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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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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 29, 7:00PM

+Joseph Mendrek +Milan Bobala +Maurizio Rapisardi & Mary Pinchera + Cindy & Tony Diogo +Manuel Fernandes

TUESDAY, June 30, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +Jose Porinchu

WEDNESDAY, July 1, 9:00AM- Canada Day

+Stacie Gibson Power +Generosa Paulos

THURSDAY, July 2, 9:00AM

+Maria Dolores Vigario +Manuel Da Silva

FRIDAY, July 3, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo +Maria & Luis Borges

SATURDAY, July 4, 9:00AM – FIRST SATURDAY

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, July 4, 5:00PM +Isabel Camacho &

Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Maria & Eugenio Arruda

+Romanko Sakac +Rosaria Maria & Rocco Melchionna

+Gladys Logrono +Helene Victorine Ophelders +Isaura

Lourenco & All Deceased Family Members +Manuel &

Glorinda da Silva +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Fernando &

Graciete Domingues +Cindy Diogo +Fernando Araujo

+Fernando Domingues & Conceicao Oliveira +Joao &

Emilia Laranjeiro

SUNDAY, July 5, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 5, 10:00AM +Fernando Nunes Docuto

SUNDAY, July 5, 12:00PM +Terezinha Teixeira

+Eduarda Rodrigues & Sao Oliveira

SUNDAY, July 5, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on **Friday July 3** following the 7:00pm Mass.

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/qasparishgrouping/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

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” [Matthew 10:37–38](#)

When a scribe approached Jesus and asked Him which of the commandments was the greatest, He replied: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” ([Mark 12:30–31](#)).

Today’s Gospel offers a similar teaching: We must love God above all else—even more than father, mother, son, or daughter. By contrasting love for God with love for family, Jesus is not diminishing familial affection; rather, He is revealing that the only way to truly love others is by loving God first.

Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches: “God must be loved above all things and before all others out of charity, for He is loved as the source of happiness, whereas our neighbor is loved as one who shares in that happiness along with us” (*Summa Theologiae* II-II, Q.26, A.2). In other words, God must be loved first because He is the ultimate cause and source of beatitude—the only true happiness. Though we are called to love our families and our neighbors, Christian charity dictates that we love them in relation to God—as fellow recipients of divine happiness.

One reason this Gospel is challenging is that our natural affections, though good, must be transformed by divine charity. It is natural to love our parents and children—God designed us with these affections. Even animals instinctively care for their offspring. But Jesus calls us to something higher: a love that is perfected by divine charity, transcending mere emotional attachment or duty. His teaching does not negate natural love; rather, it purifies, elevates, and directs it toward the highest good—God Himself.

When Jesus speaks of loving “father or mother” or “son or daughter” more than Him, He is addressing the inner conflict we sometimes experience in our emotions. When natural affection is not transformed by spiritual charity, the love we offer another can do more harm than good.

Disordered affection replaces the ultimate good—God—with the lesser good of emotional attachment and human consolation. The real danger arises when our loved ones stray from God’s will, and we, out of misguided affection, affirm them in their error, thereby confirming them in a state lacking true beatitude.

The foundation of true love is this: God alone is the source of perfect happiness, for us and for our loved ones. Our belief in God transforms the way we love others. No longer do we merely seek their earthly comfort or emotional well-being; rather, we direct them to the eternal Good—God Himself—who alone fulfills every longing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | June 28, 2026

When we love God first, all our relationships are purified. Instead of loving others with human affection alone, we love them with the very love of God, seeking their ultimate good: eternal life in Him. This purified love does not exclude human affection; rather, it elevates and directs it, ensuring that our love is not merely sentimental but truly transformative through divine charity.

Reflect today on those closest to you—those whom God calls you to love with the highest form of love. Are your affections rightly ordered, or do they sometimes compete with the charity God desires to instill in you? If so, turn your heart to God. Seek to love Him above all else. Let Him become the object of your deepest love and desire. When God is first, His love will transform you from within, enabling you to love others not just with natural affection, but with the very love of Christ, leading them to the eternal joy of union with Him. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THE DEATH OF FR. EDWIN'S MOTHER

The Spanish-speaking community and all parishioners are warmly invited to join Fr. Edwin Logroño and his family for the First Anniversary Mass of the death of his beloved mother: Gladys Logroño

Saturday, July 4, 2026
12:00 Noon
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

Please keep Fr. Edwin and his family in your prayers as they remember their mother and give thanks to God for her life and faith.



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.

“None of us is alone in this world. Each of us is a vital piece of the great mosaic of humanity as a whole.”
– St. John Paul II



Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 12, 2026, at 7:00pm.**

Cemetery location and celebrations for this year's Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:

Most Reverend John Corriveau

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:

Most Reverend Robert Kasun

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill:

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto:

Most Reverend J. Gerard Pettipas

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge:

Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:

Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie:

Rev. Msgr. Owen Keenan

In the Event of Rain, Masses will be held In:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption,

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross

St Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven and

The Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery

Christ the King will celebrate Mass in the Reception Center

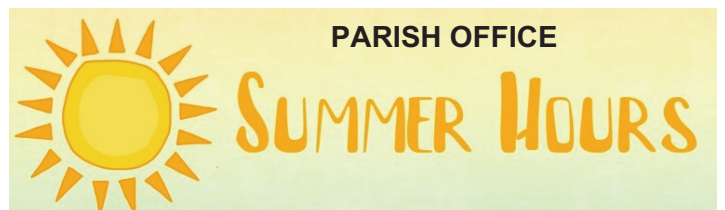
Mount Hope Cemetery to St. Monica's Parish

St. Mary's Cemetery to Holy Spirit Parish

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.



During the Months of July and August the **parish office will be opened on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ONLY.** The office will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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