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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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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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, February 16, 9:00AM – Family Day
+Generosa Paulos +Romanko Sakac +Angelo Tarantino
+Gina Correia & All Deceased Family Members +Eduarda Rodriguez & Maria Faneca

TUESDAY, February 17, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Vilma LaRoche

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 12:00PM & 7:00PM - ASH WEDNESDAY *ProPopulo

THURSDAY, February 19, 9:00AM +Rudolf & Zofia Zaniga +Laurence Alexander

FRIDAY, February 20, 7:00PM +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Assunta & Domenico Petrucci

SATURDAY, February 21, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 21, 5:00PM +Arlindo Araujo & Parents +Gracieta Domingues +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Abilio Soares +Martinus Lukasanto +Vilma LaRoche +Augusto Balugas & Paulito Martins +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Luisa & Garcia Miguelo +Paul Mira & Joao Verissimo +Maria Maia +Dennis Faria & John Faria +Bernadette Pombiere +Susan Plueschow +Virginia Correia

SUNDAY, February 22, 8:00AM +John Fenchak +All Souls in Purgatory *Special Intention for Pam Fenchak

SUNDAY, February 22, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 22, 12:00PM +Deolinda Oliveira & All Deceased Family Members +Arminda Balugas

SUNDAY, February 22, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on **Friday March 6 from 6:00pm- 7:00pm** followed by the 7:00pm Mass and the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday February 27 at 11:00am at the Church**. Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other.

Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example. Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence.

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. ©2024 My Catholic Life! Inc.

FAMILY DAY – Monday February 16, 2026,

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Family Day Long Weekend! Please note that the **parish office will be closed** for the holiday and **Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am**. May the Holy Family watch over you and keep your homes filled with peace, love, and grace.

REFLECTION

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.” Matthew 5:17–18

For many, the Old Testament can be confusing, filled with laws, rituals, and prophecies that seem difficult to connect with the New Testament. Yet, Jesus' words remind us that the Old Testament is not merely a relic of the past but an essential part of God's divine plan. Furthermore, every law, prophecy, and detail, down to “the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter,” finds its deepest meaning and completion in Christ.

In a simplified way, the “Law and the Prophets” in the Old Testament can be summarized as moral laws, ceremonial laws, and prophetic teaching. The moral laws reflect God's eternal truths of right and wrong, the ceremonial laws govern Israel's worship and rituals, and the prophetic teaching calls the people to repentance, pointing to the coming Messiah. Together, these form the foundation of the Old Covenant, which is fulfilled in Christ, Who established the New and Eternal Covenant. Additionally, the Psalms and Wisdom literature enrich the Law and the Prophets, offering inspired prayers, meditations on God's faithfulness, and practical guidance for virtuous living.

Though it might be an arduous task to read through the entire Old Testament, those who do so with understanding discover the truth that everything finds its fulfillment in Christ. “Fulfillment” does not mean that Jesus altered or discarded the Old Testament; rather, He revealed its true and hidden meaning, bringing it to perfection. What the Old Testament could only foreshadow, Jesus accomplished, achieving the fullness of God's plan.

By analogy, consider an artist's sketch that depicts a beautiful mountain range and sunset. The Old Testament is like that sketch—it provides the framework, details, and foreshadowing of something greater. In Christ, the sketch is brought to life, becoming reality through God's creative act. While the sketch and the actual mountain range are the same scene, the reality is the perfect and complete expression of what the sketch anticipated. God, as the Divine Artist, first “sketched” what would come to be through the Law, Prophets, and Wisdom literature, and then brought it to fulfillment through Jesus' Incarnation, Life, Death, and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, after declaring that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, Jesus provided three examples of how He brings the Old Testament moral law to its fulfillment. The commandment “You shall not kill” is deepened to include the interior sin of anger; “You shall not commit adultery” is expanded to include lust in the heart; and “Do not take a false oath” is elevated to a call for sincerity, honesty, and integrity in all one says and does.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messiah then pours forth His grace, enabling the faithful to live in accord with this high calling. Though not included in today's Gospel, Jesus also brings the ceremonial laws to fulfillment by becoming the Lamb of God, offering Himself as the definitive High Priest on the new altar of the Cross. Reflect today on God's Eternal Law, established before the foundation of the world and brought to fulfillment in Christ. The human life of the Son of God is the center of time and eternity. Everything converges on Him, and new life flows from Him. Just as our Lord fulfills the Old Testament, He also is the only source of true fulfillment in our lives. Ponder His mission and renew your choice to accept His New Covenant, written on your heart by grace. Doing so is an exercise in Divine Wisdom, giving you a share in the new life of grace, made possible by His blood. *My Catholic Life! 2026*



A PRAYER FOR LENT

Heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing.

By your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin and help me live by Your commandment of love.

God of love, bring me back to You. Send your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your way. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your will.

Father of mercy, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. *Lenten prayer for spiritual renewal, Catholics online*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 15, 2026

PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

March 10, 2026

From 6:00pm to 8:00pm



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

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER - 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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting Friday February 20, 2026, and every Friday thereafter during the season of Lent, join us for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

"Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy we need for every family to have joy." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa was intimately aware of poverty – living it and serving the poor. Yet she identified poverty of spirit as one of the greatest ills in society. Her advice to families was to pay attention to one another and notice needs beyond the physical. It is at home that we learn what God is like and what we are worth. When we notice the needs of our family members, we show them that they are beautifully made, worthy of love, and desired by us and by God.

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ShareLife

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

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: February 27, 2026 – Under Pressure*

LIFE TEEN

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 20 – What You Want*

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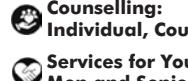
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