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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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Catholic Moms Group

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Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Faith and Fellowship

Knights of Columbus

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, August 24, 7:00PM

+Antonio Mirassol & All Deceased Family Members
+Generosa Paulos +Virginia Correia & Family

TUESDAY, August 25, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +Conceicao Oliveira

WEDNESDAY, August 26, 7:00PM

+Helder Claro

THURSDAY, August 27, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

FRIDAY, August 28, 7:00PM

+Jamie & Fernando Meneses +Deolinda Oliveira & All
Deceased Family Members

SATURDAY, August 29, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 29, 5:00PM

+Arminda & Joao Balugas +Miquelina Dias +David
Harrison & Don Harrison +Fernando & Graciete
Domingues +Teresa Tinh Le

SUNDAY, August 30, 8:00AM

+Fernando Domingues +Cindy & Tony Diogo

SUNDAY, August 30, 10:00AM

+Virgilio De Oliveira & Maria Helena Oliveira

SUNDAY, August 30, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 30, 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.



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Today, we honor the hands that construct and minds that create. May your hard work continue to motivate progress and success. Wishing you and your families a well-deserved break on this special day! Please note: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend and a blessed and prosperous new school year.

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. **Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday September 8, 2026.**

REFLECTION

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [Matthew 16:13-16](#)

The symbolism associated with Caesarea Philippi is central to today's Gospel. Located north of Jesus' home base in Capernaum, it was a predominantly pagan city known for its shrines to false gods. One of the most prominent was Pan, after whom the region was named Panias (later Banias). Pan, a Greek god, was honored at a shrine near a large cave and spring considered the entrance to Hades. Pan was the god of nature, shepherds, flocks, wild places, fertility, and rustic music, and was often depicted as half man, half goat, with horns and hooves. He played the pan flute and was associated with lust, chaos, and sudden fear—from which we get the word panic.

Additionally, the city was the site of a temple dedicated to the late emperor, Caesar Augustus, who was worshiped as a god throughout the Roman Empire. It was into this spiritually dark pagan setting that Jesus led His disciples—on what may have been a two-day journey—for what culminated in a single, monumental question.

Jesus took the Twelve away from the comfort of their familiar fishing village and Jewish neighbors for a reason. He wanted them to answer His question not in the midst of the familiar and safe, but in a place marked by spiritual confusion and idolatry. Why? So that faith could be professed even there, and divine grace could confront the darkness that permeated the region.

At first, He asked who the people said He was. They answered, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." But then He posed the question that reached the heart of His mission: "But who do you say that I am?" This was a moment of divine testing—one which Simon passed with profound faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus' extraordinary and consequential response has enduring significance to this day. He declared:

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" ([Matthew 16:17-19](#)).

With these sacred words, Jesus founded His Church upon Peter, making him the first pope. In biblical tradition, a change of name signifies a new mission and identity. Simon, son of Jonah, was now to be called Peter—*Petros* in Greek and *Cephas* in Aramaic—meaning "rock." Peter became the solid foundation upon which Christ's Church would be built.

No pagan power, false god, or earthly ruler would ever overcome what Christ established with divine authority. Reflect today on the significance of the papacy. Even now, in the successor of Saint Peter, the words of Simon continue to echo throughout the world: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This is the pope’s first and most important duty—to bear witness to Christ, the Son of God. Despite the personal weaknesses of some popes and the saintliness of others, it is Jesus who established Peter and his successors as the visible foundation of the Church. Pray for the Holy Father, and trust in the timeless witness of every pope since that first moment in Caesarea Philippi—a witness upheld not by human strength, but by Christ’s own promise. To profess faith in the papacy is to profess faith in the One who instituted it and endowed it with His divine authority. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

PRAYER FOR OUR YOUTH AT EDGE CAMP

Please join our parish community in praying for our middle school youth and leaders who are attending Edge Camp at Camp White Pine this week.

Heavenly Father, we place our young people into your hands as they experience the adventure of Edge Camp. We pray that you protect them from harm, deepen their friendships, and open their hearts to the grace of the Sacraments. Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, and Saint Carlo Acutis, may this time away from the world ignite a lifelong passion for your Son, Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

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

“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



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children and our teachers prepare to start a new year, may YOU be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope and faith be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as you love. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things! In Jesus’ Name. Amen

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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