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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

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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EDGE Youth Ministry

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LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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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 31, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos
+Antonio Gallo, *Special Intention for Ejehi Emaan

TUESDAY, September 1, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, September 2, 7:00PM +Maria Dolores
Vigario +Manuel Augusto Miranda & Fernanda Rola
Miranda

THURSDAY, September 3, 9:00AM +Samantha Diogo
+Manuel Da Silva

FRIDAY, September 4, 7:00PM +Romanko Sakac
+Manuel & Glorinda Da Silva

SATURDAY, September 5, 9:00AM – First Saturday
+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, September 5, 5:00PM +Isabel Camacho &
Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Maria & Eugenio Arruda
+Helene Victorine Ophelders +Isaura Lourenco & All
Deceased Family Members +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo
+Brian Roben & Mary Carter +Lucy & Joe Toich
+Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Cindy Diogo +Virgilio
Pinho & All Deceased Marques Family Members + Helder
Claro +Eduarda Rodrigues & São Oliveira +Julia Jover
*Special Intentions of Mary Toich *Special Intentions for
All Priests & Clergy

SUNDAY, September 6, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 6, 10:00AM +Jan & Klara Rozek
*Special Intention for Karina

SUNDAY, September 6, 12:00PM +Terezinha Teixeira
+Halina Jan Woznica

SUNDAY, September 6, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday**
September 25 at 11:00am at the cemetery (weather
permitting) or at the church. Mass intentions can be
booked at the parish office.



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

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 RETURN TO REGULAR HOURS

Starting September 8 we will be returning to our regular
office hours. Monday-Friday 9:30am -4:30pm. Closed for
Lunch between 12-1:00pm.

REFLECTION

*“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are
thinking not as God does, but as human beings
do.” Matthew 16:23*

This scene likely unfolds in or near Caesarea Philippi, a
Gentile region steeped in pagan worship. There, at the
mouth of a cave long associated with the entrance to the
netherworld—believed by some pagans to be the very gate
of Hades—Jesus had just questioned His disciples: “Who do
people say that the Son of Man is?” and then more directly,
“But who do you say that I am?” (cf. Matthew 16:13–15).
Peter, speaking with conviction on behalf of the Twelve,
boldly proclaimed, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the
living God” (Matthew 16:16). Jesus responded by declaring
him “Peter,” the rock upon which He would build His
Church, promising that “the gates of hell shall not prevail
against it.”

Just moments later, Jesus issues one of the strongest rebukes
recorded in the Gospels: “Get behind me, Satan!” The same
Peter who had just spoken divine truth now speaks human
fear and shortsightedness. In trying to dissuade Jesus from
His suffering and death, Peter unknowingly opposes the
very mission of the Messiah. Jesus calls this mindset not
merely a mistake, but a diabolical temptation—echoing the
same temptation He faced in the desert, when Satan sought
to lure Him away from the Cross with promises of worldly
glory.

What a stark contrast. Peter goes from being the rock of
faith to an obstacle in the Lord’s path. But why was Jesus so
severe in His response?

Because the stakes were eternal. The Cross is not optional. It
is the means of salvation—not just for Jesus, but for all who
would follow Him. To think otherwise, even with good
intention, is to prefer human comfort over divine wisdom.
Peter’s protest reflects a natural aversion to suffering, but
Jesus exposes it for what it truly is: a stumbling block to the
will of the Father.

This dramatic Gospel scene is recorded for a reason. By
calling Peter “Satan,” Jesus wanted to warn him—and us—
of the real and ever-present danger of rejecting the way of
the Cross. Like Peter, we can easily fall into the trap of
wishful thinking and misguided compassion by saying about
ourselves or those close to us, “God forbid, Lord! No such
thing shall ever happen...” We are saying, in essence:

“Lord, please make sure that neither I nor anyone I love ever
has to suffer!” But such a prayer, though well-meaning, is
clearly mistaken, and Jesus wants that point to be clearly
understood.

Peter was troubled because “Jesus began to show his
disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly
from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be
killed and on the third day be raised.” But all that Jesus
revealed about His suffering was good—very good. Though
His suffering was inflicted by the sins of others, His free and
loving embrace of that suffering was the greatest act of love
the world has ever known. Peter was blinded to this truth.

He could not yet see beyond the horror of suffering to the divine good that would come through Jesus' sacrificial embrace of it.

Reflect today on Peter's and Jesus' words: "God forbid, Lord!" and "Get behind me, Satan!" In this exchange, Jesus is also speaking to each of us, saying, "Never run from the Cross!" We must never flee from a selfless and sacrificial embrace of suffering, even when that suffering is unjust. God can and will transform all freely embraced suffering into a means of His eternal glory and our sanctification. With our Lord, reject the evil one's false empathy. Reject the lie that suffering is meaningless. Choose instead to lay down your life in love with Christ, and in doing so, you will rise with Him, victorious over every sin and diabolical lie, overcoming even the sufferings of this life through your free and faithful embrace. *My Catholic Life! 2026*



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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2026!

"O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do." ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

We would like to officially kick off our 2026 Thanksgiving Food Drive! This year's campaign is coming at a time when food banks are facing most uncertain times due to economic uncertainty. This economic impact affects all of us! The use of food banks is no longer just for the marginalized, but for our everyday neighbour who is working a full-time job or 2, and already lives modestly! The cost of living continues to soar, and most months are a struggle for food bank visitors who must rely on the goodness and kindness of others just to get by. Let us answer to the Lord's call to feed the hungry.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food" – Matthew 25:35-40. Let us come together with a renewed commitment to support and overwhelm our community food bank and its visitors not just with food, but with HOPE! Please drop off your non-perishable donations in the crate at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



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

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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