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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.

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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, October 20, 7:00PM +Najim Shaya +Liliana Ventura Marques

TUESDAY, October 21, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Liliana Ventura Marques

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 7:00PM*ProPopulo

THURSDAY, October 23, 9:00AM +All Deceased Borges & Da Silva Family Members +Antonio Mirassol & Family

FRIDAY, October 24, 7:00PM +Orlando Soares & Francisco Xavier +Mary Sunny

SATURDAY, October 25, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 25, 5:00PM +Jose Rodrigues +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +Arlindo Araujo +Jose & Edelina Araujo +Joaquim Araujo & Idalina Goncalves +Terezinha Teixeira +Perpetua Barroso & Manuel Barroso +Francisco Araujo & Arlindo Araujo +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Graciete Domingues +David Maloles Ramsay Jr. +Jose Agustin Arboleda

SUNDAY, October 26, 8:00PM +Fernando de Jesus +Graciete Domingues

SUNDAY, October 26, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 26, 12:00pm +Deolinda Oliveira & All Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, October 26, 2:00pm *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday November 7, 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 Friday October 31 at 11:00am at the cemetery weather permitting.** Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that on Wednesday November 5, the Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am instead of our regular 7:00pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! FALL BACK!! DON'T BE LATE!



REMINDER:

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on November 2 at 2:00am!



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

REFLECTION

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. [Luke 18:1](#)

In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. Though the judge did not care about the woman, he eventually rendered a just decision for her because she was so persistent. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence.

Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly. One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." We read that the woman's plea before the judge was, "render a just decision for me..." At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus gives this interpretation: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" When we pray, we ought not pray for whatever we want. We ought not pray for our preference, selfish desires, or our own ideas. We must pray only for the justice of God. When we do so with unwavering perseverance, God will secure our rights and bring forth His justice.

Justice, in the mind of God, is not only about righting certain wrongs. The prime example of this is the death of our Lord Himself. Clearly, Jesus was purely innocent and yet He suffered greatly. For that reason, would we conclude that the suffering and death of the Son of God was an injustice? Not really. The reason for this is that justice can be achieved best by mercy. Because Jesus embraced the injustice of His suffering and death and turned it into a free embrace out of love, this "injustice" became a sacrifice of love by which an abundance of mercy was bestowed. Jesus had every right to call down fire from Heaven and to destroy those who sinned against Him. But He had a far better plan. Instead, by choosing to accept the injustice of the Cross, and by freely embracing it with His own will, the injustice was transformed and a far greater good came forth.

In our own lives, whenever we are wronged by another, we are often tempted to anger and to desire revenge in the name of justice. We want them to pay for what they did. If you ever feel that way, know that the greatest form of justice is mercy. Know that your free embrace of injustice brings forth the transforming power of God in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we must pray for night and day. We must beg God for the ability to accept all sufferings with love, to offer those sufferings as a sacrifice, and to allow them to be transformed into mercy. If this is our persistent prayer, we can be certain that our prayer will be answered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 19, 2025

Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers.

My Catholic Life! 2025

ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday November 1, 2025, All Saints Day, there will be a Mass at 9:00am

ALL SOULS DAY

Sunday November 2, 2025, All Souls Day, All Souls Day, reminds us of our own mortality, that the love of each of us is limited and we need to be ready to meet our Lord when he calls us. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and our beloved dead. Through our prayers may they find eternal rest. **We will commemorate All the Faithful Departed at all Sunday Masses on November 2, 2025.**

CEMETERY PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ON ALL SOULS DAY

Come join us for **Prayers** at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery (2952, 9th Line, Bradford) for all the faithful departed on **Sunday November 2, 2025, at 2:00pm.**

PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2025.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in Our Book of Remembrance, after Mass, and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar of the church.

OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

If you are new to our parish community, WELCOME to Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish! If you would like to register with our parish, would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH MEAL

The Knights are hosting a parish meal on **October 25th and 26th**. We will have dinner after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and breakfast after the 8:00am, 10am, and noon Masses. Cost is free will donation. Let us gather together as a community joined in fellowship, laughter and love.



HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

One stop shopping for Christmas!

Hosted By: Catholic Women's League

**Saturday November 8th &
Sunday November 9th**

9:00am to 3:00pm Parish Hall

Raffle Prizes and a Silent Auction with exciting Prizes!
The event will feature lots of vendors showcasing exciting new products like jewellery, soaps, honey's, jams, candles, gift baskets, crystals, plants, religious goods and lots of fresh baked goods and much more! Don't miss it – enjoy a hot lunch and start your Christmas shopping early!

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 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 24 – Single Sheet

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. **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 October 31 – All Hallows Eve**

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