

We welcome you to

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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

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Catholic Moms Group

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

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, September 21, 7:00PM +Antonio Mirassol & All Deceased Family Members *Special Intentions of the Margarido Family +Theodoro Paletta & Maria Paletta

TUESDAY, September 22, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva

WEDNESDAY, September 23, 7:00PM +Lorenzo & Lucia Cetrulo

THURSDAY, September 24, 9:00AM +Joao Veloso & Lourinda Botelho +Mario Dos Santos Conceicao

FRIDAY, September 25, 7:00PM +Romanko Sakac +Generosa Paulos

SATURDAY, September 26, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 26, 5:00PM +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Manuel da Cruz & Family +Fernando Araujo +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Maria Faria +Doris Fernandez +Christian Krohn +Ignazio Polizzi +Francesca & Salvatore Galante +Rosa Do Fernandes

SUNDAY, September 27, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 27, 10:00AM +Christopher Macdonell +Arminda & Joao Balugas

SUNDAY, September 27, 12:00PM +Bruno Tony Zambri +Fortunato Rendine & All Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, September 27, 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.

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

COR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Are you a man looking for a safe, open and honest place where you can explore your faith, and support one another? Our first evening of fellowship, discussion and prayer will be on Tuesday October 6 at 7pm in the parish hall. Scan the QR code to register.



REFLECTION

Matthew 20:1–2 As the parable unfolds, the landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o'clock, noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day's labor concluded at six o'clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? To those who had worked the entire day, it certainly did not seem so. They grumbled, “These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat” (Matthew 20:12).

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labor performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith (cf. Isaiah 55:8–9).

At the heart of this parable is God's abundant generosity. To better understand Divine Equity, it is helpful to prayerfully place ourselves among each group of laborers. Among those who have labored in Christ's vineyard, we may find some who have far surpassed us in devotion and sacrifice, as well as others who arrived much later than we did.

Yet God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will.

For example, when we work for God—meaning we live in a state of grace and are faithful to His divine will—we merit spiritual rewards by His generosity. But even the most devout soul can lose everything through mortal sin. If such sin is unrepented, Divine Equity, which always respects both justice and freedom, demands the consequence of eternal separation from God.

Conversely, a soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God's Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace, but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy. Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term “equity” is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God's perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul's interior life—not according to a purely external standard. Reflect today on your own place among the laborers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right. *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 have officially kicked 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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday October 10 &
Sunday October 11th, 2026**

On Saturday October 10, 7:00pm and on Sunday October 11 at 2:00pm Mass will be celebrated for Our Lady of Fatima at Holy Martyrs of Japan parish celebrated by Father John Pak.

SAVE THE DATE:

ShareLife 50th Anniversary Open House at St. Augustine's Seminary on October 3rd!

ShareLife's 50th anniversary celebration continues! Join us on Saturday, October 3, at St. Augustine's Seminary. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tour the beautiful and historic seminary, meet representatives from ShareLife-funded agencies and see how your kindness helps our brothers and sisters in need. This event is free! To help us prepare for your visit, please register by Friday, September 25. Registration link can be found in sharelife.org/50. For any inquiries, please contact us at SLEvent@archtoronto.org.



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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