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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.

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Alpha

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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 11, 7:00PM

+Sergio Gomes +Antonino & Francesco Gammicchia
+Donald Fernandes +Buenaventura Pag-ong & Julita
Pag-ong +Joseph Paolo +Fernando Araujo *Special
Intentions for the Parish Community of Holy Martyrs of
Japan *Special Intention for Fr. Arokiaswamy *Special
Intention for Marcel Dion

TUESDAY, May 12, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +All Deceased Borges & Da Silva
Family Members

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 7:00PM +Manuel Da Cruz
Manata & Rosa de Jesus Oliveira +Joao & Antonio
Veloso

THURSDAY, May 14, 9:00AM +Fernando Heleno
*Special Intentions for Pope Leo XIV and All Priests

FRIDAY, May 15, 7:00PM

+Generosa Paulos +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De
Girolamo

SATURDAY, May 16, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 16, 5:00PM

+Isaura Lourenco & Gabriel Oliveira +Arlindo Araujo
+Irma Lancha & Maria Ferreira +Fernando & Graciete
Domingues +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Miranda
Di Lorenzo +Jose & Lucinda Sousa +Arthur Pike
+Armando Araujo & Family +Cidalia Rodrigues &
Venancio Silva +Giacomo Gucciardi +Antonio Henrique
Freitas

SUNDAY, May 17, 8:00AM +Virgilio & Rosa Oliveira
+Jose Rodrigues

SUNDAY, May 17, 10:00AM +Lucia & Lorenzo Cetrulo
+Maria Celeste Joaquina & All Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, May 17, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 17, 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.

VICTORIA DAY - Monday May 18, 2026

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will
be closed. Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend.

*My revealing Lord, deep within my soul I long for You and
desire to be one with You and Your Father through the
outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Please reveal Yourself to me
so that I can know You, live according to Your
commandments, and flourish in Your grace. May my
membership in Your family of faith, through the Church,
begin now and become perfected in Heaven. Jesus, I trust
in You.*

REFLECTION

*"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while
the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live
and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my
Father and you are in me and I in you." John 14:18-20*

The feeling of being an orphan—of longing for belonging—
reflects a deeper spiritual reality Jesus addressed with His
disciples in today's Gospel. Those with close families are
truly blessed, as a supportive family fosters personal growth
and a sense of identity. When one is orphaned, the absence
of these natural bonds can leave a lasting sense of loss. Yet
even the strongest earthly family relationships point to a
greater truth: our ultimate belonging is found in God's
family.

Jesus understood the sense of loss His disciples would feel
after His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. When He
said, "In a little while the world will no longer see me..."
He was preparing them for His physical departure through
the Ascension. But He reassures them: "I will not leave you
orphans; I will come to you...you will see me, because I live
and you will live."

Initially, the disciples struggled to grasp the meaning of
these words. Only after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit did
they begin to understand. The same promise Jesus made to
them applies to us today. Though we were not among those
who witnessed His earthly presence, we too have a longing
for His nearness—a longing to belong, to be loved, and to
find our place within a family. This longing is fulfilled
supernaturally through the gift of faith and our incorporation
into God's divine family, the Church.

Faith is the key to this relationship. It is more than
intellectual belief; it is the acceptance of a personal
revelation from God and a choice to live according to that
revelation. Jesus promises that those who love Him and
obey His commandments will experience His presence and
that of the Father. This experience begins through faith,
which is a gift by which God communicates Himself to us,
revealing His love and will. It is both certain and
mysterious, a knowledge that leads us to divine hope and
sustains us in the pursuit of God's will.

Faith also unites us with one another. Through faith, we are
no longer orphans but brothers and sisters in Christ. Our
natural longing to belong finds its ultimate fulfillment in
God's glorious family, which begins on earth and is
perfected in Heaven.

Reflect today on the desire in your heart to belong, to be
loved, and to be part of a family. Recognize that this longing
finds its ultimate fulfillment in the family of God. Though
we await the fullness of this communion in Heaven, we can
experience it even now. Commit yourself to respond to
Jesus' invitation by embracing your place in His family
through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love.
Recognize that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is
in us. Embrace this reality, allowing the gift of faith to draw
you more deeply into the divine family to which we are
called. *My Catholic Life! 2026*



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love – the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

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May 31, 2026, is ShareLife Sunday!

Through ShareLife, you are the light in someone's darkest moment

Sarah arrived at the doors of one of the Catholic Family Services agencies you support through ShareLife on a desperate afternoon with her baby cradled tightly against her chest. Fleeing an abusive home, she had nothing but the clothes on her back and a fragile hope that someone might help. Because of your generous spirit, Sarah and her baby found the safety they so desperately needed when shelters were overwhelmed.

Your kindness provided the essentials to care for her baby, the counselling to begin healing, and the support to rebuild their lives. Now she and her baby are safe, cared for, and starting to look toward a brighter future. Yet, domestic violence is on the rise and countless others like Sarah are still in need. Your compassion has the power to change many more lives. It is because of people like you that their stories do not end in fear but begin again with love.

Please help us meet our ShareLife goal. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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 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 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.


SAVE THE DATE!!! FOR...



JUNE 6, 2026

A WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER EVENT
Stay Tuned... More Information and Details to Follow

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 22 - Source & Summit

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 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.

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