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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

*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in
the Scriptures:*

*'The very stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;*

*this was the Lord's doing, and it is
marvelous in our eyes'?*

*Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you and given to a
nation producing the fruits of it."*

Matthew 21:42-43

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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Alpha

Catholic Moms Group

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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, October 5, 7:00PM +Tibor & Alojzia Sakac
+Cindy Diogo +All Deceased Margarido Family Members
+All Deceased Karpienia Family Members

TUESDAY, October 6, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva
+Generosa Paulos

WEDNESDAY, October 7, 7:00PM +Romanko Sakac &
Marian Yanek +All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, October 8, 9:00AM +Augusta Barros &
Joao Gomes Faria +Joao Domingues & Amelia Domingues

FRIDAY, October 9, 7:00PM +Joao Perna +Adelaide
Monteiro

SATURDAY, October 10, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 10, 5:00PM +Antonio Santana &
Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Virgilio
Domingues & Rosa Miranda +Virgilio Oliveira & Rosa
Oliveira +Terezinha Teixeira +Carlos Bento & Maria De
Conceicao +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Fernando
Araujo +Fernando Domingues +Virginia Correia +Paola
Beninate +Nello & Clara Del Bel Belluz +Lucia Balugas &
Danny Viveiros +Norberto Pacheco

SUNDAY, October 11, 8:00AM +Generosa Paulos
+Manuel Dias

SUNDAY, October 11, 10:00AM *Special Intention for
Marisa Mongillo *Special Intention for All Priests &
Clergy

SUNDAY, October 11, 12:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 11, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Phillip of Jesus Mission

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*

THANKSGIVING DAY – Monday October 12, 2026

Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you and our families a blessed celebration!

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST – A Ministry to Catholic Women - Saturday October 24 from 9:30-12:30 St Benedict Parish Hall, 2194 Kipling Ave. Guest

Speaker: Deacon Michael Carrera – Register online Credit/Debit Accepted. Register early! Inquiries: Feiona 416 846 4068 or email: magnificate.toronto.chapter@gmail.com

REFLECTION

Matthew 21:42–43 The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is rich in Old Testament imagery. The image of the vineyard comes from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 5:1–7) and represents the people of Israel. The landowner is God, who, from the time of Abraham, has lovingly and intentionally cultivated His people. The hedge, tower, and winepress symbolize God's providential care, protection, and the structure He established for their spiritual growth, respectively. The tenants are the religious elite of Israel who were entrusted with guiding the people in holiness. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets—faithful messengers consistently rejected and mistreated. Finally, the son is Jesus Himself, sent by the Father as the culmination of His divine outreach.

The parable ends in tragedy with the son's murder. Yet from that tragedy arises a new beginning: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Matthew 21:43). Though Jesus was addressing the religious leaders of His time—the scribes, Pharisees, chief priests, Sadducees, and elders—His enduring promise of a new beginning speaks to us today. We are invited to be part of the people to whom God now entrusts His vineyard, the Church. Today, the hedge, winepress, and tower represent the Sacraments, the teaching authority of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and the communion of the faithful. God continues to cultivate His vineyard with great care, expecting it to bear fruit through our lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, is called to receive this trust with gratitude and to labor diligently for the Kingdom, never forgetting the price paid by the Son who was cast out and killed for our redemption.

Sometimes, when we speak of "the Church," we do so as if it were some distant institution. Our minds may turn immediately to the Vatican, the pope, or the local bishop. While these shepherds hold crucial and foundational roles within the vineyard, we need to understand the Church in a more encompassing way.

To use the image from today's parable, the vineyard and the fruit it is meant to bear are not equated exclusively with the tenants, the servants, the son, or even the landowner. The vineyard itself represents the entire people of God. The fruit it produces is the grace-filled witness of lives transformed by faith. This includes all of us: clergy, religious, and laity alike. Every member of the Church is a laborer in the vineyard, called to work together, under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, and to offer to the Father a rich harvest of justice, mercy, and truth.

Reflect today on how to make this parable your personal calling. The Kingdom of God has been partly entrusted to you to be one who will labor for the salvation of souls—"people that will produce its fruit." The work of evangelization is an ongoing and urgent mission. In what ways is God calling you to work in His Divine Vineyard? Is it through faithful prayer, by which the vines of grace are

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pruned and nourished? Is it through the work of harvesting, where you draw others to Christ by your words, your witness, and your works of love? Is it through quiet perseverance in suffering, offered in union with the Crucified One? However, God calls you, do not delay. Receive His trust with humility, and labor with joy. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you. For those who are invited and respond with all their hearts.
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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2026!

A Reflection of Christ's Mercy

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.



DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 17th
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

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)

ALL SAINTS DAY - Children Celebration

Children are welcome to dress up as their favorite Saint or Angel and come to the Saturday October 31 at 5:00pm Mass or any of the Sunday Masses on Nov 1 where they will be called to the front and given a blessing. Chocolate and candy donations will be greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2026/27 SEASON OPENS SUNDAY OCTOBER 4!

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation will open on SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2026! Registration forms for each sacrament can be found on our parish website at holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org click "Sacraments" on the menu bar and click on "First Communion" or "Confirmation" and go to registrations 2026-2027.

**NOTE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
OCTOBER 31, 2026 (INCLUSIVE).**

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.*

Next LifeTeen Night: October 30 – 1 to 1

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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