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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Office Hours - Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

—Matthew 9:36

## 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

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EDGE Youth Ministry

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LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

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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 15, 7:00PM** +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Fernando Araujo \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**TUESDAY, June 16, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**\*WEDNESDAY, June 17, 9:00AM** +Manuel & Glorinda Da Silva \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**THURSDAY, June 18, 9:00AM** +Generosa Paulos \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**\*FRIDAY, June 19, 9:00AM** \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**SATURDAY, June 20, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, June 20, 5:00PM** +Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario +Manuel Ribeiro Oliveira & Isaura Lourenco +Arlindo Araujo +Eduardo Lancha & Joao Ferreira +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Virgilio Oliveira & Rosa Oliveira +Lucia Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Luisa & Garcia Miguelo + Paul Mira & Joao Verissimo +Katarina Spek & Rudolf Spek +Sam Gallo +Teresa Tinh Le +Fernando Araujo \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**SUNDAY, June 21, 8:00AM** +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo & Floriano de Figueiredo Costa +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Dennis Faria

**SUNDAY, June 21, 10:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, June 21, 12:00PM** +Jose Manuel Barbosa +Alfredamma Arulappu

**SUNDAY, June 21, 2:00PM** \*ProPopulo  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**

### **\*IMPORTANT: UPCOMING MASS TIME CHANGE**

Due to school 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.

### **IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT - WYD**

*Thank you to everyone who attended our first World Youth Day (WYD) 2027 fundraiser. We're grateful to the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and hundreds of guests who made the event such a success. Our parishioners came together to enjoy great food, spend time in fellowship, and support our WYD participants. Our profit for WYD International Food Festival was \$10,758.56. To date, our current total amount is \$16,035.56. Thank you!!!!*

## REFLECTION

*At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36*

As Jesus went “to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness” (Matthew 9:35), He was moved with deep compassion for the crowds. The Greek verb *splagchnizomai* is often translated as “moved with pity” or “moved with compassion.” It appears twelve times in the Gospels—eight times describing Jesus’ own compassion and four times illustrating divine mercy in parables or related contexts (the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Unforgiving Servant, and the plea of a father for his demon-possessed son). This verb conveys not just an emotional response but a profound stirring of His entire being, compelling Him to act with divine mercy—engaging His mind, will, body, and emotions.

Understanding this verb is essential because it unveils the very heart of Christ’s mission, where His divine mercy is fully manifest in His humanity. Though His mercy originates in His divinity, He fully lived and expressed it in His human nature, allowing it to consume Him entirely and drive Him to shepherd His people.

Jesus’ all-consuming compassion should profoundly console us. God does not love us out of mere divine obligation; His love is deeply personal, intimate, and relentless. He is not distant or impersonal, aloof in His perfection. In Christ, God’s mercy is made visible—His human heart is stirred to action, doing everything He can to draw us closer to Himself. This is why His compassion is such a source of reassurance: He is not a distant or angry God, standing far off to condemn. Rather, He is the God who, in Christ, allows Himself to be consumed with mercy, driven by compassion, and moved to act for the salvation of each one of us.

That same profound mercy continues to flow from the Sacred Heart today. In Heaven, Christ’s human heart remains inseparably united to His divinity, pouring forth the love of the Father and the Holy Spirit upon the world. His compassion is made present to us through His Church, especially in the Sacraments and in the lives of saintly men and women. This same compassion must become the driving force behind all we do for the Kingdom. We are called to be His living instruments of mercy, reflecting His Sacred Heart in our actions, words, and love for others—so that each of us might be reassured of God’s unfailing love.

We see in today’s Gospel that Jesus’ compassion moved Him to send out twelve of His disciples as His Apostles, entrusting them with His divine authority to proclaim the Kingdom of God, cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons. They were to be His chosen instruments of mercy, reaching out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel—those in dire need of God’s truth and healing grace.

Today, Jesus sends each of us forth in a unique way to be a beacon of light and mercy to others. He first calls us to love

those closest to us—our family and friends—not in an ordinary way, but in a radical self-giving that mirrors His own love. We must allow our whole beings to be moved with divine compassion for them, reassuring them of both our love and God’s love. But our mission cannot end there. After loving our families, we must extend that same compassion to all whom God places in our lives, offering the same depth of mercy that filled Jesus’ Sacred Heart long ago.

Reflect today on Jesus’ divine compassion from two perspectives. First, gaze at His overflowing love for you. There is no way to overestimate that love. Second, allow that love to transform you so that His mercy flows through you into the lives of others. Do not hold back the love of God—let it pour forth freely and abundantly. Let His divine compassion move your entire being so that you become a true instrument of His mercy, drawing souls to Him through the power of love and all-consuming compassion. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

**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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ShareLife agencies like the office of Catholic Youth, are carrying out the mission work of the Church. Your gift supports the journey of those who guide, serve and uplift within the Catholic community. “We are deeply grateful for ShareLife’s continued partnership in this mission. Your support enables us to build a vibrant, faith-filled future for your young people, parishes, and the Archdiocese of Toronto. Thank you for making this work possible.”- Fr. Paul Magyar, Director of Office of Catholic Youth, Archdiocese of Toronto. 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**A Message for Upcoming Father’s Day on Family & Fathers**

From the earliest verse in Sacred Scripture, we read about God’s plan for man as husband and father (Gn2:18,23). Together with their wives, husbands form the basic unit of society, the family, seeking to mirror the divine love found in the Holy Trinity in their families. St. Paul paralleled the mystery of the Church to marriage and the family, encouraging husbands and wives to imitate the self-sacrificing love of Christ for the Church (Eph. 5:31-32). The importance of the family cannot be overstated. The Catechism reminds us that families are “a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it (the family) reflects the Father’s work of creation.” (CCC2205) – Most Rev. Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, June 11, 2024, © 2020 Archdiocese of Toronto. All rights reserved.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Keep them I pray thee, dearest Lord.

Keep them, for they are Thine. Thy priests whose lives burn out before thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world, though from the world apart; when earthly pleasures tempt, allure – shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them, and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, when all their life of sacrifice for souls, seems but in vain, keep them, and O remember, Lord, they have no one but Thee. Yet they have only human hearts, with human frailty.

Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they caress, their every thought and word and deed, deign, dearest Lord, to bless. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, Pray for them.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**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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