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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

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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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

Santissima Trinidade & 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, November 3, 7:00PM +Samantha Diogo +Romanko Sakac +Manuel Candido Rodrigues +Liberation of All Deceased Priests from Purgatory

TUESDAY, November 4, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Saul Domingues & Maria Oliveira Janeiro

**WEDNESDAY, November 5, 9:00AM*ProPopulo THURSDAY, November 6, 9:00AM +Saul & Maria Domingues +Graciete Domingues

FRIDAY, November 7, 7:00PM +Carlo Pais *Special Intention for Tymothy Tuyen Tran

SATURDAY, November 8, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 8, 5:00PM+Manuel Da Silva +Jose Manuel Cladas Azevedo +Joao Perna +Antonio Albert Rocha +Joao Veloso & Antonio Veloso +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Abilio & Fatima Soares +Graciete Domingues +David Maloles Ramsay Jr. +Lidia Nunes +Carmine Furgiuele & Noah D'Alleva +Luigi Furgiuele & Assunta Furgiuele +Salvatore Rende & Carmela Rende

SUNDAY, November 9, 8:00AM *ProPopulo **SUNDAY, November 9, 10:00AM** +Luis Pontes +Joao Veloso

SUNDAY, November 9, 12:00pm +Angela Tarantino +Manuel Augusto Miranda SUNDAY, November 9, 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.

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**.

REFLECTION

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." John 6:40

Yesterday's Solemnity of All Saints gave us an opportunity

to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that there are countless people who have gone before us who are now enjoying the glories of Heaven. These faithful souls lived lives that were grounded in God's grace and have been fully purified of all sin. They now gaze at our good God face-to-face. Today, we commemorate the fact that many who die in a state of grace are not immediately ready to stand before the glorious throne of God and see Him face-to-face. The only way this is possible is if every sin and every attachment to sin is purged from our souls. We must have nothing but pure charity alive within us if we are to enter the eternal glories of Heaven. But how many people die in such a state? The Church, in her wisdom and holiness, has taught clearly through the centuries that when a person passes from this world to the next while still attached to less serious sin, they need to be fully purified in order to enter Heaven. This is Purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (#1030–31a).

For some, Purgatory can be a frightening and even confusing thought. Why doesn't God, in His infinite mercy, simply take all our loved ones who followed Him straight to Heaven? The answer is simple. He does! And the path for them to Heaven is this incredible mercy of their final purification.

Purification of all attachment to sin within our soul is a mercy beyond what we can imagine. Through this final purification, God prepares the holy souls who have died for an eternity of joy. But this purification is necessary because God, in His love, does not want any soul to live eternally with even a minor attachment to sin. God wants us all free. The truth is that every sin on our soul, even the smallest one, is reason enough for us to be excluded from Heaven. So Purgatory must be seen as a final mercy from God by which? He lifts every last burden that keeps us from perfect love, so that our eternity will be one of utmost freedom and ecstasy. God wants us to be filled only with the purity of love forever. Thus, upon our death, we are graced to enter into a final and intense purification of every minor sin, so that when we see God in all His glory, we will see Him with the perfection to which we are called. Purgatory is a gift, a grace, a mercy. It will be painful to go through in the same way that overcoming any sin is painful. But the good fruit of freedom from sin makes every final purification we must endure worth it a hundredfold and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual truth that God wants you to be a saint. If you are among those few who die in a state in which you are purified from every sin, then be assured that you have already completed your purgatory on earth. But if you or your loved ones are among the many who still hold some minor attachment to sin at the time of death, then rejoice that God is not done with you yet. Anticipate with much gratitude the final purification that awaits and look forward to the freedom that ultimately comes from that purification. *My Catholic Life!* 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.

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

2026 MISSALS

Missals for the 2026 liturgical year will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses at the entrance of the church in the coming weeks. The cost of the Missals will be \$7.00 each. Exact change would be appreciated.

THE SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION November 15 & 16, 2025

There will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust on the weekend of November 15/16, 2025. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided.

help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after the many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP! – November 16, 2025 – "You are my Hope" (Ps 71:5)

On the World Day of the Poor weekend, please think of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Holy Martyrs of Japan. Every dollar donated goes to helping people in our community and the need is greater than ever before. Envelopes will be available in the foyer of the church and donations are tax deductible. 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!

GUIDED BY FAITH, INSPIRED BY LOVE, AND UNITED IN SERVICE

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, we would like to extend our gratitude for the wonderful support we received at our parish meals last weekend. It was inspiring to see our parish community come together in such a joyful and generous spirit. Your kindness will allow us to continue and expand our good works within our parish and community.

SACRAMENTS

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

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

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation opened 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.

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 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.

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