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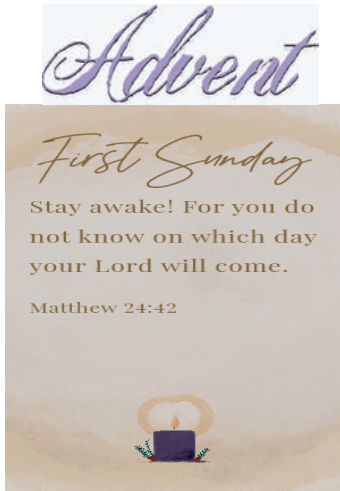
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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Alpha

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EDGE Youth Ministry

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Knights of Columbus

LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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, December 1, 7:00PM +Manuel Candido Rodrigues +Settimio Mariotti +Venancio Borges +Vito Ditta

TUESDAY, December 2, 9:00AM +Maria Dolores Vigario

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 7:00PM+Samantha Diogo

THURSDAY, December 4, 9:00AM +Fr. Douglas Hilmur

FRIDAY, December 5, 7:00PM +Romanko Sakac

*Special Intention for Timothy Tuyen Tran

SATURDAY, December 6, 9:00AM – First Saturday
+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, December 6, 5:00PM

+Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Manuel

Da Silva +Lino & Walter Andrade +Tecla Tarantino

+Antonio Albert Rocha +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros

+Graciete Domingues +Generosa Paulos +Victoria Payumo

SUNDAY, December 7, 8:00AM +Jose Rodrigues & Augusta Barros

SUNDAY, December 7, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 7, 12:00pm +Carlos Pais +Joao Perna

SUNDAY, December 7, 2:00pm *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS.



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 Friday December 26 at 7:00pm



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

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.

REFLECTION

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. ... So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Matthew 24:42-44

How does one "stay awake" as our Lord commands us? We receive this holy exhortation as we enter into a new liturgical year. In Advent, we begin at the beginning. We ponder the Incarnate Son of God dwelling as a human Child in the precious womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We anticipate the celebration of His birth into the world at Christmas. As the liturgical year progresses, we will prayerfully walk through each moment of His life, from the events of His childhood, to His public ministry, and ultimately His death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven.

Our Lord's exhortation to stay awake invites us to be attentive to the ways that the Son of God's human life speaks to us, calling us to become fully united to Him so as to share in the glorious gifts of holiness in this life and eternal salvation in the next. Advent is a season that invites us to reflect on Christ's first coming in Bethlehem, His daily coming to us in grace, and His final coming at the end of time.

From Heaven, the Son of God continues to descend to us, inviting each of us to conceive Him in our souls by grace, to be attentive to His divine presence within us, and to nurture His divine presence so that He will grow and live within us, making us true members of His Body, the Church. Staying awake means being aware of Christ's presence in every moment and cultivating a personal relationship with Him that is alive and growing. This Advent, ask yourself: How am I nurturing my relationship with Jesus so that I am ready to meet Him whenever He comes?

Jesus calls us to be prepared at every moment of every day, "for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Though this is a promise that He will return one day to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, it is also a promise that He relentlessly pursues us here and now, communicating to us by grace and inviting us to be transformed more fully, so as to love Him and manifest His love to the world around us. As we mature in our faith, God often speaks in subtler ways, inviting us to listen with the ears of our hearts. These gentle whispers of grace require us to be even more attuned to His presence, ready to respond to His call in the quiet moments of our day.

Reflect today on Jesus' exhortation to be awake, vigilant, attentive, and ready to love Him in the smallest ways. To stay spiritually awake, cultivate habits that keep you attuned to God's presence: set aside time for daily prayer, receive the sacraments frequently, and be mindful of opportunities to serve others. Search for Him this Advent, and never tire of loving Him in your prayer and in those around you. The Son of God continuously comes to you "at an hour you do not expect." By building a spiritual habit of being prepared, you will meet and love Him throughout your day.

My Catholic Life! 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Sunday of Advent | November 30, 2025

Christmas Mass Schedule

REVISED

Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24, 2025

Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm English, 6:00pm-Spanish

12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Thursday December 25, 2025

Nativity of the Lord

10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon

Holy Family – Saturday December 27, 2025

5:00pm

Holy Family – Sunday December 28, 2025

8:00am, 10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon, 2:00pm-Spanish

Mary Mother of God – Wednesday December 31, 2025

5:00pm-English, 7:00pm-Spanish

Mary Mother of God – Thursday January 1, 2026

10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon

ShareLife

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! ShareLife funded agencies and Food Security Grant recipients are responding to families facing difficult situations, comforting seniors with fellowship, distributing meals to our neighbours in need, and so much more. Your sacrificial gift this Advent makes this support possible. You offer immediate relief, restore hope, and remind your brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not alone. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Advent is upon us. Let us prepare our hearts in the anticipation of His coming by being the hands and feet of Christ alive in our community. As followers of Christ, we are called to see His face in those who hunger and thirst. Our community food bank needs your help to continue serving families in need. Your donation — whether food, funds, or time — is a beautiful way to live out the Gospel. “Whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for Me.” (Matthew 25:40) Food donations can be dropped off in the crate at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing God's love in such a tangible way this season!

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1, & 2, 2026.

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We invite all parishioners to bring a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia memorial garden for the altar. **Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on Saturday December 20th until Tuesday December 23rd in the Narthex of the Church.** Labels will be available to you to write the name(s) of your loved ones. Please affix the label to your poinsettia. They will later be placed at the altar for our Christmas celebration.



CHURCH DECORATING INVITATION

We will be decorating our Church for Christmas on Saturday December 20 after 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome to come in fellowship and help out.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VIGIL ADORATION
THURSDAY DECEMBER 11, 2025,
From 7:30pm to 12 Midnight**

Followed by a musical serenade to Our Lady

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY MASS
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 2025,** join us in celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 7:00pm Mass followed by reception

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2026 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW CLOSED!

Thank you to all who registered to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2026. Registration is now closed, and we are now able to move forward with the next stage of our planning process; sacramental preparation, and the recruiting of the volunteers required to assist with the number of children registered. For all those who have not registered for the 2026 sacramental season, we look forward to celebrating these sacraments with you next year. Be sure to visit our website and online bulletin for future communications regarding sacramental registration for next year. We look forward to celebrating the sacraments with you in the future.

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Grades 6, 7 & 8 are invited to come to Edge, on Fridays at 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. **Next Edge Night: Date: December 5 – Perfect Square**



LIFE TEEN is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held every other Friday from 7:00-9:00pm. In the Parish Hall. All are welcome! **Next LifeTeen Night: Date: December 12 – Christmas Party**

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