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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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Catholic Moms Group

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

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, March 16, 7:00PM +Manuel & Rosa Manata
+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Dennis Faria +Arminda
Balugas +Margaret Connolly

TUESDAY, March 17, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos
+Domenico & Assunta Petrucci

***THURSDAY, March 19, 7:00PM** *Special Intention
of the Sakac Family *Special Intentions of Carolina
Santana

FRIDAY, March 20, 7:00PM +Vilma LaRoche & Isaura
Lourenco +Arminda Balugas & Armando Araujo

SATURDAY, March 21, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, March 21, 5:00PM +Jose Manuel Barbosa
+Jeyaseeliya Addaikalamuthu +Arlindo Araujo +Virgilio
& Rosa Oliveira +Joao & Maria Ferreira +Graciete
Domingues +Arminda & Joao Balugas + Lucia Balugas
+Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes +Afonso Lameirinhas
+Virgilio De Oliveira & Maria Helena Oliveira +Stefan
Hrin & Rudolf Sutura +Elizabeth & Paul Gres +Milan
Bobala +Vilma LaRoche & Stephen LaRoche

SUNDAY, March 22, 8:00AM +Claudina Neto & Maria
Rosa de Jesus +Fernando Heleno

SUNDAY, March 22, 10:00AM +Joao Veloso &
Lourinda Botelho +All Deceased Mazzotta & Angiolella
Family Members

SUNDAY, March 22, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY March 22, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

***NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE: Thursday
March 19 Mass AND Tuesday March 31 Mass
will be celebrated at 7:00pm instead of 9:00am**

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.

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
following 7:00pm Mass. Come Journey with
Christ and prepare yourself
for the Triduum.



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!

REFLECTION

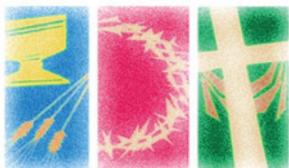
John 9:1-3 Imagine being blind throughout your life and
then suddenly being healed. All of the sounds you had heard
from childhood, all that you had touched, tasted, or smelled
suddenly took on new form within your imagination as these
images registered with sight for the first time. Colors
suddenly made sense. Large items, such as trees that you
had only heard in the wind and touched with your hands,
could be seen from a distance, glimmering in the sunlight.
Just as the blind man was filled with awe at receiving his
sight, so too is the soul overwhelmed when freed from the
blindness of sin and brought into the light of God's grace.
The healed blind man was given a gift that those who can
see from birth are not. Perceiving and understanding the
physical world only through four of his senses, and then
adding the powerful fifth sense of sight later in life,
provided immediate wonder and awe, filling him with
profound gratitude for something most of us take for
granted.

Think of a person who lives a sinful life for many years and
understands life only through the distortions of sin and
selfishness. Once set free from sin, the person's spiritual
eyes are opened. Those who experience such a conversion
are given a blessing that those who have been faithful
throughout their lives do not receive in the same way. They
understand the contrast between spiritual blindness and
sight, and the newfound freedom they receive after
conversion provides a greater understanding of the gift of
God's grace and its transforming effects. They will never
forget the weight of bondage once caused by their sin.
One reason God permitted this man to be born blind and live
that way into adulthood was to illustrate the contrast
between spiritual darkness and light. This is part of what
Jesus means when He says this man was born blind "so that
the works of God might be made visible through him." The
miracle not only illustrated Jesus' divine power but also
symbolized the much deeper spiritual healing He offers to
all. Just as the blind man received physical sight, we are
offered the gift of spiritual sight through grace.

We are born with poor spiritual sight. Our fallen human
nature, which suffers from concupiscence, tends toward
selfishness and sin. Although capable of love and affection,
a child is prone to selfishness, anger, emotional outbursts,
and other "childish" behavior. Over time, with the guidance
of good mentors, children begin to understand the value of
greater patience and selfless acts of love, kindness, and
generosity. Those who are not well-formed as adolescents or
who choose to rebel selfishly in their later years never gain a
clearer spiritual sight. The world around them remains
blurry, and divine wisdom never penetrates their eyes of
faith. The story of the man born blind is an opportunity for
each of us to examine how clearly we perceive our lives and
the world around us. Just as the man was healed, we need
healing from the blindness caused by our fallen nature.
God's grace restores our spiritual sight, allowing His light
to illuminate all we encounter in life.

Reflect today on your own need to see more clearly. We need our spiritual sight restored and sharpened if we are to perceive ourselves and our world with divine Wisdom. It takes humility to admit we have poor spiritual sight, and profound humility to admit if we are spiritually blinded by sin. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 2, 2026, at 7:00pm (Livestream)

Followed by Adoration from 8:00pm until 12:00 Midnight
in the Parish Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 3, 2026, at 12:00pm and 3:00pm (Livestream)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3:00pm Service

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2026, at 8:00pm (Livestream)

(No 9:00am and 5:00pm Mass and No Confessions)

Blessing of Food – Saturday at 10:00am

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026, 8:00am,

10:00am, (Livestream) & 12:00pm,

2:00pm (Migrant Worker Ministry-Spanish Mass)

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We invite our entire community to pray the Divine Mercy Starting on Good Friday after the 3:00pm service and continues every day for 9 days at 3:00pm concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please note: The church is closed on Easter Monday, pray the Novena at home this day.

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12, 2026, at 3:30pm (Livestream) Holy Hour Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

MARCH 28-29 HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS WILL BE SELLING UNIQUE HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ART PIECES MADE BY CHRISTIAN FAMILIES LIVING IN BETHLEHEM. AFTER THE SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS AND ALL SUNDAY MASSES.



March 22, 2026 – ShareLife Sunday You can help men answer God's call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call. Please help us reach our Parish Goal! Please continue to give using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE – 40 cans for 40 days

It is unacceptable that anyone lacks access to food in our times. A most basic human right in our society today. On our Lenten journey, let us all take action and heed the Lord's call to feed the hungry this Easter! Turn your concern into action and ultimately into a message of love to our brothers and sisters, "you are not alone." Imagine if each family offered 40 items for 40 days for the duration of lent!! Together, let us overwhelm our food bank with food this Easter. **Consider donating nonperishable food items such as: tuna, canned meat, soups & stews, canned tomatoes and vegetables, bagged rice, beans, 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.

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: March 27, 2026 – The Waters**

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: March 20 – No LifeTeen- March Break**

YOUNG ADULT GROUP AGES 18-39

Calling all young adults to join us every Sunday at 3:00 in the large meeting room. It is an opportunity to get together, grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. We look forward to seeing you.

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