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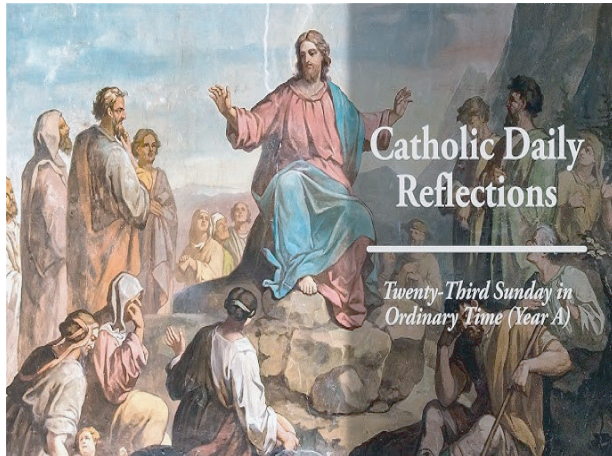
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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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, September 7, 9:00AM -Labour Day

+Romanko Sakac & Marian Yanek +Cindy Diogo +Rosa Do Fernandes

TUESDAY, September 8, 9:00AM +Samantha Fernandes

+Manuel Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, September 9, 7:00PM +Joao Perna

THURSDAY, September 10, 9:00AM +Generosa Paulos

FRIDAY, September 11, 7:00PM +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria *Special Intention for the Marques Family

SATURDAY, September 12, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 12, 5:00PM +Jose Manuel

Barbosa +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Virgilio Domingues & Isaura Lorenzo +Sergio Gomes +Arminda & Joao Balugas

+Arthur Harrison & Robert Spek +Augusto Borges & Francisco Duarte +Cidalia Rodrigues & Venancio Silva +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Fernando Araujo Sr. +Nellie & Leo Ryan +Maria Grosso *Special Intention for the Parish Community of Holy Martyrs of Japan *Special Intention for Ernie Dobney

SUNDAY, September 13, 8:00AM +Celestino Almeida & Dorinda de Jesus +Mario Dos Santos Conceicao

SUNDAY, September 13, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 13, 12:00PM +Susan Torregosa

SUNDAY, September 13, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus Mission

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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – Sunday September 20th

Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community.

Stewardship Sunday an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. You can read this homily by Archbishop Francis Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others in your parish community and beyond. Go to the Archdiocese of Toronto website and look for his message for Stewardship Sunday.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) 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 interested, please contact the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.

REFLECTION

Matthew 18:15 When someone sins against us, especially in a grievous way, anger and condemnation can quickly arise as strong temptations. Our natural sense of justice often takes over, and we may find ourselves rationalizing a response rooted in judgment rather than compassion. In today's Gospel, however, Jesus offers the much better path—to seek reconciliation, not division. The ultimate goal is to win the sinner back to God and restore the bond of communion.

Sin touches every human relationship, with the sole exception of the one shared between Jesus and His Blessed Mother. Their mutual and perfect charity rendered sin and division entirely absent from their union. What a sublime and singular gift they shared!

But we are not perfect. Even the most loving and holy relationships are affected by human weakness, and sin inevitably creeps in. We sin against others, and others sin against us. Sometimes the sin is deliberate and deeply wounding. Other times, it stems from weakness or the absence of fully formed virtue. Regardless of its source, every sin inflicts harm and weakens the communion we are called to share and deeply desire.

In today's Gospel, while Jesus appears to be addressing serious sin that severs a person from sanctifying grace—mortal sin—the same principles apply to all offenses, even venial sins and spiritual imperfections. The Christian response to sin must always be grounded in mercy. Whether we are correcting or being corrected, the goal must always be to heal, to restore, and to deepen our unity in Christ.

To begin applying these spiritual principles, call to mind those toward whom you may harbor resentment. Start with your family, since familial bonds—due to their natural closeness—are especially vulnerable to sin. Resentment born of sin is often present in close relationships. While some wounds may have caused deep fractures, even the most loving bonds can suffer subtle injuries. Prayerfully examine these relationships in your life.

If the wounds are deep and hostilities strong, the path forward is usually clear: Seek to win over your brother, sister, parent, or spouse. And if you are the one who has caused the wound, then humbly acknowledge your sin without excuses. That is always the better path. Always. To aid this process, it is helpful to recognize a hidden dynamic: Holding onto resentment or anger can bring a certain emotional satisfaction. Though it may seem surprising, this is often the case. Anger energizes the emotions and creates a charged feeling that, while disordered, can feel gratifying—like a drug that fuels addiction.

The first step is to recognize this disordered emotional pattern for what it is. The next step is to realize that a healed and reconciled relationship offers a deeper and more lasting fulfillment that is far superior to the fleeting satisfaction of resentment or hostility. Winning over another—or being won over by one we have wronged—is profoundly

rewarding. It transcends emotion and enters the realm of grace, producing true peace and spiritual joy. Reflect today on the first step of reconciliation outlined by Jesus in the Gospel: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Take sin seriously. Acknowledge its presence in your relationships, especially the close ones. See yourself both as one who is sinned against and as one who sins. Identify the offenses that diminish love. Confront those sins with courage and humility. Reject the false comfort of resentment and seek instead the true consolation that comes from unity and charity. This is the path that leads to a share in the holy love between Jesus and His Blessed Mother—a love they desire us to know and live. *My Catholic Life! 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



OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17th, 2026

LIVE MUSIC/FOOD/RAFFLE PRIZES/ CASH BAR

Doors Open At 6:00pm

Tickets: Adults \$30.00 Youth (under 18) \$15.00

Tickets are \$40.00 at the door if available (children under 2 free) Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening

and Sunday Masses in the church foyer starting

September 12, until October 11, 2026, or can be

purchased in person from the parish office until October 12, 2026, (inclusive) if available.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email:

youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

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 Sundays 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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