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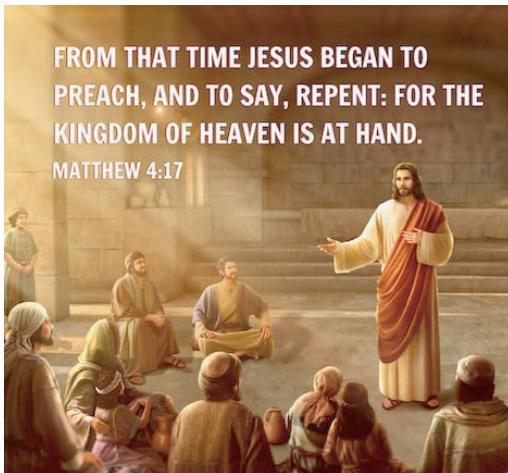
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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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 26, 7:00PM

+Eduardo Coelho +Arminda Balugas +Francesco Gammicchia & Antonino Gammicchia +Rosa Maria King

TUESDAY, January 27, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +Joseph & Wladyslawa Balon

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 7:00PM +Marian Yanak & Romanko Sakac

THURSDAY, January 29, 9:00AM

+Generosa Paulos

FRIDAY, January 30, 7:00PM

+Alzira Neto & Celeste Dinis +Anna Rosa Marques Neto

SATURDAY, January 31, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 31, 5:00PM +Graciete Domingues

+Marco Fernandes +Lucia Balugas & Armindo Balugas

+Frank Cota +Martinus Lukasanto +Harry Amow Sr.

+Joseph Mendrek

SUNDAY, February 1, 8:00AM +All Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Miranda Family

SUNDAY, February 1, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 1, 12:00PM

+Terezinha Teixeira +Donald Fernandez

SUNDAY, February 1, 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.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026 February 8, 2:30pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau 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. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversary in 2026. 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.

COME & SEE WEEKEND FOR SINGLE MEN

FEBRUARY 27- March 1, 2026 - Men's Weekend Discernment Retreat at St Augustine's Seminary

For single men 18+ who are interested in discerning and learning more about Diocesan Priesthood. Register at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

REFLECTION

Matthew 4:12, 17

When John the Baptist was arrested, his followers were likely overcome with fear and grief. The man they revered as a prophet, who fearlessly proclaimed the coming of the Messiah and called for repentance through baptism, had been imprisoned. John was arrested by Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, infamous for ordering the massacre of infants in Bethlehem. Like his father, Herod Antipas was ambitious and morally corrupt. As tetrarch of Galilee and Perea under Roman authority, Herod's political survival depended on maintaining Roman favor. He often used religion to secure legitimacy among the Jewish people, though his actions routinely violated Jewish law.

Though nominally Jewish, the Herodian dynasty was of Idumean descent, tracing its lineage to Esau rather than Jacob. The Idumeans were forcibly converted to Judaism between 135–104 BC. While this history granted the Herods a claim to Jewish identity, their foreign lineage and collaboration with Rome made them unpopular with many Jews. Herod Antipas, like his father, prioritized political cunning and personal ambition over genuine adherence to Jewish law.

When John the Baptist emerged on the scene, he proclaimed his message with fearless conviction. His central call was one of repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins, urging the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Yet John did not shy away from addressing the moral and spiritual corruption of his time. He famously denounced the Pharisees and Sadducees as a “brood of vipers,” rebuking their hypocrisy and lack of genuine repentance. John also boldly condemned Herod Antipas for violating Jewish law by divorcing his wife and marrying Herodias, the wife of his half-brother, Philip. This marriage not only violated Mosaic Law but also reflected Herod's ambitions to consolidate power and status. John's fearless denunciation of sin, even among the powerful, ultimately led to his arrest and eventual martyrdom.

This historical context surrounding John's arrest is crucial because it helps us understand God's providence—how He permits certain evils to occur in order to bring about a greater good. Jesus Himself later affirmed John's greatness, saying, “Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (*Matthew 11:11*). If the Son of God declared John's greatness shortly after John's arrest, why didn't God miraculously free him from persecution? The answer lies in John's mission. He had fulfilled his primary role: preparing the way for the Lord, the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (*John 1:29*). Once John's mission was complete, God permitted him to seal his testimony with his own blood, offering his life as a martyr for the Lord and for the Truth that sets all people free.

Reflect today on John's arrest and consider how you might have reacted if you had been one of his disciples. From an earthly perspective, martyrdom is difficult to comprehend

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or accept, especially in our own lives or in the lives of those we love. Though John's arrest and subsequent martyrdom likely brought fear and grief to his disciples, shaking their sense of security, from an eternal perspective, John's martyrdom was his greatest act of witness. It fulfilled his mission by pointing his disciples—and all of us—toward the true Prophet and Messiah, Jesus Christ. John is forever glorified in Heaven, and in the end, that is all that truly matters. As we honor John's unwavering faith, seek to embrace God's permissive will in your own life. Even in the face of suffering or evil, trust that God, in His providence, can bring about a greater good if we surrender ourselves fully to Him. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

ONLINE Drop-In Bereavement Support Session January 28 @ 7:00pm

Register at: <https://nbbd0126.eventbrite.ca>

Moderator: Archangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP
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ONLINE Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session January 28 @ 7:00pm

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PARISH BREAKFAST- February 1, 2026

The Knights of Columbus is hosting our First Parish Breakfast of the year on Sunday February 1st, 2026. After the 8:00am, 10:00am and Noon Masses.

Join us on **MONDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2026**, for the **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** (Candlemas). In honor of Christ, the "Light to enlighten the Gentiles," we will have a special Blessing of Candles during our liturgies. *Pre-Blessed candles will be available for purchase at \$10.00 per candle before Mass*

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 PASTA DINNER – Saturday February 7 at 6:00pm

We invite our parish community to celebrate our feast day. Free will donation of \$10.00 per person to support World Youth Day 2027, - Seoul, Korea.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - ANOINTING MASS
For World Day of the Sick on Wednesday February 11, 2026, at 7:00pm. Anointing of the sick will be available during Mass for the baptized with a serious illness, the elderly, or those facing serious surgery.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 25, 2026

SHROVE TUESDAY – Tuesday February 17, 2026

The Knights of Columbus invite you to Our Shrove Tuesday Dinner which will start at 5:00pm.

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

2026 OFFERTORY BOXES

Offertory boxes can be picked up at the entrance of the church. **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.

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 closed as of November 30, 2025. 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: January 30, 2026 – New Sheet**

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: February 6 – At your Service

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