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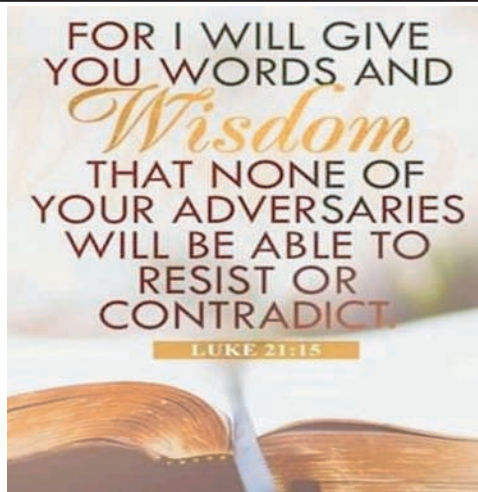
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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EDGE Youth Ministry

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

Santissima Trinitade & 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 17, 7:00PM +Virginia Correia
+Generosa Paulos +Jose Gomes & Rris Gomes +Duarte &
Maria Gomes +Victor Oliveira +Manuel Candido

Rodrigues +All Souls of Purgatory

TUESDAY, November 18, 9:00AM +Abilio Soares &
Raimundo Pereira + Agnes Hwang

WEDNESDAY, November 19, 7:00PM+Saul
Domingues & Maria Oliveira +Manuel Cruz Conceicao
& Maria Santos Rosete

THURSDAY, November 20, 9:00AM *Special Intention
for Jose Domingues

FRIDAY, November 21, 7:00PM +Antonio Mirassol &
Family +All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, November 22, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 22, 5:00PM +Manuel DaSilva
+Luis & Laura Andrade +Arlindo Araujo +Terezinha
Teixeira +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Luisa & Garcia
Miguelo +Isaura Lorenzo & Virgilio Domingues +Cidalia
Rodrigues & Venancio Silva +George Beaulieu & Chris
Beaulieu +Marcel Beaulieu & All Deceased Family
Members +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Graciete
Domingues +Manuel Borges & Antonio Pacheco +Maria
Amilia Pacheco & Idalina Moniz +Elizabeth Stephen
*Special Intention for the Talarico Family

SUNDAY, November 23, 8:00AM *Fernando de Jesus
Marques +Graciete Domingues

SUNDAY, November 23, 10:00AM +Fernando do Couto
+Sophia Racynski

SUNDAY, November 23, 12:00pm *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 23, 2:00pm *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2026 NOW OPEN

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on December 5, 2025, at
7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be held on the last Friday of the
month November 28 at 11:00am at the Church. Mass
Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord!



ADVENT

Reconciliation

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2025,
6:00pm-8:00pm**

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right
spirit within me" Psalm 51:10*

REFLECTION

*"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and
persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues
and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and
governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving
testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense
beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking
that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or
refute." [Luke 21:12-15](#)*

It could be said that these are among the least consoling
words that Jesus ever spoke. Imagine what His disciples
would have thought upon hearing this. Some of them might
have changed their minds about following Jesus and walked
away. Why would anyone want to be seized and persecuted,
or thrown into prison? Jesus even went on to say that "they
will put some of you to death."

Though these words might not, at first, seem all that
consoling, they were inspired words and, therefore, must be
inspiring. By analogy, imagine an army general in charge of
troops defending their families and homeland from hostile
invaders. If that general were to say similar words to the
troops, acknowledging that some of them would be captured
and even killed, it would be a reality check for sure. But it
would also inspire a certain courage and drive. In that
moment, the soldiers would need courage to face the
challenge that awaited them. Therefore, by being honest
with them, the general would stir up their courage and
strengthen their resolve to enter the battle.

We must hear Jesus' words today as His battle cry, spoken
to encourage us. He is warning us that the secular and
unchristian world will be hostile. The leader of the kingdom
of darkness, the devil, is very active and, with his legion of
demons and followers, is seeking to destroy us. For our part,
we must decide whether we will retreat and hide, or enter
the battle for the salvation of souls.

Though most of us will not endure physical martyrdom for
our faith, it will happen to some. But for most of us, the
persecution we will endure will be on a different level. We
may be mocked or even hated for our refusal to accept
immorality within the culture. We may be called hateful
when we stand up for the dignity of the unborn child in
danger of abortion. We may be deemed superstitious or old
fashioned by remaining faithful to Sunday worship and daily
prayer. And we may be thought of as out-of-touch or behind
the times for refusing to embrace the latest popular fads and
secular values. Sometimes this happens even within the
family.

Instead of shying away from the various forms of
persecution we may experience, we need to allow our Lord
to stir up a courage within us that is fueled by love. We must
deeply desire the salvation of every soul and remain certain
that the only way to salvation is through fidelity to Christ.
When you are challenged by others or by the world, you
must trust in Jesus' words. "I myself shall give you a
wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be
powerless to resist or refute." When we resist and refute the

errors of our age, some people will become hostile. But if we remain faithful to our Lord and speak by His inspiration, then those who are hostile will be affected for the good. Because Jesus said that people will not be able to “resist or refute” the words He inspires us to say, we must know that our words can make a difference in the battle for souls. We must engage the battle with courage and love and rely upon our Lord to lead.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that we are all in a battle for the salvation of souls, beginning with our own. We cannot be passive bystanders. We must move forward with much courage and strength. We must trust in the guidance given to us by our Lord. We must be open to the words He will inspire us to speak when needed. Resolve to follow our Lord into this holy battle, and He will equip you with all you need to be victorious. *My Catholic Life! 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP! – November 16, 2025



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 are available at the entrance of the church and donations are tax deductible.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Dates: Tuesday 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 to cover a different topic of Catholic theology. Come learn and share about our Catholic faith! For parents with young children, our large meeting room is available for childcare and activities to give parents the opportunity to participate.

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE- Lets start early!

These times have been challenging for everyone, some more than others. Help to spread the message of Christ's HOPE this season by donating non-perishable items (such as: Pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, Cereal, Granola Bars, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Juice Boxes/1lt Juices, Soup, Peanut Butter, Rice Flour, Sugar, Tea, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Diapers and Baby wipes are just a few suggestions) to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the entrance of the Church when you come to Mass. Let us overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this upcoming season.



MATCHED DONATION OPPORTUNITY!

Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!

Your gift will double in value from November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.00!

Across Ontario, our brothers and sisters are facing hunger, uncertainty, and growing need. Children go to bed hungry, families struggle to put food on the table, and seniors worry about their next meal. New data shows that more than four million visits took place across Toronto food banks this year, with an increase of half a million visits from last year! ShareLife and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto are back for a third year with Food Security Grants, now partnering with two generous anonymous donors to pledge \$800,000 to help your neighbours most in need. With your compassionate support, we can continue our shared commitment to fight against hunger. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY MASS FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 2025, AT 7:00PM

SACRAMENTS

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR 2026 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 holymartyrssofjapan.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 21 – Upside-Down**



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: November 28 – Mission Confirmed**

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