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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

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, June 8, 7:00PM +Joao Perna +All Souls in Purgatory +Milan Bobala & *Special Intention for the Bobala Family *Special Intention for all Priests & Clergy
TUESDAY, June 9, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Mario Dos Santos Conceicao

WEDNESDAY, June 10, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos +Lucy Balugas & Vilma LaRoche

THURSDAY, June 11, 9:00AM +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Sergio Gomes

FRIDAY, June 12, 7:00PM +Jennifer & Sandra Da Silva *Special Intention of the Sakac Family

SATURDAY, June 13, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, June 13, 5:00PM +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Virgilio Domingues & Manuel Oliveira +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Salvatore Paoli +Armando Araujo & Family +Fernando Araujo +Teresa Tinh Le +Fernando Domingues *Special Intentions of the Marques Family *Special Intentions of Carolina Santana *Special Intentions for the Parish Community of Holy Martyrs of Japan

SUNDAY, June 14, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, June 14, 10:00AM +Irene Arruda + Luis Pontes

SUNDAY, June 14, 12:00PM +Manuel Da Silva & All Deceased Family Members +Rafael & Arminda de Jesus Miranda

SUNDAY, June 14, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

IMPORTANT: UPCOMING MASS TIME CHANGE

Due to graduation Masses, our regular scheduled Masses for Wednesday June 17, Friday June 19 and Monday June 22, will be moved from 7:00pm to 9:00am.

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday June 26 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 July 3** following the 7:00pm Mass.

ST. ANTHONY FESTIVAL Saturday June 13 at 12:00 Noon

We will be celebrating the feast of St. Anthony with a multi-lingual Rosary and Mass starting at 11:30am with the traditional Blessing of the Bread. Following Mass there will be a social in the parish hall. If you would like to donate for the cause, contact the parish office.



REFLECTION

John 6:51-52

It must have been shocking to Jesus' listeners the first time He boldly proclaimed that He would give His flesh as spiritual food. Their reaction makes this clear: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus did not back down or soften what He had just proclaimed. Instead, He began a lengthy and direct discourse, starting with these words: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:53-56)

What would you have thought had you been among the first hearers? We're told the people quarreled, indicating division. Some, we later read, murmured among themselves, saying: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" And tragically, many of Jesus' disciples left Him and returned to their former way of life (cf. John 6:60-66).

Despite this apparent failure and loss of disciples, Jesus did not retract or revise His teaching. Instead, He turned to the Twelve and asked if they too wished to leave. Peter, with clarity and faith, responded with one of the most profound statements of discipleship in all of Scripture: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (cf. John 6:67-69).

In many ways, Peter's words are as important for us today as Jesus' own words introducing the Eucharist. Why? Because Peter shows us how to respond when we encounter divine mysteries beyond human understanding. The Eucharist is one of the most central of these mysteries.

Do you believe in the Eucharist? Do you believe that it is truly the flesh and blood of the Son of God—His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity? Though many of us have learned this teaching from childhood and accept it on some level, few penetrate the depth of the mystery we behold at every Mass. Saint John Vianney spoke beautifully of the Eucharist, revealing his profound reverence for this Gift: "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." And: "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." He also said: "How beautiful it is! After the Consecration, the good God is there as He is in Heaven."

It's easy to approach the Holy Mass out of routine rather than with the depth of faith possessed by the saints. But that must be our goal. We must believe that we would truly "die of joy" if we understood the Mass.

"Throngs of people stand in interminable lines to buy tickets to rock concerts or soccer matches, but I don't see crowds of people lined up outside church waiting to see Jesus in the Eucharist. This should make us pause and reflect."

– St. Carlo Acutis

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is our annual invitation to step back and reflect on what we believe—and how devoutly we participate in the Mass and receive Holy Communion. We need this reminder so that our worship and faith do not grow lax.

Reflect today on Jesus' unwavering clarity: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Believe what He says. The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is the greatest Divine Mystery on earth. In the Eucharist, we kneel before God and consume Him—so that we may become what we eat: the Mystical Body of Christ. Caught up by the love of God into Love Himself: the eternal communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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CWL FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

&

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRIOCHE BUN SANDWICHES

Sunday June 21 - After ALL Masses

These two groups are working together in appreciation of all fathers on Father's Day!

The Knights of Columbus will be preparing a light meal of Brioche Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Pickled Onions and Homemade Potato Chips for all our fathers.

The Catholic Women's League invite all to come and purchase some wonderful homemade treats. Baked donations gratefully accepted. Please wrap and label baked goods ready for sale. Please specify if baked with nuts.



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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)**

DEAR GRADUATES

"The Church together with your parents and families, your priests, teachers and mentors along with all who have supported you during your years of elementary school, high school and college are very proud of you. We pray that your futures be filled with many blessings from the Lord. You have learned the teachings of Jesus; you have learned how to build your lives on solid rock. When we listen to Jesus and put his words into practice, we are building our lives on a secure foundation. Listen to his words each day through prayer. He is the one friend who will never deceive you, reject you, or leave you. We get lost along the path of life when we do not walk with Christ as our guide. As you go forth, whatever your plans are after graduation, be steadfast in your faith. If you build on this solid rock, not only will your life be solid and stable, you will also be able to confront challenges and difficulties with confidence and courage." Dearest youth, you are not our future, you are our now! Know that each of you are a unique gift from God, each with unique talents which He has bestowed on you so that you can accomplish His will on this earth. You are forever in our prayers as you embark on this wonderful journey. God Bless,

From The Clergy and Staff of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish
www.rkspa.nl, Pope Benedict to WYD: Build your life on Solid Rock
www.vatican.ca – Krakow-Blonie May 27, 2006, Todayscatholic.org - May 30, 2021

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: holymartyrs_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.**

YOUTH MINISTRY



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: June 12 – Onward & Upward

YOUNG ADULT GROUP AGES 18-39

Calling all young adults to join on Sunday's at 3:00 in the large meeting room. jpak@archtoronto.org

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