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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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EDGE Youth Ministry
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LIFETEEN Youth Ministry
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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 18, 9:00AM -Victoria Day

+All Souls in Purgatory +Nathan Moniz

+Romanko Sakac

TUESDAY, May 19, 9:00AM

+Carmela Mongillo & All Deceased Family Members

+Manuel Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 7:00PM

+Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +Rui Lopes Duarte & Maria

Apresentagao Lopes

THURSDAY, May 21, 9:00AM

+Lurdes Dini & Family +Fernando Heleno

FRIDAY, May 22, 7:00PM

+Jamie & Fernando Meneses +Antonio Greco

SATURDAY, May 23, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 23, 5:00PM

+Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Virginia Correia +Eduarda Rodrigues +Savannah Enfesta

SUNDAY, May 24, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 24, 10:00AM

+Angelo Mongillo +Manuel Marques & All Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, May 24, 12:00PM

+Generosa Paulos +Domenico & Assunta Petrucci

SUNDAY, May 24, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

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.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on **Friday June 5** following the 7:00pm Mass.



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

SAVE THE DATE!!! FOR...

FAMILY FUN DAY

JUNE 6, 2026

A WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER EVENT

Stay Tuned... More Information and Details to Follow

REFLECTION

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." John 17:1-2

The entirety of Chapter 17 of John's Gospel is traditionally referred to as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. This prayer concludes the Last Supper Discourse, which we have been reading for the past two weeks. It marks a transition from the conclusion of Jesus' public ministry to His Passion and glorification. With His teaching completed, Jesus begins His prayerful offering of His life to the Father. The prayer can be divided into three sections:

1. Verses 1-11a: Jesus' intimate prayer to the Father focuses on their mutual glorification through the completion of His sacrifice. This "hour" of sacrifice and glory is now at hand.

2. Verses 11b-19: Jesus prays for the disciples who accompanied Him during His earthly ministry, asking for their protection, sanctification, and perseverance in their mission.

3. Verses 20-26: Jesus' prayer extends to all future believers, the Church throughout time, including us today. He prays for unity among believers, rooted in the love of the Father and the Son.

Today, in liturgical Year A, we read the first section of this prayer, when Jesus speaks of His divine mission and His imminent return to the glory He shared with the Father before creation. This prayer highlights a central theme in John's Gospel: Jesus' "hour."

The theme of the "hour" was introduced at the wedding at Cana, the beginning of Jesus' signs. When the Blessed Mother intercedes for the couple, saying, "They have no wine," Jesus replies, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:3-4). From that moment, Jesus references the concept of His "hour" throughout His ministry, pointing to the appointed time for His Passion and glorification.

In today's High Priestly Prayer, Jesus makes His final and definitive reference to His hour: "Father, the hour has come..." (John 17:1). The hour of His sacrifice, the pinnacle of His earthly mission, has now arrived. Though Jesus was fully aware of the suffering He was about to endure, He did not enter into that suffering with dread or fear. Rather, He did so with eager resolve, knowing that everything He had done throughout His life and public ministry pointed to this moment, which had finally come.

Jesus' human disposition while praying at this pivotal moment offers us an invitation to approach His Sacrifice in the way He did. His "hour" continues in our lives every time we are invited to embrace His Cross. Therefore, every opportunity for sacrifice—no matter how small—must be prayerfully embraced in union with Jesus' prayer.

Jesus' prayer teaches us that sacrifice is not something to resist or begrudge. Instead, every sacrifice becomes an opportunity to glorify God and receive a share in His glory.

When we embrace sacrifice with generosity and trust, we unite ourselves to Jesus' perfect Sacrifice, participating in His work of redemption and giving glory to the Father. Reflect today on the interior disposition Jesus manifested as He faced His imminent suffering and death. He did not cower or hesitate. He looked at His Cross with divine eyes, seeing His Sacrifice as the pinnacle of His life's mission and the source of glory for Him and His Father. As we strive to embrace our own sacrifices, turn to Christ in prayer, asking for His grace and strength to offer His prayer as He offered it to the Father. *My Catholic Life! 2026*



THE SUMMIT AND CENTER OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

CORPUS CHRISTI

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Jesus, make yourself at home! Live within me as if it were your own dwelling!" - St Carlo Acutis

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist.

At every mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. Please join us for the celebration of this solemnity.

Sunday June 7, 2026 at 4:00pm – Solemn Eucharistic Procession (No Mass) We invite all those who received the Sacrament of Initiation, as well as all the children, especially those who recently received or will be receiving their First Communion, and their families to join us in this Solemn Eucharistic Procession.

Most glorious High Priest, when Your hour of suffering had arrived, You embraced that Sacrifice with unwavering resolve. That resolve revealed the glory You shared with the Father. Please draw me into Your sacrificial love and help me to prayerfully choose every sacrifice to which I am called with the same determination modeled in Your High Priestly Prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.



May 31, 2026, is ShareLife Sunday! Through ShareLife, you support human connection

On the 60th World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other—for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together. In this moment, one truth remains clear: the Church endures because of the strength and love of parishioners like you.

Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations.

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.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This program is geared towards prospective adults wishing to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We will be offering this preparation again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.

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: 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 29 - The End

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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