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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 22, 9:00AM** +Antonio Mirassol & All Deceased Family Members \*Special Intentions in Thanksgiving for All Priests & Clergy

**TUESDAY, June 23, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva +For All Deceased Borges & Da Silva Family Members

**WEDNESDAY, June 24, 7:00PM** +Joao Perna +Maurizio Rapisardi & Fillippa Rapisardi

**THURSDAY, June 25, 9:00AM** \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**FRIDAY, June 26, 7:00PM** +Generosa Paulos \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**SATURDAY, June 27, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, June 27, 5:00PM** +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Lucia Balugas +Peggy Michaud +David Maloles Ramsay Jr. +Teresa Tinh Le +Teresa Silva +Joao Veloso & Lourinda Botelho +Anita Marie (Malloy) Neuman +George Sousa & Valentin Marques \*Special Intention for Pope Leo & All Priests

**SUNDAY, June 28, 8:00AM** +Joao Oliveira & Maria Ribeiro +Susan Gasko

**SUNDAY, June 28, 10:00AM** +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +Eduarda Rodrigues

**SUNDAY, June 28, 12:00PM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, June 28, 2:00PM** \*ProPopulo  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**

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

**CHANGE** Due to school graduation Masses, our regular scheduled Masses for 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.

### **CANADA DAY – Wednesday July 1, 2026**

O blessed Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, we turn to you in prayer, seeking your intercession. As you guided and protected the Holy Family, we ask that you watch over all who dwell in this great land. In times of uncertainty and hardship, be a pillar of strength for our workers, a source of hope for our communities, and a beacon of guidance for our leaders. May your example of diligence and faithfulness inspire us to serve one another with love and compassion.

As we strive for a nation rooted in respect and dignity, we ask for your heavenly protection over our families, friends, communities, and all those striving for a better future. Saint Joseph, watch over us, and may your intercession bring peace and blessings upon our beloved Canada.

<https://www.facebook.com/gasparishgrouping/posts/-joyous-canada-day-on-this-day-let-us-ask-saint-joseph-for-intercession-for-the-/1149825237187000/> **Wishing you and your families a blessed Canada Day! Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed.**

## REFLECTION

*“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” [Matthew 10:27–28](#)*

When you pray, does God “whisper” to you? Do you sense His presence? Has He convicted your heart about Himself and all that He has revealed? Most likely He has, in His own silent way.

God rarely speaks to us in visions or by audibly hearing His voice. Though He has done so, as has been recorded in the lives of some saints, even if He did appear to you in that mystical way, this is not necessarily any better for your salvation and holiness than the ordinary way He usually speaks.

For most people, God comes in silent prayer, interior intuitions, and spiritual consolations. For example, one might be listening to a sermon and something jumps out, convicting one’s heart or inspiring with a supernatural insight or hope. God’s ordinary consoling activity in our lives must be “listened” to and responded to.

Listening to the Voice of God means we discern the eternal Truth He communicates to us, such as do this or avoid that, and we respond to Him. This is our conscience at work:

“Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths” (*Gaudium et Spes* #16).

In today’s Gospel, when Jesus says, “What I say to you in the darkness...” and “what you hear whispered...” refers to God’s communication with us in that secret sanctuary of our conscience. Jesus says that His communication is not given only to us but must be spoken “in the light” and proclaimed “on the housetops.” While our faith is personal and intimate, it must also become communal by sharing it with others through our words and actions.

Sharing our faith can be difficult. We might fear offending another who is not living the Gospel. In addressing this fear, Jesus says, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” Fear should never deter us from sharing our faith.

When we live our faith openly and share it charitably and unhindered, others will react. Some will joyfully receive our shared faith, but others will not. Among good-hearted Catholics, when the faith we share with others is not received well, we often second-guess ourselves. We become sensitive to the negative reaction, which easily leads to worry and fear. Such fear must be overcome with love and holy sorrow if we are to fulfill Jesus’ loving command. One way to do so is to regularly align ourselves with God’s command rather than the fear inflicted upon us by the evil one. The one who can “destroy both soul and body in Gehenna” ultimately refers to God’s just judgment, which we must ponder with the spiritual gift of Fear of the Lord.

This holy fear is not a fear of punishment alone but a deep belief in and reverence for God's justice and truth. It is the kind of fear that compels us to remain faithful, seeking to serve God above all else, and courageously and confidently sharing our personal faith with others as the greatest act of love we can offer.

A well-formed conscience, guided by the truth of the Gospel, gives us the confidence to speak with clarity and charity. It allows us to discern when and how to proclaim God's truth in a way that draws souls to Him. If we remain open to His voice and are willing to proclaim what He whispers in our hearts, we will become true witnesses to Christ, bringing His light into a world in desperate need of Him.

Reflect today on the inner Voice of God, echoing in the depths of your conscience. Do you hear Him and respond to His Voice? If so, then do not be afraid to share your knowledge of God freely and charitably with others. Foster, instead, a holy fear that drives you to greater fidelity to God and the charity of sharing His love with others.

*My Catholic Life! 2026*



## You create memories that last a lifetime through ShareLife

- For many parents, who are unable to care for their children on a full-time basis, summer break brings both mental and financial worry. Agencies you support through ShareLife, such as Camp Ozanam, Office of Catholic Youth, Silent Voice Canada, and St Bernadette's Family Resource Center, offer day programs and summer camps that bring children and youth, and their parents, much-needed relief. 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).



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

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP AGES 18-39

*Calling all young adults to join us every Sunday at 3:00pm 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).



Dear Fathers, on this special day I want to encourage you in the complete gift of your life for the good of your marriage and family. How great it is to father a child; and yet becoming a loving, and responsible and reliable dad takes great heart, patience, intentionality and courage. You play such a vital and irreplaceable role in your child's life and in the stability of the family unit. The impact of your contribution on the daily life of your family members is immense. Your presence, affection, discipline and personal faith journey are necessary to educate and raise your child into the adult the Lord is calling him/her to be and to help them fulfill their God given calling in their own lives.

Together with your spouse, you are the true pillars in the development of your child's spiritual, human, physical, emotional and social life as they instinctively look to you so that you may teach them words of wisdom boundaries to be respected and rules to be obeyed. You are that provider, protector, guide, leader and consoler that children need to have in their lives so that they may fulfill their calling and live the abundant life. You give them support and security, a link to their past, and you open up for them a horizon and opportunities for their future in the world before them. When you are involved in their lives and take your place in family life, children flourish, they come to know their worth and relish in self-confidence and in the knowledge of their unique giftedness.

Finally, let us call to mind and pray for the fathers who have passed on to eternity. We likewise pray for those family situations and circumstances where fathers are not present, where tragedy has hit, where homes are broken and facing hardships of many kinds. Let us never lose hope but rather come to the Lord in faith and prayer as He is the source of all hope and new life. I thank you, dear Fathers, for your commitment and your love for your family, for God and for the Church. I assure you of my fervent prayers that you may always be pleasing to the Lord in the way you raise your family. I congratulate you in your efforts to fulfill your vocation as an incredible gift of self-giving in fidelity, love and devotion. Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary, Most Rev. Francis LEO. Most Rev. Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, June 11, 2024, © 2020 Archdiocese of Toronto. All rights reserved.

*Lord of perfect justice, You speak to us, day and night, revealing Your love and Truth to our souls in the depths of our consciences. Please help me to listen and to respond to You so that I can also courageously share Your love with others, without fear. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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