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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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Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Faith and Fellowship

Knights of Columbus

LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

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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 28 7:00PM+David Maloles Ramsay Jr.

TUESDAY, September 29, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva
+Antonio Drummond Bettencourt & Maria Bernardette

WEDNESDAY, September 30, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos
*Special Intention in Thanksgiving to St. Michael

THURSDAY, October 1, 9:00AM +Angelo Curtis &
Antonio Pontieri +Mark Oliveira & Fred Oliveira

FRIDAY, October 2, 7:00PM +Maria Dolores Vigario
+Manuel & Glorinda Da Silva

SATURDAY, October 3, 9:00AM- First Saturday
+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, October 3, 5:00PM +Samantha Diogo +Maria
Rosete & Manuel Conceicao Jr. +Isabel Camacho & Manuel
Feliciano Coelho +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Romanko Sakac
+Helene Victorine Ophelders +Isaura Lourenco & All
Deceased Family Members +Benedito da Silva & Albina
Barbosa +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Maria Grosso
+Vincenza & Giuseppe Gucciardi +Rosa Do Fernandes
+Ursula Jan Bialasik & Halina Jan Woznica +Eduarda
Oliveira & Sam Oliveira *Special Intention for Talisa Molina

SUNDAY, October 4, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 4, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 4, 12:00PM+Manuel Augusto Miranda
& All Deceased Family Members +Addaikalammuthu Santhyo

SUNDAY, October 4, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus Mission

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on **Friday October 2**
following the 7:00pm Mass.

BLESSING OF PETS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, blessing of
pets will take place in the parking lot under the canopy on
Saturday October 3, at 11:00am. We kindly ask for
donations of pet food for the Bradford Food Bank.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH BREAKFAST

You are invited for breakfast on Sunday October 4 after
the 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 Noon Masses. Free will
donations are welcome. We hope to see you there!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 – SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

WYD Seoul 2027 is not simply an international gathering
or a pastoral event. It is a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit
granted by God to rekindle our faith, and a journey of
salvation to once again experience the love of God that
empowers us to fight against all forms of evil that distance
us from Him. It is a moment where the young people who
will lead this new era gather not only for personal salvation
but for the renewal of society, and proclaim Christ, who is
the Truth, so that the world created by God may become
ever more beautiful. Therefore, in Jesus Christ and in the
young people beloved by Him, let us gain new strength and
courage to overcome all darkness in the world. With Jesus
Christ, who has overcome the world, we too can overcome
all things. Amen. *March 19, 2025 Peter Soon-Taick CHUNG, O.C.D.*
Archbishop of Seoul President, WYD Seoul 2027 LOC

REFLECTION

Matthew 21:28–31 This parable must have been difficult for
the chief priests and elders to hear, especially since it was
clearly directed at them. In fact, after Jesus tells them a second
parable, not included in today's Gospel, we read, "although
they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for
they regarded him as a prophet" (*Matthew 21:46*). It seems
they dismissed Jesus' words and His rebuke, but fear of public
backlash, rather than fear of God's judgment, kept them silent
for a time.

In today's Gospel, the first son represents the tax collectors and
prostitutes, those who initially violated God's law but later
repented after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist and
Jesus. The second son represents the chief priests and elders.
After telling the parable, Jesus declares, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God
before you." Like the second son, the religious and civic
leaders paid lip service to God's law, but their actions did not
align with its intent. They were hypocrites, blind to their own
rejection of God's saving Word, and they misled others by their
outward piety and self-righteous attitudes.

Consider more carefully the reactions of the two sons. We
might imagine that the second son, who said, "Yes, sir,"
represents all who put on a false appearance of holiness. In the
sight of others, they say the right things, but behind closed
doors they fail to act.

The first son is markedly different. Though he initially
responds with defiance – "I will not" – his conscience eventually
moves him to do what is right. All of us fall into one of the two
categories Jesus presents. Only our Blessed Mother obeyed
perfectly in both word and deed from the first moment of her
Immaculate Conception.

The first son becomes our model because each of us, in some
way, struggles to enter into perfect obedience to God's will.
From childhood, we contend with what the Church calls
concupiscence, the disordered tendency that arises from
Original Sin. Though we are created good and in the image of
God, our nature is wounded and inclined toward what is
contrary to His will. The spiritual journey we undertake in this
life is one in which grace slowly reorders our fallen
inclinations and restores us to the obedience we are called to
live.

Reflect today on the first son and humbly see yourself in him.
In what ways do you find it difficult to say "Yes" to God's will
right away? It is not a sin to struggle with obedience. This
struggle is part of our fallen human nature. Like the first son,
we must allow grace to work within us, forming our conscience
and compelling us to act in accordance with God's will,
especially in the areas where we resist. When we allow grace to
move us beyond our initial hesitation, we grow in virtue and
become more like
our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus, who both said "Yes"
to the Father and followed through completely.

My Catholic Life! 2026

ROSE OF SHARON – FOR YOUNG MOTHERS

The Knights will be selling embroidered lapel roses at all
Sunday Masses on October 11. Free will donation. Please
help support this important cause.



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



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! We invite you to bring non-perishable food items such as *canned vegetables and fruits, rice, pasta, cereal, canned proteins (tuna, beans, salmon), peanut butter, and healthy snacks*. Please drop off your non-perishable donations in the crate at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUTH CHOIR will be starting again on September 26. Students in grades 2-12 are invited to warm up together downstairs on Saturdays at 4:20pm, then sing as a group at the 5:00pm Mass (Note: no choir Oct 10)

To Our Young People: "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." St- John Paul II

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATIONS

Saturday October 10 and Sunday October 11, 2026

In honor of our Lady of Fatima, Mass will be celebrated on Saturday October 10, 7:00pm followed by candlelight procession. Social gathering in the parish hall afterward. Join us for refreshments. Sunday October 11, 8:00am Mass (Missa em Portugues) at Holy Japan Parish celebrated by Father John Pak.

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.



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 for grades 6, 7, & 8 that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Come to the EDGE, on every other Friday at 7:00-8:30pm in the parish hall! **For more information and to pre-register, please visit our parish website or just show up on the night and our team members will assist you to register.**

First Edge Night: October 9 – In the Paint



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 and will be held every other Friday from 7:00-9:00pm in the parish hall. **For more information and to pre-register, please visit our website or just show up on the night and our team members will assist you to register.**

First LifeTeen Night: October 2 – Square 1

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