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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A
MERCHANT SEEKING FINE PEARLS,
AND UPON FINDING ONE PEARL OF
GREAT VALUE, HE WENT AND SOLD
ALL THAT HE HAD AND BOUGHT IT.

MATTHEW 13:45-46



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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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Faith and Fellowship

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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 27, 7:00PM +Milan Bobala +Generosa Paulos +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Helder Claro +Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, July 28, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Fernando Domingues

WEDNESDAY, July 29, 7:00PM +Vittorio Screni +Jem Mustafa

THURSDAY, July 30, 9:00AM +Manuel Cruz Conceicao & Maria Santos Rosete

FRIDAY, July 31, 7:00PM +Ramanko Sakac +Margaret Dudo

SATURDAY, August 1, 9:00AM – First Saturday +All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, August 1, 5:00PM

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Helene Victorine Ophelders +Isaura Lourenco & All Deceased Family Members +Carlos Pais +Vilma LaRoche +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Vanessa Rodrigues +Nello Clara Del Bell Belluz & Mario Loretta Sist +Tonino & Anna Scaturro +Carlo Marques & Grandparents +Mario Santos Conceicao *Special Intention for Zyla Rhea Mongillo

SUNDAY, August 2, 8:00AM +Mirijan Zic & All Deceased Zic Family Members +Celestino Almeida & Dorinda de Jesus

SUNDAY, August 2, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 2, 12:00PM +Maria Dolores Vigario +Terezinha Teixeira

SUNDAY, August 2, 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.

HAPPY LONG WEEKEND!!!

Monday August 3, 2026 – Civic Holiday
Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed.
Have a wonderful, fun filled, long weekend



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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.

My Lord and King, so often I seek the fleeting treasures of this world, including the illusion of treasures found in sin. Please open my eyes and help me to see You as You truly are—and to recognize the priceless value of Your Kingdom in my life. As I discover this Pearl of Great Price, grant me the courage and wisdom I need to surrender all that You ask of me, so that I may fully attain Your reign in my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

REFLECTION

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” Matthew 13:44–46

In the first parable above, a person unexpectedly discovers a treasure buried in a field. Imagine that you take a metal detector with you while on a hike, simply curious about what might lie beneath the soil. Suddenly, the detector gives a strong signal. Expecting perhaps a rusted can or an old nail, you begin to dig. But as your shovel strikes something solid, you uncover an old chest. With growing anticipation, you lift it from the earth and open it—only to find it brimming with ancient and priceless jewels, gold and silver coins, and other precious items of immense worth.

In the second parable, the merchant is actively searching for a valuable pearl. He knows what he seeks and finally discovers one of exceptional worth—one that eclipses all others. In both cases, however, the response is the same: the man and the merchant each go and sell all they possess to obtain the treasure they have found.

These parables pose two fundamental questions for each of us:

- Have I discovered the priceless treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- If I have, am I willing to let go of everything else to attain it?

Like the man who stumbles upon the buried treasure, many people encounter God’s grace in surprising ways—through a moment of prayer, a profound experience at Mass, an act of charity, or even during suffering. Maybe those people were not actively seeking divine treasure, yet in a moment of providence, the veil is lifted, and the beauty of God’s Kingdom is revealed. Once they discover the treasure, their souls realize that nothing else compares. From that point on, they are moved to reorient their entire lives to possess that treasure fully.

The path of the merchant, by contrast, is that of the soul who longs for truth, beauty, and goodness, diligently seeking them out. The one who searches might spend years studying, praying, yearning, and pursuing what is of eternal value. And then—finally—the “pearl” is found. Christ is discovered. The Gospel becomes clear. The longing is fulfilled. Again, everything else is willingly surrendered for the sake of that one Pearl of great price—Jesus Christ. In both parables, the decision to sell all to gain the treasure is an easy choice. The discovery is so great that everything else the person possesses pales in comparison. But how many people have truly made such a discovery?

Many of us are like someone who learns of a buried treasure in a field and, out of curiosity, drives out to look—but spends little or no time searching. Or we are like a merchant who is informed of a rare and valuable pearl for sale far

from home. Though interested, we note the length of the journey and abandon the thought.

Though we may have heard about the glory of God's Kingdom, unless we truly discover it, we will not see the value of attaining it at any cost. We will only be willing to sell all we have—to detach from every hindrance to grace, every sin, obsession, and distraction—if we make the initial discovery of the priceless nature of God's Kingdom already present on earth and the fullness of His Kingdom that awaits us in Heaven.

Reflect today on this invaluable treasure, waiting to be discovered. Consider where you are on that journey of discovery. Have you heard about the priceless treasure of coming to know, love, and serve God? Have you discovered God for yourself, through prayer and moments of profound enlightenment? If you have not, keep searching—the Kingdom is near. If you have made this discovery, then consider all your attachments, and willingly surrender them to God, acknowledging that nothing is too much to offer to our loving God in exchange for the untold riches of the life of grace to which we are called. *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**



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)**



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.

“Have confidence and strong faith that God will assist you in everything.” – St. Angela Merici

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