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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

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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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 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, August 17, 7:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Virginia Correia
+Roberto Gioacchino +Maria Celenza *Special Intentions
of the Margarido Family

TUESDAY, August 18, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, August 19, 7:00PM

+Generosa Paulos

THURSDAY, August 20, 9:00AM

+Virgilio Conceicao & Jose Conceicao

FRIDAY, August 21, 7:00PM

+Patrick Connolly +Theodoro Paletta & Maria Paletta

SATURDAY, August 22, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 22, 5:00PM

+Manuel Francisco da Cruz & Lodovina Oliveira +Arlindo
Araujo +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Baby Bennett
& Eduard Maher +Leo & Nellie Ryan +Teresa Tinh Le
+Teresa Silva

SUNDAY, August 23, 8:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell +Mario Dos Santos Conceicao

SUNDAY, August 23, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 23, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 23, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on **Friday September 4** following the 7:00pm Mass.

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.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2026 – Labour Day

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications sets up 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

REFLECTION

“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” Matthew 15:26–28

Imagine the Son of God referring to you as a dog. For most people, that would be deeply offensive. So why would Jesus do such a thing? He did so, in part, to draw forth from this woman an act of profound humility and faith. Through this moment of divine humiliation, Jesus invited her to rise to a heroic response, prompting Him to exclaim, “O woman, great is your faith!” He desires to do the same with each one of us.

When Jesus first encountered this woman, He saw into her soul and perceived the depth of her faith. As God, He knew everything about her—her suffering, her love for her daughter, her perseverance. He also knew He would heal the girl, yet He did not do so immediately. Instead, He engaged in what theology refers to as divine pedagogy—a method of instruction by which God teaches slowly, carefully, and with purpose. In this case, Jesus used the moment to teach His disciples—and us—a profound lesson about humility and unwavering faith. He tested her, and she passed the test marvelously.

The location of this encounter is also significant. It took place in the region of Tyre and Sidon, in modern-day Lebanon—a Gentile territory known for its Greek-speaking population and pagan customs. The woman is specifically identified as a Canaanite, evoking the memory of Israel’s ancient enemies. And yet, it is precisely this outsider—this woman of seemingly little spiritual privilege—who becomes a model of the faith the chosen people were meant to embody.

She first approaches Jesus, crying out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” By calling Him, “Son of David,” she reveals her belief in His messianic identity. But what does Jesus do? Nothing. He appears to ignore her—not because He is displeased or uncaring, but because He is testing her faith, knowing full well she will persevere and shine.

God often allows similar experiences in the lives of the faithful. It’s easy to assume that if we follow Christ, we will be shielded from difficulty. On the contrary, one of the most powerful ways God forms His saints is by allowing them to undergo trials. These trials, far from being signs of abandonment, are invitations to heroic virtue. They are divine tests. And God never permits more than we can endure by His grace.

If that seems confusing or difficult to accept, we need only look to the Son of God Himself. Though Jesus was perfect, it was the Father’s will that He endure the deepest depths of humiliation: rejection, persecution, suffering, and death. Through this ultimate “divine pedagogy,” the Son not only conquered sin and death but also taught us how to follow Him—by transforming our humiliation into humility, our

weakness into strength, and our suffering into sanctification. In this way, God's power is made perfect in our weakness (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9).

As the conversation with the woman unfolds, Jesus continues to appear distant, yet He knows she will not give up. Her faith and her love for her daughter drive her to persevere. She humbly persists through every trial, and in doing so, she wins grace—not only for herself and her daughter, but also for the disciples who witnessed the exchange and for all who read her story today.

Reflect today on the ways God may be inviting you to a deeper faith through silence, delay, or trial. Could He be calling you, like this woman, to heroic humility and steadfast trust? Embrace those moments of divine testing, for they are often the very means by which His greatest works of grace are accomplished—in you and through you. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

Divine Teacher and Guide, You teach us through Your Word, Your actions, and even through Your silence. When You are silent in the midst of trials and tribulations, grant me the grace to persevere in faith, trusting that You will never abandon me. Help me to understand that every trial You permit is an invitation to deeper trust, so that Your grace and glory may be revealed in me, and through me, shine forth to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

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.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR 2027 SEASON

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2027 season will be made available sometime in the fall. Please stay connected with us for more information. We invite you to celebrate Mass with us on Saturdays or Sundays. Announcements regarding registration will be made at Mass. Please be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information and registration for these sacraments.

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.**

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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