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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.

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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 27, 7:00PM +Luciana Tomizza
+Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +Marian Yanek & Romanko Sakac *Special Intentions of the Margarido Family

TUESDAY, October 28, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva
*Special Intentions of Carolina Santana

WEDNESDAY, October 29, 7:00PM+Graciete Domingues

THURSDAY, October 30, 9:00AM +Gladys Topliss

FRIDAY, October 31, 7:00PM +Graciete Domingues
+Larry MacIntyre

SATURDAY, November 1, 9:00AM- First Saturday
+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, November 1, 5:00PM +Daniel Viveiros Sr.
& Lucia Da Conceicao Balugas +Maria Dolores Vigario
+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Jose Manuel Barbosa +All
Deceased Cabral & Paulino Family Members +Carlos Pais
+Jose Avelino Araujo +Virginia Correia +Carlos Marques
& Grandparents +Graciete Domingues +Odile Scott &
Antoinette Scott +Stanley Rak +All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, November 2, 8:00AM +All Faithful Departed

SUNDAY, November 2, 10:00AM +Charles & Peggy
Langley +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho
+All Faithful Departed

SUNDAY, November 2, 12:00pm *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 2, 2:00pm *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

MASS TIME CHANGE

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

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 held Friday October 31 at 11:00am at the cemetery weather permitting. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.



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.**

REFLECTION

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.’” [Luke 18:10-11](#)

What a sad prayer. Of course it wasn't even a prayer to God since the Pharisee “spoke this prayer to himself.” The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that the tax collector “stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’”

Which prayer more resembles your own prayer?

To honestly answer that question, let's examine both prayers. First of all, the contrast of these two prayers is a contrast between humility and pride. The Pharisee was clearly full of pride. Pride blinds us from true self-knowledge. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness.

The sin of pride is obvious in the prayer of the Pharisee and, therefore, his lack of true self-knowledge is also evident. Note that even his physical posture of standing depicts pride. Throughout the Scriptures, kneeling, or even falling prostrate, is the disposition of the humble. In addition to standing, the Pharisee's prayer was a list of his own goodness. He very well may have fasted twice a week and paid tithes on his whole income. But his prayer suggests that he did this by his own effort. He did not ascribe those acts to the grace and strength of God, which means they were not true acts of charity. His prayer suggests that he doesn't need God in order to do good. This is also seen in the fact that he asks nothing of God. Instead, he simply thanks God for how good he is through his own effort. The result is that God gives him nothing, since he asked for nothing.

True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God's grace. Truth be told, he wasn't worthy of it. That's why God's grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn't deserve mercy but begs for God's grace as an act of God's mercy.

When you pray, how do you pray? What is the disposition of your heart and for what do you pray? Begin by considering the physical position in which you pray. Though we can pray standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down, there is something very good about kneeling or even lying prostrate. It doesn't mean we have to do so the entire time we pray, but it is a good practice to kneel, bow your head or

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fall down prostrate before God at least for a moment each day. Do you do this? If not, consider making this a daily habit.

When you pray, do you begin your prayer with humility? We begin the Mass by examining our conscience and confessing our sins. This is a good example of how to begin your prayer every time you pray. Humble yourself by calling to mind your sins and weaknesses. Confess them to God and acknowledge the fact that, because of your sins, you are unworthy of God's mercy. Humility like this will help you to see yourself as God sees you, and this will help you open yourself to the grace you need from God to grow in holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the humility found in the prayer of this tax collector. As you do, look at your own practice of prayer and discern whether you imitate this tax collector's disposition and prayer. Try to commit to physically humbling yourself before our Lord every day. Kneel, bow your head, or fall down prostrate every day. When you do pray, beg for mercy as one who doesn't deserve anything from God. This is the humble truth on which all prayer must be based. The more you can humble yourself this way, the more God will lift you up and pour forth His mercy upon you. *My Catholic Life! 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.**

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.

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

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



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

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to **THANK** all who helped support the Rose of Sharon campaign for young mothers. Thanks to you we will be making a donation of \$1000.00 to the Rose of Sharon!



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!

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.

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 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.
Next Edge Night: November 7 – Handmade

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.

Next LifeTeen Night: October 31 – All Hallows Eve

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