a different topic of Catholic theology. For parents with young children, our large meeting room is available for childcare and activities to give parents the opportunity to participate.

All Saints Party **Saturday, November 1 from 10 AM till 12:30 PM** please register using the QR code found on the poster at the back of the parish

**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).



Please help us reach our ShareLife Parish goal of \$54,500.00. Together we can make a difference! Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate)

CWL cordially invites...

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GRANDMOTHERS, LADIES OF  
THE PARISH**

**for a delightful afternoon social  
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Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the  
Parish Hall**



Enjoy a light lunch, sweets, special teas and fellowship  
The Cost: \$10.00/Adult & \$5.00/ Child (under 12)  
Tickets will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses in the foyer. Please purchase tickets before October 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there.

## SACRAMENTS

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

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is open as of MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2025! Registration forms for each sacrament can be found on our parish website at [holymartyrsofjapan.archtoronto.org](http://holymartyrsofjapan.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](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com).** **Next Edge Night: October 24 – Single Sheet**



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).** **Next Lifeteen: October 24 & 25 -Search (Must Register) Overnight Retreat** **October 31 – All Hallows Eve**

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