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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



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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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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, July 20, 7:00PM +Antonio Mirassol & All Deceased Family Members +Madalena Gasko +Maurizio Rapisardi & Anna Pinchera +Cindy & Tony Diogo +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Maria Faria +Gabriella & Remo Antonello +Aldo Patricelli +Lucia Conceicao
*Special Intentions of the Margarido Family

TUESDAY, July 21, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Conceicao Oliveira

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 7:00PM +Antonio Greco +Lorenzo & Lucia Cetrulo

THURSDAY, July 23, 9:00AM +Saul Domingues & Maria Oliveira Domingues +Mathew Talarico

FRIDAY, July 24, 7:00PM +Maurizio Rapisardi & Aldo Pinchera +Generosa Paulos

SATURDAY, July 25, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, July 25, 5:00PM +Domenico & Assunta Petrucci +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Fernando Araujo & Cindy Diogo +Manuel Fernandes & Ondina Lancha +Manuel & Gloria Grego +Gregorio Urciuoli +Jaroslav Letko +Nello Clara Del Bell Belluz & Maria Loretta Sist +Virginia Correia +Francesco & Maria Scaturro +Helder Claro +Maria Jonkhout & Robert Lanthier +Rudolf & Katerina Spek

SUNDAY, July 26, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 26, 10:00AM +Arminda & Joao Balugas +For All Deceased Brunati & Giacometti Family Members

SUNDAY, July 26, 12:00PM +Novembro & Maria Oliveira Domingues +Erica Horodynski

SUNDAY, July 26, 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.

MISSION COOP – July 25 & 26

CONSOLATA MISSIONARY- Rev. George Kibura

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

Most Holy Word of God, speak to me, enter my heart, and transform me by Your grace. Send forth Your Word into Your Church on earth. Make Her holy, that She may reflect the beauty and strength of the Body of Christ. Use me and all the members of Your Body to witness to the world—especially to those who do not yet know You—so that they may be drawn into the wonder and awe of Your transforming power and come to partake in the superabundant Banquet to which we are all called. Jesus, I trust in You.

REFLECTION

He spoke to them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.” Matthew 13:33

Yeast is small—invisible once it is worked into the dough. And yet, its influence is pervasive and powerful. This simple image—yeast worked into three measures of flour, causing it to slowly rise—reveals that the Kingdom of Heaven is built quietly, almost imperceptibly, from within. Like leaven silently transforming dough from the inside, so too does God’s grace operate—hidden yet active—in the heart, in the Church, and in the world.

Patiently watching dough rise can be a small wonder, especially for children. In this brief parable, the yeast symbolizes the Word of God, and the wheat flour, the human soul. When God’s Word is welcomed by faith, it possesses the power to transform the entire soul. Just as yeast elevates and expands flour into bread, so God’s Word elevates human nature and conforms it to Himself. How awe-inspiring it is to behold the gradual transformation of a soul animated by divine grace!

Saint Augustine offers several interpretations of the “three measures” of wheat flour. He suggests they can represent the threefold interior life of the human person: heart, soul, and mind (cf. Matthew 22:37); or the three degrees of fruitfulness described in the parable of the sower—“a hundredfold, sixtyfold, and thirtyfold” (cf. Matthew 13:23); or even the three righteous men mentioned in Ezekiel—Noah, Daniel, and Job (cf. Ezekiel 14:14), each representing a distinct path of fidelity under trial. Each of these interpretations reveals how God’s transforming Word is at work not only in the individual soul, but within the Church and throughout all humanity.

Though “three measures” might not sound like much, it was in fact a substantial amount. According to ancient Jewish and Roman measurements, three measures (or *satons*) could equal nearly fifty pounds of flour—enough to feed more than a hundred people. The parable, therefore, is about abundance—the superabundant fruitfulness of God’s Word when it is thoroughly received—penetrating deeply into the individual soul, the Church, and society. Like leaven in dough, this transformation takes time. Though not immediate, it is steady, enduring, and complete.

Consider your own life: Has the Word of God been thoroughly mixed into your whole being—into your heart, your soul, and your mind? Has it leavened your interior life so completely that even your smallest actions are touched by grace? Has divine love taken hold of you—not in part, but in whole?

Furthermore, do you see your interconnectedness with the Church and rejoice in the many ways God is at work within Her and Her members? Do you gaze upon the world and, with wonder and awe, perceive God’s hidden activity? It is easy to focus on the worldly chaos and to be drawn into the sensationalism of evil. But it takes a truly perceptive soul—

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like a child watching dough rise—to behold the quiet, steady work of God, who is ever bringing His Kingdom to life—quietly, steadily, and far and wide.

Reflect today on the quiet ways God is at work within you, within the Church, and throughout the world. Though you might not always perceive the movement of grace, trust that it is active—like yeast in dough—gently transforming, sanctifying, and preparing hearts for the glory to come.

Resist the temptation to measure your spiritual growth by visible signs or immediate results. Instead, remain faithful to prayer, attentive to the Word, and docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God's Kingdom unfolds in time, and its rising is certain. Even when the world seems overwhelmed by sin or division, remember that the heaven is at work. The final loaf is being prepared for the eternal banquet—and you are being made ready, one hidden grace at a time, until you are fully prepared to share in the joy of the eternal feast. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

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

**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**



R.C.I.A. 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)**

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in August 2026 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800- 268-2637.



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

“Rest tranquilly in the loving heart of our dear Saviour; do not lose peace, even though the world turns upside down.” – St Paul of the Cross

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.

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