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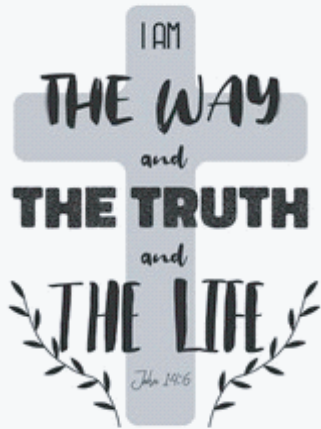
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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.

### PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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, May 4, 7:00PM

+Romanko Sakac +Virginia Correia +Maria De Oliveira & Manuel Marques +Rui Bolarinho +Milan Bobala +Luigi Stellato +All Deceased MacIntyre & Szabo Family Members + All Deceased Mac Carthy Family Members +Elizabeth Stephen

### TUESDAY, May 5, 9:00AM

+Maria de Oliveira & Manuel Marques +Manuel Da Silva

### WEDNESDAY, May 6, 7:00PM

+Americo Coelho +Maria da Encarnacao Romeiro

### THURSDAY, May 7, 9:00AM +Generosa Paolos

+Ferando & Graciete Domingues

### FRIDAY, May 8, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna +All Deceased DaSilva & Matos Family Members

### SATURDAY, May 9, 9:00AM \*ProPopulo

### SATURDAY, May 9, 5:00PM

+Assunta & Mario Mazzotta +Maria & Pietro Angiolella +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Helene Victorine Ophelders +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Virgilio Domingues & Virgilio Oliveira +Terezinha Teixeira +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Margaret Dudo +Virgilio de Oliveira & Maria Helena Oliveira +Pawel Polaczek +Manuel Marques & Maria De Oliveira +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Maria Faria +All Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, May 10, 8:00AM

+Helena Das Neves +Gloria Rodriguez & Graciete Domingues

### SUNDAY, May 10, 10:00AM \*ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, May 10, 12:00PM

+Maria de Lurdes Jesus Loureiro & Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Maria Lomabrdi

### SUNDAY, May 10, 2:00PM \*ProPopulo

### St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on the **First Friday of the Month** following the 7:00pm Mass.

### REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday May 29 at 11:00am at the Cemetery (weather permitting) or at the church.** Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.



### May 31, 2026, is ShareLife Sunday!

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## REFLECTION

*“Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:4–6*

In addition to His parables and moral teachings, Jesus revealed to His disciples deep mysteries in a direct way that they did not immediately comprehend, especially when He spoke to the Twelve in intimate settings, such as the Last Supper, the context for today's Gospel. In this discourse, Jesus explains, in veiled form, that He will soon ascend into Heaven where He will prepare a place for His followers. He explains that because they know Him, they know the way to where He is going—the way to the Father—because He Himself is that Way. As Jesus spoke these mysterious truths, we can imagine the Twelve listening attentively, yet with confusion.

Everything Jesus taught was true. His words, recorded in the Gospels, reveal to us the deepest divine mysteries. Within the Scriptures, we find all we need to know to attain perfect holiness and the eternal life of Heaven. Yet we cannot quickly digest Jesus' words as we might an intriguing novel or history book. There are many layers of depth to what He says, and we can only understand those layers through prayer.

As the conversation continued, “Philip said to him, ‘Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (John 14:8–9).

Jesus' response likely surprised Philip and the other disciples because they did not understand what He was saying. Their intention was good—they wanted to understand—but Jesus' words were more than they could comprehend at that moment. Despite this, Jesus gently rebuked Philip as a way of drawing him deeper into the mystery He was revealing.

God often treats us the same way. There are many things that we do not understand. Why do innocent people suffer? Why doesn't God heal my loved one in answer to my prayers? Why do my children no longer practice the faith? What am I supposed to do with my life?

Just as Philip struggled to understand Jesus' words, we, too, face moments of confusion when God's ways seem beyond our grasp. God's answer to life's most challenging questions is rarely straightforward or immediate. Why? Because such an approach can never fully satisfy the depth of our hearts. Instead, God reveals a kernel of truth to us and then invites us to ponder it, revealing the divine mystery we seek to understand little by little, to the degree we are open.

The answers we seek come only as we conform our wills to God's, patiently opening ourselves to His Wisdom. Divine mysteries can only be understood through prayer and deep attentiveness to the truths in God's mind. Jesus is the Way,

the Truth, and the Life. Only by uniting ourselves to Him in prayer will we discover the path we must walk, the truth we need to hear, and the life we are called to live. Reflect today on anything you struggle to understand. See yourself as one of the Twelve, listening to Jesus speak, but failing to comprehend. Do not be discouraged; instead, allow the fullness of Jesus' divine Truth to sink in gradually. Spend time in prayer, read the Gospels, be open, and listen from the depths of your heart. Seek out His gentle voice and know that He is your Way, Truth, and Life. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK May 3-8 Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness

During Catholic Education Week we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to embrace lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca)

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA – May 9 & 10

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Saturday May 9 at 7:00pm (in Portuguese) followed by procession and candlelight.** Reception at the Portuguese Cultural Center 9:30pm.  
**Sunday May 10 at 2:00pm, Mass (in Portuguese) followed by procession.** Reception at the Portuguese Cultural Center 4:00pm. **\*Please note: That Our Lady of Fatima Mass on Sunday May 10 at 2:00pm will substitute for our Regular scheduled 2:00pm Spanish Mass. Sabado 9 de Maio 2026 Missa em Portuguese seguida da Procissao das Velas Club Portuguese de Bradford 9:30pm. Domingo 10 de Maio 2026, Missa em Portuguese seguida da Procissao e bencao do santissimo. Club Portuguese de Bradford 4:00pm.**

## THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you for joining us at our parish breakfast last weekend. We were blessed to welcome more people than ever before, a beautiful sign of our growing community and shared faith. May God bless you for your kindness, presence and support.

**SAVE THE DATE!!! FOR...**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
JUNE 6, 2026  
A WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER EVENT

## CAMP OZANAM AND MARYGROVE CAMP


**An Amazing Opportunity awaits for a camp experience this summer, for kids!** The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registrations for this year's children's overnight-summer camps. **Camp Ozanam** for boys ages 7-12 and **Marygrove Camp** for girls ages 5-13. The camps are fully subsidized (no fees) for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a camp adventure, because their families are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. For more information visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca) If you are interested you can contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 or email the parish office at: [holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org) Please include the full name and age of your child/ children, parents names and your contact information.

**On June 14, 2026, there will be a second collection for Marygrove Camp. Please give generously.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH BREAKFAST:  
Sunday May 17 after all morning Masses including  
the 12 Noon Mass.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

 **EDGE**® 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: May 8 - Fire Fall**

## 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 Life Teen Night: May 15 - The Plot Twist**

## 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. For more info, contact Fr. John at [jpak@archtoronto.org](mailto:jpak@archtoronto.org).

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