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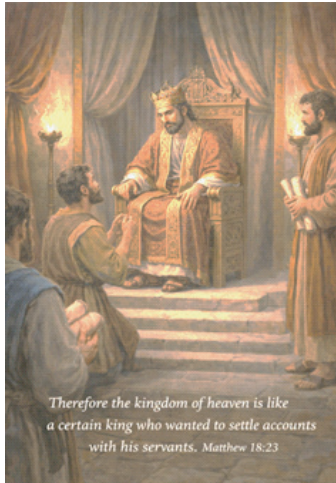
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Office Hours - Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm



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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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 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, September 14, 7:00PM

+Generosa Paulos +Virginia Correia +Ana Rosa Neto & All Deceased Family Members +Feliciano De Oliveira

TUESDAY, September 15, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +Leonardo Talarico

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo

THURSDAY, September 17, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

FRIDAY, September 18, 7:00PM +Samantha Diogo

+Lucia Conceicao

SATURDAY, September 19, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 19, 5:00PM

+Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario +Helena Oliveira &

Antonio Cruz +Arlindo Araujo +Celeste & Manuel

Laranjeiro +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Virgilio &

Rosa Oliveira +Fernando Araujo +Fernando Domingues

+Maria Grosso +Giacomo Gucciardi +Rosa Do Fernandes

SUNDAY, September 20, 8:00AM +Mario Marques

+Conceicao Oliveira

SUNDAY, September 20, 10:00AM +Luis Pontes +Mario

Esteves Dos Santos

SUNDAY, September 20, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 20, 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.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC)

COME & SEE!

Invites couples, families, and friends to join the Christian Life Program (CLP)-an eight-week journey of faith, fellowship, and growing closer to Christ.

8 Saturdays – Starting September 19, 2026, from 1:00-

4:00pm. Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish (*Sessions 1,2 & 3

at the Community Center). Whether you wish to deepen

your faith, reconnect with God, or strengthen your marriage

and family, you are warmly welcome. For more

information: Nhars Liway 416 451 7037

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.

REFLECTION

Matthew 18:23–25 Jesus tells this parable in response to Peter, who asked, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Peter likely thought he was being generous. But Jesus invited him to go far beyond what he imagined, responding, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

The context is helpful. Not long before this dialogue, Jesus had changed Simon’s name to Peter—Petros—meaning “rock,” the foundation upon which He would build His Church. He further promised Peter that the gates of hell would not prevail against it and said, “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 16:19).

Soon after that, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where they were privileged to witness His Transfiguration—a glimpse of His divine glory. Peter had also witnessed many other miracles, some quite personal. For example, when asked by tax collectors whether Jesus paid the Temple tax, Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, cast a hook, and open the mouth of the first fish he caught. Inside, he found a coin worth twice the Temple tax—enough for both Jesus and Peter (Matthew 17:27).

Perhaps these recent events in which Peter played a privileged role left him feeling quite favored. He may have begun to think well of himself, sensing a special place in Jesus’ mission. Wanting to demonstrate his spiritual maturity, Peter made what he thought was a generous offer: to forgive his brother up to seven times.

Jesus’ response radically shifted the paradigm. Seventy-seven times—or, in some manuscripts, seventy times seven—is not a precise numerical limit. It’s a symbolic expression that conveys the idea of limitless forgiveness, echoing God’s own mercy toward sinners. Jesus was not simply raising the bar; He was inviting Peter—and all of us—into the boundless love of the Father.

The parable Jesus then taught illustrates this clearly: Because God has shown us immeasurable mercy, we must extend mercy to others. But it also begins with a shocking image. When the king began the accounting and the servant who owed a “huge amount” was brought before him—an amount so large he had no way of repaying—the master ordered that the servant, his wife, his children, and all his property be sold. This illustrates the incalculable debt we owe to God for our sins. Not only are we incapable of repaying it, but even everything we hold dear cannot cover the cost. At the heart of the parable is this truth: Unless we extend limitless mercy to others, we will be held accountable for our own unpayable debt before God. But if we imitate God’s mercy and forgive from the heart, that enormous debt will be entirely wiped away.

Reflect today on the mercy you have received from God. Has He not been patient with you, gentle with your faults, and generous with His grace? Now consider someone in your life whom you have found difficult to forgive. Does

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that person's offense compare to the debt God has forgiven you? Let this parable challenge you to a deeper conversion of heart, one that forgives as it has been forgiven, not seven times, but seventy-seven times, and more. Only then will the kingdom of Heaven truly reign in you. *My Catholic Life!* 2026



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2026!

A Reflection of Christ's Mercy

We are officially kicking off our 2026 Thanksgiving Food Drive!

These unprecedented times of economic uncertainty has impacted 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! At a time when so many people are struggling, it is your love that leads the way. Walking hand in hand with those in need. A small donation can go a long way for a family or neighbour in need. Offering food to the hungry, comforting the suffering, and providing hope to those who feel forgotten. You are walking with those in need. Your love is a reflection of Christ's mercy and brings light into the lives of those who may be in a season of darkness. You can be the difference between despair and hope, between loneliness and knowing someone cares. May the Lord bless you abundantly, and may that abundance, always be shared with those in need. 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.

A MESSAGE TO OUR YOUTH

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 – SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

"Dear young people, your joyful presence, your thirst for truth and high ideals are signs of hope! Being young does not mean being passive, but rather means being tenacious in your efforts to achieve important goals, even if this comes at a price. Being young does not mean closing your eyes to difficulties: instead, it requires a refusal to compromise or be mediocre. It does not mean escaping or fleeing, but engaging rather in solidarity with everyone, especially the weakest. The Church counts on you and will continue to count on you who are generous and capable of great energy and noble sacrifices. For this reason, together with your pastors I ask you: do not isolate yourselves, but rather be ever more united among yourselves so that you may enjoy the beauty of fraternity and be always more fruitful in your actions." <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/francis-chronicles/pope-s-quotes-signs-hope>. This quote was spoken by Pope Francis in a prepared address for a meeting with young people in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on June 6, 2015



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 late September / October. We invite you to celebrate Mass with us on Saturdays or Sundays. Announcements regarding registration will be made at Mass. Please be sure to stay connected with us, 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.**

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