

We welcome you to

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



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, July 13, 7:00PM +Paolo Emilio De Lio

+Anna Rubino & Giuseppe Virgilio +All Deceased

Margarido Family Members +All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, July 14, 9:00AM +Generosa Paulos +Mario

Dos Santos Conceicao

WEDNESDAY, July 15, 7:00PM +Carlos Januario

*Special Intention for All Priests & Clergy of Holy

Martyrs of Japan Parish

THURSDAY, July 16, 9:00AM +Nancy Johnson *Special

Intention for the Talarico Family

FRIDAY, July 17, 7:00PM +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo

De Girolamo +John Da Silva & All Deceased Family

Members

SATURDAY, July 18, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, July 18, 5:00PM +Jose Manuel Barbosa

+Maria Rosa Miranda & Manuel Oliveira +Jennifer &

Sandra Da Silva +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Jose Manuel

Caldas Azevedo +Abilio & Maria de Fatima Soares

+Daniel & Deolinda Viveiros +Urszula Jan Bialasik

+Armando Araujo & Family +Jose Cardoso & Family

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Maria Faria +Fernando &

Graciete Domingues +Virgilio & Rosa Oliveira +Teresa

Silva & All Deceased Family Members *Special Intention

for the Parish Community of HMJ

SUNDAY, July 19, 8:00AM +Joao & Antonio Veloso

+Arlindo Araujo

SUNDAY, July 19, 10:00AM +Manuel Bastos Da Silva

+Eduarda Rodrigues

SUNDAY, July 19, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 19, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday July 31 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 August 7**

following the 7:00pm Mass.

MISSION COOP – July 25 & 26

CONSOLATA MISSIONARY

Rev. George Kibura Njuguna, IMC



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.

REFLECTION

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up...” Matthew 13:3–4

In today’s Gospel, the Parable of the Sower is delivered from a boat, as Jesus addresses a large crowd along the shoreline. Jesus uses the natural acoustics of the water to carry His voice to the eager multitude who came to hear Him. Their earnestness offers us an opportunity for self-examination: Am I among that crowd, attentively listening as God speaks to me today? Do I go out of my way to seek, listen, and respond to the Word of God?

A parable is a method that both *reveals* and *conceals*. It reveals divine truth to those who are humble and receptive, and conceals that same truth from those whose hearts are closed. The truths of the Kingdom are not concepts that can be quickly grasped. They are divine mysteries that must enter the soul and be pondered and nourished. Only the spiritually docile can penetrate their depths and allow God’s Word to transform their lives.

The Sower is Christ. The seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents the human heart, in all its various conditions of readiness and receptivity. Some souls await God’s Word like freshly tilled, moist, and fertilized soil. As soon as the seed enters, it begins to grow rapidly—until fully grown and producing good fruit.

Other souls are less receptive. Like the path, some hearts are hardened, stubborn, refusing to receive divine truth. The Word is heard, but not truly received. The enemy snatches it away before it can penetrate.

Hearts that are like rocky ground are those who initially receive the Word with joy but lack perseverance. When trials come, they fall away. They may attend Mass, read Scripture, or begin with fervor, but without deep interior conversion rooted in prayer, they cannot endure the heat of testing.

The thorny heart is the divided heart, where the Word of God is mixed with anxieties, riches, and pleasures. The Gospel is heard—perhaps even cherished—but it is suffocated by worldly attachments, ambition, or fear.

Earthly anxieties and the fascination of riches are thorns that smother the soul and prevent it from growing.

The good news is that God, the Divine Sower, is not passive. He sows the seed Himself—personally, directly, and abundantly. He is not like a remote monarch seated on a distant throne, waiting for us to come to Him. No—God always takes the initiative. He goes forth like the sower, casting His seed upon us even before we ask.

The seed comes to us in two essential ways: truth and grace. As truth, God’s Word enlightens the intellect to know His eternal mysteries. As grace, God’s Word strengthens the will to embrace and live those truths with faith and charity.

The Divine Sower sows lavishly. He casts the seed everywhere—on the path, among the rocks, amidst thorns, and upon rich earth. This is not careless, but the work of Divine Mercy. God desires that all be saved and come to the

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knowledge of the truth. Even where the ground seems hardened, shallow, or choked with thorns, He still sows. He never ceases to speak, to reach out, to invite. He sows even in places we might deem hopeless—until the final moment, when the time for sowing is ended.

Reflect today on God's generous and continuous sowing in your soul. He never ceases speaking to you, calling to you, and planting His Word within you. How receptive are you? Which soil best describes your soul? It's never too late to respond in this life. God's Word can grow rapidly within us when our souls are fertile and receptive. Remove the rocks, cut down the thorns, and till the hardened path, so that the abundant seed will make its way into your heart.

My Catholic Life! 2026

Divine Sower, You ceaselessly send forth Your truth and grace to enlighten and strengthen us in the mission of building Your Kingdom. Please till the soil of my heart and make it fertile, so that Your Word may take root in me, growing and producing an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in You.



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.

SENIORS DROP IN – Laugh & Learn

Drop in for refreshments, & activities including trivia, puzzles, brain games, social interaction & informative workshops. **Every Wednesday, until August 5 from 11:00am-1:00pm**
BWG Community Hub - 177 Church Street – Room A
50+ | \$2.00 at the door (cash)

MOTHER MARY, PILGRIM OF HOPE
42nd ANNUAL ROSARY SUNDAY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13
Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

Celebrant: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins
Noon- Outdoor Mass at the Polish Altar
2:30 – Procession of the living Cross & Blessed Mary to the Papal Altar for Rosary & Benediction



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.

"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials."

-St. Teresa of Avila

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