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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.

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha
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, April 13, 7:00PM

+All Deceased Pontes & Bastos Family Members +Sergio Gomes +Manuel & Maria De Oliveira Marques +Antonio DiLello +John Vink *Special Intentions of the Sakac Family

TUESDAY, April 14, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo de Girolamo +Beatriz Sousa & Antonio Sousa

THURSDAY, April 16, 9:00AM +Joao & Mandel Veloso
+The Liberation of Souls of All Deceased Priests in Purgatory

FRIDAY, April 17, 7:00PM

+Rudolf & Zofia Saniga +Milan Bobala

SATURDAY, April 18, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 18, 5:00PM

+Jan & Klara Rozek +Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario
+Isaura Lourenco & Virgilio Oliveira +Virgilio & Rosa Oliveira +Graciete Domingues +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Lucia Balugas & Armindo Balugas +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Elisa Marques & Jose Miranda +Carlo Salvagna +Carlos Bento & Euclides Pinho +Celestino Almeida +Rosa & Dos Anjos Miranda *Special Intention for Adrian & Alysha Mongillo

SUNDAY, April 19, 8:00AM

+Arlindo Araujo +Francisco Gameiro

SUNDAY, April 19, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 19, 12:00PM +Vincenzo Pellegrini & All Deceased Family Members + Marco Fernandes

SUNDAY, April 19, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)



April 26, 2026 –ShareLife Sunday

Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need. Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Through Catholic Cross-cultural Services (CCS), a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, refugees are able to find help such as housing support, counselling in native languages, as well as financial and legal assistance, food banks, childcare, and healthcare”. 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for vocations will be observed on Sunday April 26, 2026, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday. “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38 Lk 10:2).

REFLECTION



John 20:30–31

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through that belief you will inherit eternal life? Belief begins with an intellectual assent but must continuously deepen. The belief Saint John speaks of in today’s Gospel is one that draws us deeper into the mystery of Christ’s Paschal Mystery—His Life, Death, and Resurrection—so as to receive the gift of His abundant and transforming Mercy. Today is the eighth day of Easter. The Church, in Her wisdom, celebrates the most important days of the liturgical year for eight days. Historically, there were a number of feasts celebrated with octaves: Easter, Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Ascension, All Saints, and in some locales, the Sacred Heart and various Marian feasts. After Vatican II, the Church focused on two—Christmas and Easter—so as to give greater emphasis to the core of the Paschal Mystery. In the year 2000, the Octave of Easter took on a new focus when Pope John Paul II instituted the Solemnity of Divine Mercy on the eighth day of Easter. This was done in response to Jesus’ personal request, communicated to the Church through a humble cloistered Polish nun. Canonized in 2000, she is known as Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. Between 1931 and 1938, Sister Faustina received numerous mystical visions that she recorded in six notebooks, now referred to collectively as *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. Almost two years before her death, Sister Faustina recorded the following entry in her diary:

On one occasion, I heard these words: “My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (Diary #699).

When we reflect on this beautiful private revelation in the light of today's Gospel, we are invited to consider that even though the Gospels present us with all we need to know in order to come to faith in Christ and share in the new life He bestows, the treasure of His Divine Mercy is inexhaustible. Just as "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book," so also the depths of His ongoing work, His Divine Mercy, will only be seen in Heaven.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day on which we are to profess our belief in this Mercy. To do so, we must ponder these inexhaustible treasures, probe their depths with the aid of Saint Faustina's private revelations, and then allow our Lord to reveal them to us within the depths of our souls. Reflect today on the infinite and inexhaustible treasures found in the Person of Christ and His Divine Mercy. Believe in His Mercy. Be open to it. Call upon it today, and receive it more abundantly. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare to come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are going to be receiving their First Holy Communion at the end of the month into next month. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO-A DAY WITH MARY
Saturday May 30, 2026, at Villanova College Located at 2480 15th Sideroad King City. Registration begins April 8. The deadline to register is May 15. For more information visit www.archtoronto.org/mary

Doors open at 10:00am. The day will begin with Mass at 11am and end at 4:00pm. We will gather from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship. We hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. Rain or Shine please plan according to the weather.

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 card (tap) to reserve your seat at the time of booking. Seating will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis. The deadline to book your seat on the bus is May 1, 2026.

**From Holy Martyrs: Bus Boarding at 8:50am
Bus Departure: 9:00am Sharp**
**From Villanova College: Bus Boarding 4:00pm
Bus Departure: 4:15pm**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**PARISH MEAL:
Saturday April 18 after the 5:00pm Mass**



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:
Sunday April 26 after all morning Masses including the 12 Noon Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!**

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Next Edge Night: Date: April 24 - Wheel of Destiny

LIFE TEEN

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: April 17 – Story Telling

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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