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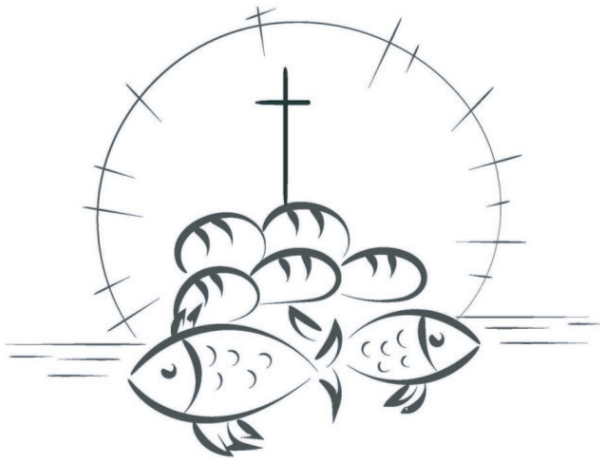
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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

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Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

Santissima Trinidad & 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, August 3, 9:00AM - Civic Holiday**

+Romanko Sakac +Cindy Diogo +Conceicao Oliveira

\*Special Intention for Zyla Rhea Mongillo & Adrian Mongillo

**TUESDAY, August 4, 9:00AM** +Samantha Diogo

+Manuel Da Silva

**WEDNESDAY, August 5, 7:00PM**

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Manuel & Glorinda Da Silva

**THURSDAY, August 6, 9:00AM** +Generosa Paulos

+Teresa Massaro

**FRIDAY, August 7, 7:00PM** +Maria & Luis Borges

+Fernando & Graciete Domingues

**SATURDAY, August 8, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, August 8, 5:00PM**

+Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Virgilio Domingues & Manuel Marques +Joao Perna +Jose Manuel

Caldas Azevedo +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Augusta

Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +Fernando & Graciete

Domingues +Fernando Araujo +Teresa Tinh Le

**SUNDAY, August 9, 8:00AM** +Manuel Dias +Cindy Diogo

**SUNDAY, August 9, 10:00AM** +Conceicao Oliveira

**SUNDAY, August 9, 12:00PM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, August 9, 2:00PM** \*ProPopulo

**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**

### 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.



**Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
My memory, my understanding,  
And my entire will,  
All I have and call my own.**

**You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.**

**Everything is yours; do with it what you will.**

**Give me only your love and your grace,  
That is enough for me.**

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

## REFLECTION

*“Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Matthew 14:17–20*

In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, there are two distinct miraculous feedings of large crowds. Today’s Gospel depicts the first one, given primarily to Jewish people near the Sea of Galilee. Five thousand men (not counting women and children) were fed from five loaves and two fish, resulting in twelve baskets left over. This feeding of the five thousand is notably the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four Gospels, underscoring its significance. Matthew and Mark also recount a second miraculous feeding—this time of four thousand people—in the largely pagan region of the Decapolis, using seven loaves and a few fish, with seven baskets left over.

This first miracle takes place within the context of Jesus’ sorrowful heart, as He mourns the death of His cousin, John the Baptist. Jesus knew that John’s death occurred for the Father’s glory and according to His permissive will. Yet this divine perspective did not eliminate His human sorrow. Holy sorrow is a profound expression of love in the face of suffering.

Because Jesus’ love was perfect, His sorrow was genuine and deep. The depth of His sorrow is evident from His deliberate choice to withdraw by boat to be alone, to fully embrace His grief. It is beautiful to note that Jesus’ divinity does not overshadow or diminish His humanity. Rather, with divine love, He fully accepts John’s death, and with a genuinely human heart, He properly mourns. In Jesus, humanity and divinity intertwine perfectly.

Upon disembarking, Jesus finds that a large crowd has followed Him on foot, anticipating His arrival, hungry for His teachings and miracles. Here we encounter a second revelation of Jesus’ divinity shining through His humanity. Seeing the crowd and perceiving their brokenness, sinfulness, and suffering, “his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.” The Greek word translated here as “pity” indicates a deeply felt, visceral compassion. This compassion, divine in origin, flows perfectly through Jesus’ sacred humanity. His compassionate gaze vividly reveals God’s merciful love: Jesus does not merely sympathize; He acts decisively, healing the sick and alleviating their suffering. His divine love compels Him to act for the good of His people.

The miracle itself recalls God’s providential care for the Israelites during their forty years in the desert, when manna appeared each morning, providing sufficient food for each day. That miracle, coupled with today’s Gospel, teaches us a consistent truth: God always provides for us when we turn to Him, seeking Him earnestly as the crowd did.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 2, 2026

The multiplication of the loaves and fish also foreshadows the Eucharist, likely the reason it is recorded in all four Gospels. In the Eucharist, God provides abundantly for our spiritual nourishment. When received with faith and trust in God's providence, Jesus' Body and Blood nourishes every virtue within us, empowering us to flourish spiritually. The Eucharist prepares us for eternal life, where we anticipate sharing in the eternal Wedding Banquet of Heaven—a perfect, everlasting celebration free from all sin, sickness, and suffering.

Reflect today on Jesus' tender care. He looks upon your needs with the same compassion He showed to the crowds in the wilderness. Consider especially how He desires to feed you daily through the Most Holy Eucharist, the true Bread from Heaven. Bring to Him whatever you have, even if it seems small or insufficient—your struggles, weariness, prayers, and hopes—and trust that in His hands, they will be multiplied for the good of your soul and the souls of others. Let this miraculous feeding stir within you a deeper faith in God's providence and a more fervent desire for the Eucharist, where Christ Himself is our sustenance, our healing, and our foretaste of eternal joy. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

## **MOTHER MARY, PILGRIM OF HOPE 42<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jpak@archtoronto.org).

*My Eucharistic Lord, the Gift of the Eucharist is beyond my comprehension. Just as the crowds were amazed at the multiplication of the loaves and fish, astonish me with an understanding of the Eucharist and Your providential care that fills my heart with openness and gratitude to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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