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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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

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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 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 25, 7:00PM +Antonio Mirassol & Luis Sequeira +Maurizio Rapisardi & Max Pinchera +Beth Martin Caietta +For the Liberation of Souls of all Deceased Priests in Purgatory +Sam Gallo +Conceicao Rumor +All Deceased Scanga Family Members

TUESDAY, May 26, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 7:00PM +Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +Rudolfo Aburto

THURSDAY, May 28, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

FRIDAY, May 29, 7:00PM +Mary Ingoglia +Jim Collier

SATURDAY, May 30, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 30, 5:00PM +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Lucia Balugas +Adelaide Salvagna +Mary Gres +Maria & Matthew Zic +Vilma LaRoche +Paola & Giacomo Gucciardi +Joseph Paolo +Celestino Almeida & Dorinda de Jesus +Teresa Tinh Le

SUNDAY, May 31, 8:00AM +Vilma LaRoche +Fernando Heleno

SUNDAY, May 31, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 31, 12:00PM+Manuel Bastos Da Silva +Maurizio Rapisardi & Giuseppe Rapisardi

SUNDAY, May 31, 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.

SENIORS DROP IN – Laugh & Learn

Drop in for refreshments, & activities including trivia, puzzles, brain games, social interaction & informative workshops.

Wednesday's, May 20-August 5 from 11:00am-1:00pm
BWG Community Hub - 177 Church Street – Room A
50+ | \$2.00 at the door (cash)



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.

REFLECTION

John 20:21-23

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which took place fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. Today's Gospel recounts Jesus' first appearance to the Apostles as a group—Thomas being absent—on the evening of the Resurrection. During this appearance, Jesus conferred on them the authority to forgive sins, a power foundational to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This gift anticipates the fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the Apostles were empowered to carry out their mission with boldness and divine strength.

By breathing on the Apostles, Jesus recalls the creation account in Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam (Genesis 2:7). Now Christ, the New Adam, breathes new life—the divine life of grace—into His Apostles. While this breathing conveys the Holy Spirit in an anticipatory manner, Pentecost represents the full bestowal of the Spirit upon the Church, sanctifying and empowering the Apostles and all disciples.

Our knowledge of Pentecost comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke's continuation of his Gospel in which he details the beginning of the Church: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" (Acts 2:2-3).

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, there were physical manifestations. God often accompanies significant biblical actions with visible signs to reveal the invisible reality of His presence and activity. Though the transforming reality of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the accompanying signs teach us about the Spirit's nature and work.

The "strong driving wind" that "filled the entire house" symbolizes the ongoing, life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Like the wind, the Spirit is unseen yet powerful, moving where He wills and producing visible effects in the lives of believers. Though we understand the natural causes of wind today, its mystery and uncontrollable nature remain, reflecting the Holy Spirit's divine origin and unstoppable work in the world. He comes from God's hidden presence, unseen but active, bringing about a new creation in the Church and in every soul He touches.

The "tongues as of fire" signify the Spirit's purifying and transforming action, burning away sin and igniting hearts with zeal for God's mission. Together, these signs reveal the Spirit as the powerful, life-giving, and sanctifying presence of God, animating the Church and guiding her to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Before Pentecost, the disciples hid in the Upper Room, fearful and uncertain. Though Jesus had taught them, performed miracles, and revealed His perfect love, their hearts were not yet fully transformed. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a divine fire, emboldening them to become fearless witnesses.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gift bestowed upon the disciples at Pentecost. We might not feel a strong driving wind or see tongues of fire descend from Heaven, but the reality is the same. The signs at Pentecost were not only for the disciples, they were also for us, revealing the Holy Spirit's workings and power in our lives.

Reflect today on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the Spirit's presence in your life? Like the first disciples, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you with power from on high, emboldening you, purifying you, and setting you on fire with zeal to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to you? The Holy Spirit will transform us—if we let Him—setting our feet on the path to eternal glory. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

ESPIRITO SANTO

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday May 31, 2026 – 2:00pm Mass

***Please note: That this Mass on Sunday May 31st is at 2:00pm and will substitute for our regular scheduled 2:00pm Spanish Mass**



THE SUMMIT AND CENTER OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

CORPUS CHRISTI

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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.



May 31, 2026, is ShareLife Sunday!


Your gift to ShareLife invests in the future of our Church Your support of ShareLife helps form future priests – men who will listen, accompany, comfort, and offer Christ to the world. Rev. James Cyfko spent a decade in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, preparing to lay down his life for the people of God. "I deeply appreciate the ongoing charity of ShareLife," Says Rev. James Cyfko. "I am eager to give back to the community which has helped me focus on faithfully following my vocational calling." Your devotion lifts the burden of financial worry, enabling men to embrace God's call full in preparation for a life of service. Next Sunday, May 31 is the third ShareLife Sunday collection of the year. Our goal is \$55,000.00. 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: holymartyrsofjapan@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.

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: June 5 – Year End BBQ

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.

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