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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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Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Faith and Fellowship

Knights of Columbus

LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

Nossa Senhora de Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

Santissima Trinite & 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 8, 7:00PM +John & Manuel Da Silva +Julia Jover +Virginia Correia *Special Intentions of the Margarido Family *Special Intentions of the Sakac Family

TUESDAY, December 9, 9:00AM *Special Intentions of Jane Ang

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 7:00PM+Stacie Gibson Power

THURSDAY, December 11, 9:00AM +Silvio Gentile +Generosa Paulos

FRIDAY, December 12, 7:00PM +Fernando de Jesus Marques +Graciete Domingues

SATURDAY, December 13, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, December 13, 5:00PM+Manuel Da Silva +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Joao Veloso +Vita & Stephanie Nalli +Benedito da Silva & Albina Barbosa +Lucy Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Graciete Domingues +Fatima Faria & John Faria +Bogumila & Wieslal Ruczewski +Jose Miranda & Manuel Pereira + Barb Gonsalves +Arminda Balugas & Irma Lancha +Eduardo & Jose Lancha +Joao & Maria Ferreira +All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, December 14, 8:00AM +Generosa Paulos +Americo Coelho & Parents

SUNDAY, December 14, 10:00AM +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Giovanni Gutta

SUNDAY, December 14, 12:00pm *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 14, 2:00pm *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on Friday January 2, 2026, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

REQUIEM MASS The Requiem Mass will be celebrated **Friday December 26 at 7:00pm at the Church.** Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

2026 OFFERTORY BOXES will be available soon for pick up. If you do not find your box, please contact the parish office. For New Parishioners or New Envelope users, please notify the parish office via email that you are using a new box number. Be sure to include your full name, address, phone number and box number for proper allocation of funds for tax purposes.

NOTE TO ALL USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: We kindly ask that you please complete the full name and address on each envelope. If you are new to our parish community, and would like to register with our parish, or would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

REFLECTION

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Matthew 3:11–12

This passage comes just before Jesus is baptized and begins His public ministry. John the Baptist had been ministering in the desert of Judea, preaching, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Many came to him to be baptized with a baptism of repentance. But when John saw many scribes and Pharisees coming to him, he said, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” The passage above is John’s warning to them—and to us—about what will happen if we fail to repent.

At that time, when wheat was harvested, it was left to dry. Then, a winnowing fan was used to blow the wheat and chaff into the air. The lighter chaff would blow away, while the grains of wheat would fall to the ground to be gathered, milled into flour, and used for baking. John uses this familiar image to depict what Jesus will do with the righteous and the wicked. The righteous are like the grains of wheat that will be gathered and brought to Heaven. The wicked are like the chaff that, once separated from the righteous, will burn in the unquenchable fire of hell. Though it is comforting to speak of the glories of Heaven and to anticipate being brought there by our Lord, it is necessary to also consider the reality of the unquenchable fires of hell. Pondering the reality of those unquenchable fires is something we should not neglect.

In his spiritual classic, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola presents a format for a thirty-day directed silent retreat, considered by many to be the ideal retreat experience. During the first week of that retreat, the retreatant focuses primarily upon mortal sin and its consequences—the unquenchable fires of hell. Why would Saint Ignatius begin his retreat this way? Because he understood that the foundation of our growth in union with God is repentance, and repentance requires an honest and thorough examination of sin and its consequences. Reflect today on the unquenchable fires of hell, and allow yourself to foster a burning desire to flee from every sin that leads to that end. As we enter the second week of the penitential season of Advent, ponder this warning from Saint John the Baptist. Hear him speak those words directly to you. We must fear sin and avoid it, as much as we want to avoid the unquenchable fires of hell. Start with this foundational truth, so that having fostered deep repentance, you are ready to turn your heart and mind toward the glorious promise of Heaven. *My Catholic Life! 2025*

Christmas Mass Schedule

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

Christmas Eve and Day Masses, the Rosary will begin 45 minutes before Mass followed by caroling

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

ShareLife

Your Contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar! As we approach the end of the year, your loving support is crucial, as ShareLife funded agencies strive to bring hope and relief to those facing their most challenging times. Jesus speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in need (cf. Mt 25:31-45). In every gift we give to them, there is a reflection of God's love. Your sacrificial gift this Advent can provide essential support and comfort to those in desperate need, showing them that they are not alone during trying times. 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 displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help to spread the message of Christ's HOPE this season by donating non-perishable items to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your donations in the crate at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

YOUTH 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 19 – Christmas Social

LIFE TEEN

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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