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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

CONFESIONS

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 Trinidad & 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, January 12, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos +Ernesto Vettese & Carmela Vettese +Salvara Vettese +Marilyn Pethick & Rod Pethick

TUESDAY, January 13, 9:00AM +Generosa Paulos +Manuel Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, January 14, 7:00PM +Zofia & Rudolf Saniga +Americo Coelho & Parents

THURSDAY, January 15, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

FRIDAY, January 16, 7:00PM +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo Di Girolamo +Joao Perna

SATURDAY, January 17, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 17, 5:00PM +Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario +Virgilio Oliveira & Maria Rosa Miranda +Arlindo Araujo +Graciete Domingues +Terezinha Teixeira +Eduarda Rodriguez +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Marco Fernandes +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Jose Avelino Araujo & Parents

SUNDAY, January 18, 8:00AM +Virgilio Oliveira

SUNDAY, January 18, 10:00AM +Michael Joseph De Freitas +Matthew Talarico

SUNDAY, January 18, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 18, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy Hour will be celebrated on the Friday February 6th following the 7:00pm Mass.

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the last Friday of the month **January 30 at 11:00am at the Church**. Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

A HEARTFELT MESSAGE OF THANKS TO YOU!

Let the brilliance of this Christmas light shine brightly upon you and your families and may the abundance of God's overflowing love be lavished upon each of you. Thank you to all our parishioners and community members for your kindness, support and generosity over the past year. We are truly blessed to have you apart of our parish community. Without your support, our Church would not be able to spread God's love to those in our community. The impact of your warm generosity over the years echo's the teaching of the Gospel, and for that we express our deepest gratitude. Once again, thank you for donating your time, gifts, talents, and resources and for being a beacon of kindness and hope to our community. May God bless each of you and your families with health, peace, prosperity and abundance. We look forward to celebrating 2026 together!



Share Life agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassionate and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

REFLECTION

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. Matthew 3:13-15

John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets, entrusted with the mission to immediately prepare the way for the Messiah. Today's feast marks a pivotal transition from the Old Law to the New. Prior to Jesus' baptism, John's mission was in full motion. With Jesus' baptism, the mission of the Old Testament prophets is fulfilled, and the New Law of grace begins.

Why did Jesus enter the waters of baptism? He was sinless and had no need of repentance. Yet, in His divine wisdom, Jesus chose to be baptized to sanctify the waters, opening the gateway of grace for all who would follow. By entering the waters of baptism, Jesus set a precedent. Every Christian who enters the waters of baptism meets our Lord there, sharing in His life of grace.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism today, we are invited to consider our own. Most of us were baptized as infants and have no memory of the event. Others came to baptism later in life, fully aware of the grace they were receiving. Regardless of when it occurred, baptism's effects are profound and enduring. That singular moment of sanctification forever changed us, and its transformative power remains active within us.

Through baptism, Jesus meets us under the waters. When baptism is performed by full immersion, it powerfully symbolizes the reality of this encounter. We enter the waters of repentance, as John offered, but we emerge united with Christ. Just as the Father's voice declared at Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son...", so too does the Father continually speak to us after our baptism, affirming our identity as His beloved children. The Holy Spirit descends upon us, and we are offered every gift of the Spirit, provided our hearts remain open.

Baptism occurs only once in our lives and imprints on our souls an "indelible spiritual mark (character)" (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1272 and 1274).

This mark configures us to Christ and signifies our permanent belonging to Him and His Church. It cannot be lost or removed, even by mortal sin. However, while this character endures forever, the state of sanctifying grace within our souls can be lost through mortal sin. In such cases, the grace of baptism is restored through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which our souls are once again cleansed and brought back into full communion with God. Marked as members of Christ's Body, we are continually disposed to receive sanctifying grace through the other sacraments, as long as we remain in a state of grace. Baptism accomplishes this disposition, enabling us to participate fully in the life of grace that flows from Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, reflect today on your own baptism. You are forever marked as a child of God. You encountered our Lord under the waters of baptism, were cleansed of all sin, and were filled with sanctifying grace. Though sin diminishes or even extinguishes that grace when it is mortal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores it, and the Eucharist and other sacraments increase it. Always return to your baptismal grace, seeking to live out your identity as God's son or daughter, as this sacred mark intends. *My Catholic Life! 2025*

The Baptism of the Lord | January 11, 2026

ADOREMUS IN LATRIA Adoration with Praise & Worship JANUARY 17, 2026, AT 7:00PM

ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Tuesday February 3, 2026

To celebrate the feast of St Blaise there will be a blessing of throats at the 9:00am Mass

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY

We invite our parish community to celebrate our feast day with us the weekend of February 7th and 8th.

More Information to Follow



PARISH BREAKFAST- February 1, 2026

The Knights of Columbus is hosting our First Parish Breakfast of the year on Sunday February 1st, 2026.

More Information to Follow

SHROVE TUESDAY – Tuesday February 17, 2026

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. *More Information to Follow*



ASH WEDNESDAY THE BEGINNING OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2026

There will be two Masses celebrated this day with the distribution of ashes. One at 12 noon and one at 7:00pm

PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

March 3, 2026

From 4:00pm to 6:00pm

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026

February 8, 2026, 2:30pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissoineau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend in person are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage

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

The logo for EDGE Catholic Middle School Ministry, featuring a stylized 'X' and the word 'EDGE' in bold letters.

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: January 16, 2026 - Crumpled*

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: January 23 - Be Made Well*

My sanctifying Lord, through the waters of baptism, I encountered You and received the abundant grace You bestowed upon me. Please help me to keep my soul free from sin and to live with the true dignity of a child of God. Thank You for meeting me under those waters. May I remain with You, growing ever closer to You by the ongoing gift of all the Sacraments. Jesus, I trust in You.

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