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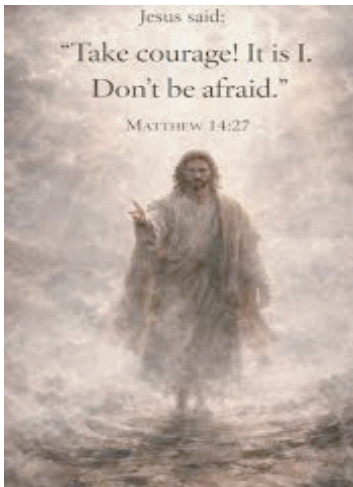
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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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 Trinite & 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 10, 7:00PM

+Fernando Araujo +All Deceased Margarido Family Members +Giovanni DiLorenzo +Maria Jonkhout

TUESDAY, August 11, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +Generosa Paulos

WEDNESDAY, August 12, 7:00PM

+Assunta Mazzotta +Sergio Gomes

THURSDAY, August 13, 9:00AM

+Mario Dos Santos Conceicao +Manuel Da Silva & Family

FRIDAY, August 14, 7:00PM

+Giovanni Di Lorenzo *Special Intention for the Parish Community of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

SATURDAY, August 15, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 15, 5:00PM

+Romanko Sakac +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa + John da Silva & Manuel Da Silva +Maria de Jesus Carreiro +Filomena Di Re +Armando Araujo +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Fernando Araujo Sr. +Virgilio & Rosa Oliveira +Joao & Manuel Veloso +Teresa Tinh Le +Eduarda Rodrigues & São Oliveira *Special Intention for All Priests & Clergy

SUNDAY, August 16, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 16, 10:00AM +Teresa Tinh Le

SUNDAY, August 16, 12:00PM +Karen & Ron Llamas

SUNDAY, August 16, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday August 28 at 11:00am at the cemetery (weather permitting) or at the church.** Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

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.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

REFLECTION

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:27-31

Fear always clouds our vision. Today's Gospel takes place the night after Jesus fed the 5,000 on a mountain near the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, using only five barley loaves and two fish. Afterward, He withdrew to pray alone and sent the disciples ahead of Him by boat, directing them toward the town of Gennesaret, just south of Capernaum. While great miracles occurred the next day in Gennesaret, something just as remarkable took place during the night's journey across the sea.

The disciples found themselves rowing against a strong headwind, making the journey slow, arduous, and perilous. This scene is a vivid image of our journey through life. Life is rarely "a bowl of cherries," as the saying goes. It can often feel laborious, filled with hardships, and some trials may seem never-ending. If life feels this way, today's Gospel is especially for you.

During the fourth watch of the night, between 3 and 6 a.m., as the disciples continued struggling against the waves, they saw a figure walking on the sea, coming toward them. While we may be familiar with the idea of Jesus walking on water, for the disciples, this would have been an unimaginable and terrifying sight. They did not recognize Him—not because His appearance had changed, but because fear blinded them. This still happens in our lives. We can misinterpret suffering or divine silence as abandonment. But Jesus allowed their fear precisely so He could confront it directly: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." In His divine wisdom, Jesus knew that countless disciples would read this story and ponder this moment until the end of time.

What message is He giving us? The courage that comes from recognizing God in our midst allows us to conquer fear—especially in our moments of suffering, when the path ahead seems hard, dangerous, and without end.

By a supernatural instinct, Peter utters the perfect prayer in this moment of uncertainty: "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you..." When we recognize God amid our trials, focus our gaze on Him, and pray this prayer, God will always answer, "Come."

Peter sets the pattern for this bold, trusting prayer, but he falters in remaining faithful to it. Yet even this is allowed by God, for our instruction. Making an act of courageous faith does not guarantee we will not stumble. Peter sank not because he lacked faith entirely, but because fear began to overwhelm his trust. And in this, Jesus teaches us another lesson: Even when our faith wavers, we must not give in to despair. Peter did not drown—he cried out once more,

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“Lord, save me!” and Jesus immediately reached out His hand.

Despair is the true enemy of faith. Though fear and the growing force of the wind weakened Peter’s faith, he remained hopeful even in his weakness. And it was this hope—however trembling—that moved Jesus to stretch out His divine hand and save him.

Reflect today on any trial or suffering you endure that tempts you to fear. Confront that fear head-on. Rebuke it. Look for Jesus, who comes to you in the midst of the trial, walking on and through that very storm. Know that it is truly Him, drawing near. As you overcome fear, keep your eyes fixed on Him, not on the storm. This is what strengthens our faith and enables us to keep moving forward toward the goal: Jesus’ hand of divine grace.

My Catholic Life! 2026

My saving Lord, though You permit trials in our lives, You always offer the grace we need to endure them patiently and to overcome them with trust and hope in You. Help me, Lord, to always see You in my suffering and confusion. May I never give in to despair, but instead grow in faith as I walk toward You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

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

HORIZONS OF HOPE: A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE
Do you want to know more about palliative care?
We invite you to participate in a learning session on **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care.** Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. The program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness to learn more about palliative care. **The program will be offered at St. Mary’s Church, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie on four Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. beginning September 2nd and concluding September 23rd, 2026.** Participation in all 4 sessions is expected. To register please email stmarysba@archtoronto.org or call the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 101



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



EDGE is a fun, exciting and free program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8.
More information on dates and registration to follow.



LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12. **More information on dates to follow.**

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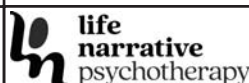


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