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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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Alpha

Catholic Moms Group

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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 Trinitade & 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 30, 7:00PM

+Romanko Sakac +Vincenzo Pellegrini & All Deceased Family Members +Angelo Mongillo & All Deceased Family Members +Virginia Correia +Generosa Paulos +Victoria Miranda & Silvina Vieira +Mario Silva & Idalina Jesus +Olimpia Zucca & Lucio Zucca +Manuel Da Silva +David Morales Ramsay +Vilma LaRoche +Maria Esperanza Espinola & All Deceased Family Members

*TUESDAY, March 31, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions for all Priests
*Special Intentions for all RCIA Candidates

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo +Generosa Paulos

THURSDAY, April 2, 7:00PM–HOLY THURSDAY

*ProPopulo -See Triduum Schedule

FRIDAY, April 3, 12:00PM & 3:00PM–GOOD FRIDAY

*ProPopulo -See Triduum Schedule

SATURDAY, April 4, 9:00AM & 5:00 PM – No Mass

See Triduum Schedule

SATURDAY, April 4, 8:00AM - EASTER VIGIL

*ProPopulo -See Triduum Schedule

SUNDAY, April 5, 8:00AM – EASTER SUNDAY

*ProPopulo - See Triduum Schedule

SUNDAY, April 5, 10:00AM – EASTER SUNDAY

*ProPopulo - See Triduum Schedule

SUNDAY, April 5, 12:00PM – EASTER SUNDAY

*ProPopulo - See Triduum Schedule

SUNDAY, April 5, 2:00PM– EASTER SUNDAY

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo

**NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE: **

*Tuesday March 31 and Thursday April 2,
Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm instead of
9:00am.*

*THE ADORATION CHAPEL will be closed on April
2, and 3, for the Triduum*

*EASTER MONDAY - There will be NO
MASS on Monday April 6, 2026, and the
parish office will be closed.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday during the season of Lent, for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

FIRST CLASS RELIC VENERATION

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting First Class Relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The Relic will be exposed for veneration on April 7th to April 9th in the Adoration Chapel between 9:30am & 4:30pm. There will be a Mass on Thursday April 9, at 7:00pm in the presence of Relic. All are welcome.

REFLECTION

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21:10–11

The commemoration of our Lord's Passion has begun. Today, Mass begins with the reading of Matthew's account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Riding on a donkey, Jesus is greeted by a very large crowd who "spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road" (Matthew 21:8). The people welcome Him with shouts of: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9).

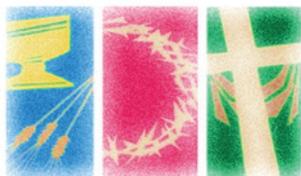
The word "Hosanna" in Hebrew means, "Save us, we pray!" Though it was originally a plea for deliverance, it became an expression of praise and joy, especially as it came to be associated with the Messiah's arrival. The phrase "Hosanna in the highest" calls for God, enthroned in Heaven, to bring His saving power to earth. The crowds' acclamation reveals both a hope for salvation and a recognition of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

During Passover week, Jerusalem's population increased several times over with pilgrims from across Israel. The atmosphere was vibrant with religious fervor and communal celebration. Merchants sold sacrificial animals, food, and provisions to the crowds. Central to the festivities was the Temple where sacrifices were offered and the Passover lambs were prepared for the sacred meal. Roman authorities increased security, wary of potential unrest, as the commemoration of Israel's liberation from Egypt stirred hopes of national deliverance. The Jewish authorities were also on high alert, concerned that any disturbance might provoke harsh reprisals from the Romans.

Imagine the excitement, concern, and surprise that many of the religious and Roman leaders felt as large crowds professed their belief in Jesus as the Messiah. Was Israel's deliverance at hand? This public acclaim highlighted why some saw Jesus as a threat. The Pharisees, in particular, feared that His messianic identity might undermine the religious authority to which they clung. Most of them dismissed the possibility that Jesus was the Messiah they awaited.

Jesus, however, had a very different understanding of the Passover that year. He knew it was the time for His hour of suffering and death, leading to His glorification. He had no interest in political maneuvering. His sole desire was to fulfill His mission as the Messiah by becoming the one perfect Lamb of Sacrifice whose blood would atone for the sins of many. Jesus was determined and confident as He rode into Jerusalem. Though He knew the suffering that awaited Him, His gaze was fixed on His mission of saving souls. In His sacred humanity, He overcame every temptation to fear or anxiety, allowing peace, strength, and joy to fill His heart. Not only is Jesus our Savior and the one Mediator between God and us, His human life perfectly

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

GARDEN OF LILIES

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honor of the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants can be dropped off starting Wednesday April 1, to Friday April 3, in the foyer. Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put the names of your loved ones on your lilies.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR EASTER

Parishioners are welcome to help us decorate our church for our Easter Celebration on Friday April 3 (Good Friday) after the stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

Reflection Continued...

models how we are to live. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem especially models for us how we are to face every difficult situation that tempts us to fear and anxiety. His courage must become our courage, and His determination our determination.

Reflect today on Jesus' interior disposition during His triumphal entry. He invites us to share in His sacrificial love, laying down our lives selflessly for others. This is only possible if we allow His virtues to take root in us every time we are called to imitate His love. As we embrace our own mission, we must not allow fear or anxiety to hinder us. Pray that the courage, peace, and steadfast love that Jesus embodied during that first Holy Week may flourish in your heart. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

UPCOMING "DAY WITH MARY" Will take place on May 30, 2026, at Villanova College in King City.

Registration for this event starts April 8, 2026. The deadline to register is May 15. For more information visit

www.archtoronto.org/mary. **If you are interested in joining the PARISH GROUP on a bus, please come to the parish office to register. The fee is \$20.00/ person for the bus and \$10.00/person for food. Parishioners are asked to please bring cash, cheque or tap to reserve your seat at the time of booking. First come, first serve. The deadline to book your seat on the bus is May 1, 2026. More information on transportation details to follow.**

HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT

BILL C-218 Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to email your Member of Parliament and ask them to support Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act).

This bill would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition, which is scheduled to become legal in March 2027.

As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection to those who are suffering.

Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Next Edge Night: Date: April 10 -Welcome Home

LIFE TEEN

Next LifeTeen Night: April 3-Good Friday – Passion of Christ

YOUNG ADULT GROUP AGES 18-39

Calling all young adults to join us every Sunday at 3:00 in the large meeting room.

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