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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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Faith and Fellowship
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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, March 9, 7:00PM +Miquelina Dias +May Doedens +Francesco Miele +Manuel Augusto Dinis & Family

TUESDAY, March 10, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 7:00PM +Americo Coelho +Joseph Mendrek

THURSDAY, March 12, 9:00AM +Generosa Paulos +Sergio Gomes

FRIDAY, March 13, 7:00PM +Arminda Balugas +Virgilio Oliveira & Jorge Sousa

SATURDAY, March 14, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, March 14, 5:00PM +Lino & Walter Andrade +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Virgilio Oliveira & Manuel Oliveira +Carlos Pais +Graciete Domingues +Mario Di Re +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Daniel & Gil Viveiros +Armando Araujo +Milan Bobala +Virginia Correia +Bernadette Pombiere +Joao & Emilia Laranjeiro +Ana Marques Neto & Fatima Soares

SUNDAY, March 15, 8:00AM +Jose Bras & Leotina Bras +Custodia da Silva

SUNDAY, March 15, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, March 15, 12:00PM +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo DeGirolamo +Alfredo Palmerio

SUNDAY, March 15, 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 March 27 at 11:00am at the Church**. Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

2026 TAX RECEIPTS should be received within the third week of March. With our most sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity especially during these difficult economic times.



Saturday, March 14, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm- CWL

Join us for our SOUP NIGHT in the Parish Hall. Come and warm up with some fresh homemade soup with a bun, coffee, tea, water and cookies. The cost is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for children under 10 years. **Pre-Orders for soup will be taken that evening for pickup on March 28/29.**

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.



REFLECTION

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." John 4:16-18

Today, we are given the beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. The story begins with Jesus resting by the well, for He was "tired from his journey." A Samaritan woman approaches the well at noon, during the heat of the day, most likely to avoid the scorn of the other women who looked down on her. Jesus then does something that greatly surprises her: He asks her for a drink of water.

Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans, yet Jesus was willing to drink from her utensil. When she questioned Him about this, Jesus responded, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The "living water" Jesus desired to give her was the spiritual gift of grace to renew and refresh her soul. His divine eyes enabled Him to see her spiritual hunger, and His compassion filled Him with a desire to free her from her many burdens. The passage above might sound harsh at first: "For you have had five husbands..." Why would Jesus bring up this woman's humiliating situation? Because she had clearly been searching for fulfillment throughout her life, engaging in one failed marriage after another. Now, she was living with a man who was not her husband, a reality that left her dry and thirsty.

By speaking this way to the woman, Jesus lets her know that He knows all about her, loves her, and longs to fill her with the satiation she has been searching for throughout her life. He does not judge or condemn her; He invites her to experience the freedom He longed to bestow upon her. After the encounter, the woman left the well overjoyed and even left her water jar behind, symbolizing that she was no longer thirsty—spiritually speaking. She then confidently went to the people of the town and said, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

Each of us needs to see ourselves in this woman. Our sins fill us with shame. The guilt of our hidden sins weighs us down, leaving us thirsty. If we can identify with this sinful woman, then we can also expect the same depth of compassion from Jesus. Too often, we hide our sins, even from ourselves, justifying our actions, downplaying them, or ignoring them. That is not the path to freedom. Freedom only comes by allowing our Lord to reveal our sins to us, facing them, and encountering God's abundant mercy. Reflect today on the importance of opening your eyes to see the reality of your sins. Don't run from your past—confront it, understand it, confess it, and receive the living water of mercy. The holier you become, the more clearly you will see even the smallest sins you have committed. That is good. It

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is necessary if we want to be healed and refreshed by God. Imitate this sinful woman today. God is never ashamed of us. Let the shame and guilt dissipate within God's abundant mercy so that like this woman, you will know that God knows you through and through and loves you despite your sin. *My Catholic Life! 2026*



Form a new heart within.

This Sunday brings us closer to the font of renewing our baptismal commitment.

We are deeply aware that there is a struggle going on in us.

We turn to God, that we might not become discouraged.

We rely on God's compassion and love for us.

We acknowledge who we are - sinners who experience the consequences of our selfishness - but we know we are loved and we desire to be filled with hope.

Let this year be the year of favor, the year of forgiveness, a year of reconciliation. Run to these opportunities of grace through the sacrament of reconciliation, so that we can live the life of a saint. We are called to holiness. We are called to become like Jesus, through works of Justice, Works of Mercy, Works of Charity. In this holy year, speak holy words and lead by example of holy actions. Holiness is attained by what we think, what we speak and how we act. As the Pilgrims of Hope which we are called to be, our pilgrimage destination is to return home to our heavenly kingdom with Christ as renewed children of God.

Let us go into this next week of Lent renewed in our desire to continue our prayer, fasting and generosity toward others, in our pursuit of our final pilgrim destination.

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

LENTEN MISSION – MARCH 18 & 19

"Called to Dialogue: Listening to God, One's self, and Neighbours" with **Fr. John Elmer Abad** –

Associate Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary.

The Lenten mission retreat will begin each evening with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:00, and a guided spiritual journey, reflection, in deepening one's faith through silence, scripture, and dialogue. All are welcome!

My Lord and Source of Living Water, my soul is often dry and empty. I long for satiation and fulfillment. Please forgive me for trying to fulfill my soul through sin. I repent of my sins and ask You to reveal to me the full depth of those sins. As You do, please give me the grace I need to repent with all my heart so that I can be filled with Your abundant mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE – 40 cans for 40 days

As part of our Lenten Journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, consider donating to our local food bank in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, reflecting on Christ's call to love, and with your prayers that your donation provides comfort and sustenance to those in our community. Imagine if each family offered 40 items for 40 days for the duration of lent!! **Consider donating nonperishable food items such as: tuna, canned meat, soups & stews, canned tomatoes and vegetables, bagged rice, baby formula and diapers, etc...** or a monetary donation to our St Vincent de Paul Society who help those in need in our local community. A crate for your goods will be available in the foyer for your donations.



FIRST SHARELIFE SUNDAY – March 22, 2026

This Lent, you are living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate

YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith.

Next Edge Night: Date: March 13, 2026 – Transformation

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ.

Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

Next LifeTeen Night:

Date: March 20 – March Break – No Class

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