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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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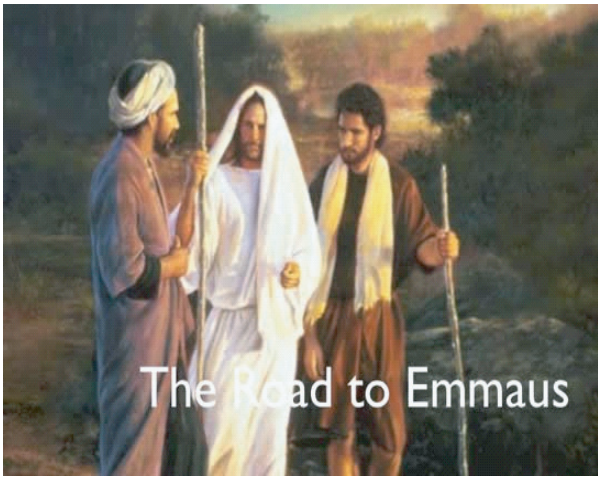

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Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

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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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 Trinidade & 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 20, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos +Graciete Domingues +Antonio Mirassol & All Deceased Family Members +Virginia Correia +Maria Teresa Melo +Maurizio Rapisardi & Antonio Rapisardi*Special Intention for All Priests & Clergy
TUESDAY, April 21, 9:00AM
+Manuel Da Silva +Vilma LaRoche
WEDNESDAY, April 22, 7:00PM
+Paul Dubois +Emil Maslak & Milan Bobala
THURSDAY, April 23, 9:00AM *ProPopulo
FRIDAY, April 24, 7:00PM
+Arminda de Jesus & Rafael Miranda +Joaquim Yisto
SATURDAY, April 25, 9:00AM*ProPopulo
SATURDAY, April 25, 5:00PM +Graciete Domingues +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Lucia Balugas +Maria Sophie Estaris +Eduarda Rodrigues +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +All Deceased Gambacorta & Palermo Family Members +Rita & Francelino Viaes +Baby Bennett & All Deceased Ryan Family Members +Antonio Gallo +Danny & Angelo Canestraro +Sandra Nepitali & Giuseppe Nepitali *Special Intention of the Ramsay Family *Special Intentions for the Parish Community of Holy Martyrs of Japan *Special Intention for All Priests and Clergy
SUNDAY, April 26, 8:00AM +Vilma LaRoche +Armando Araujo & Family
SUNDAY, April 26, 10:00AM +Rosa & Maria Dos Anjos Miranda +Halina & Jan Woznica
SUNDAY, April 26, 12:00PM *ProPopulo
SUNDAY, April 26, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday April 24 at 11:00am at the Church.** Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

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." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38 Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

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.

REFLECTION

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. Luke 24:13–16

These two disciples were overwhelmed by grief and bewildered by the events that had taken place. As they walked the seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they expressed their sadness and confusion. Jesus, Whom they had hoped "would be the one to redeem Israel," was brutally tortured and crucified before their eyes. After His death, He was buried, and that very morning they heard reports from some of the women, as well as Peter and John, that His body was missing from the tomb. What's more, the burial cloth was neatly rolled up in the tomb, and the women informed the disciples that they saw "a vision of angels who announced that he was alive." The two did not know what to think.

As the story unfolds, Jesus appeared to them as they walked and conversed with them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Jesus' hidden presence teaches us that He is often with us, in our midst, yet we do not recognize Him. Distractions, trials, or our own misconceptions can dull our spiritual senses. We often fail to perceive His presence in the Eucharist, the Scriptures, the Church, during our prayer, and in one another.

Jesus' loving rebuke of these two disciples was intended to wake them up: "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Every time we stumble from spiritual blindness, which leads to confusion, our Lord lovingly says the same to us. We must take that rebuke with humility, acknowledging our blindness and inability to perceive His constant presence.

Jesus then "interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures." This opening of their minds to the spiritual Gift of Understanding is key. By humbly acknowledging our spiritual blindness and the foolish way we often go about our daily lives, we dispose ourselves to this precious gift. The Gift of Understanding cannot be acquired by our own effort. Only after we honestly humble ourselves before God will He open our minds to all we need to know and understand.

Once they arrived in Emmaus and invited this divine Stranger to stay with them for the night, Jesus agreed. As they dined, "while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." The Lord Himself, the great High Priest, gave them the Eucharist, and suddenly "their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Though our Lord vanished from their sight, He remained with them, as He does with us today. His presence in the Eucharist is His

True Presence, His Divine Essence. By revealing Himself in the Scriptures and the Breaking of the Bread, He teaches us that He is always with us in His Word and in the Sacraments. We consume His Word through daily meditation, study, and the teachings of the Church. His True Presence is with us when we attend Mass and participate in the Sacraments. Reflect today on the initial confusion of these two disciples, filled with sorrow and bewilderment as they grappled with recent events. Contrast this with the growth in faith they likely experienced in the months and years ahead. Whenever you face confusion, turn to the example of these disciples and learn from the lessons taught through them. Seek Christ in His Word and Sacraments, trusting that He will dispel doubts and guide you to greater faith. *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.

Save the date

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION

Saturday May 9 and Sunday May 10, 2026

More information to follow

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.

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

ShareLife

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life. You gave Tara strength to take charge of her future-adding her name to waitlists for afford le housing and taking steps to stand on her own. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE Catholic Middle School 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: May 1-The Moral of the Story

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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