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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.

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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 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, October 19, 7:00PM +Antonio Mirassol & All Deceased Family Members +Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +Margaret Dudo & John Vanderkoyj +Deolinda Oliveira & Special Intentions of the Marques Family *Special Intentions of the Margarido Family

TUESDAY, October 20, 9:00AM+Manuel Da Silva +Generosa Paulos

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 7:00PM +Maria & Luis Borges +Domenico & Assunta Petrucci

THURSDAY, October 22, 9:00AM +Mario & Loretta Sist

FRIDAY, October 23, 7:00PM +Romanko Sakac & Marian Yanek +Liliana Ventura Marques

SATURDAY, October 24, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 24, 5:00PM +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Victor Fernandes & Parents +Rosa Do Fernandes +Milan Bobala +Benito Aguason

SUNDAY, October 25, 8:00AM +Jose Rodrigues +Joseph Melo & Theresa Melo

SUNDAY, October 25, 10:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 25, 12:00PM +Klaas Bosh +Joao Fernandes

SUNDAY, October 25, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus Mission

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday October 30 at 11:00am at the cemetery (weather permitting) or at the church.** Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on Friday November 6, following the 7:00pm Mass



REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! FALL BACK!! DON'T BE LATE! Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on November 1 at 2:00am!

WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS WITH CARDINAL LEO November 21, 2026

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese for a special World Youth Day Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at St. Thomas More Parish located at 2234 Ellesmere Rd. in Scarborough, 7 p.m. Come together for an evening of faith, prayer, community, and joyful celebration as we honour Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and gather as one Church. Free admission. No registration required. Open to all young adults ages 19-39. Bring a friend and come be a part of this beautiful celebration of Christ the King, faith and fellowship! Video link: <https://bit.ly/WYDMass2026>

CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday November 7th & Sunday November 8th
9:00am to 3:00pm Parish Hall. Raffle Prizes, Silent auction with exciting Prizes! Lots of vendors! Start your Christmas shopping early!



REFLECTION

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Matthew 22:15-17

The Herodians were a political group who supported the rule of Herod Antipas and his dynasty. They favored collaboration with the Roman Empire and upheld the Herodian line as the legitimate rulers over Judea. For the sake of national stability, they promoted political compromise.

The Pharisees, on the other hand, were a religious sect devoted to the Law of Moses and the strict observance of Jewish customs, though often corrupted by legalism. They viewed Gentile rule as a threat to the sanctity of God's covenant and wielded great influence over the people due to their outward piety and perceived religious authority.

Given their stark political and theological differences, the alliance formed between the Pharisees and the Herodians in their plot against Jesus is both startling and revealing. Despite their longstanding enmity, they found common ground in their mutual hatred of Jesus. The Pharisees sought to undermine His credibility among the people, while the Herodians hoped to present Him as a threat to Roman authority. Together, they constructed a trap, hoping Jesus would either speak against the Law or against Caesar—either of which would serve their purposes.

Hatred, envy, jealousy, pride, and self-righteousness can forge what appears to be unity—even among rivals—but it is a unity rooted in darkness, a counterfeit communion built on shared agendas rather than truth. It is the kind of alliance in which satan himself rejoices. Such false unity always unravels. Anything built on pride and sin cannot stand. Unity can only endure where truth, humility, and love prevail.

As we look around us, we see many such counterfeit alliances formed not by shared conviction in what is good and true, but by convenience in opposing what threatens personal influence or power. Individuals and groups unite to silence voices that speak uncomfortable truths. This is frequently seen in politics and culture, but is also tragically found even within the Church. In every case, truth is twisted, motives are disguised, and God's pure and holy will becomes the object of attack. When such unholy alliances take root within the Church, they do grave damage to our common mission to proclaim the Gospel in truth.

True Christian unity is not grounded in shared ambitions or human agendas, but in the Person of Jesus Christ. It is expressed through charity, humility, and fidelity to God's will. It is not built on calculation or convenience but on the self-emptying love of Christ, who calls us to die to self and live for Him. Our only agenda must be that God be glorified

and His children drawn into His glory and sanctification. As members of His Body, the Church, our unity must reflect the communion of the Most Holy Trinity, rooted in divine love, not in political expediency or pride. Reflect today on the unity to which you are called. Do you form alliances based on personal ambition or on wholehearted worship of God? Reflect especially upon your involvement within the Church and consider whether, even unintentionally, you act more like a politician or lobbyist than a true disciple of Christ. Commit yourself not to an agenda, but to Jesus. Worship Him, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to unite you with other members of His Body, the Church. Such unity is the only unity that endures all things and bears lasting fruit.
My Catholic Life! 2026

ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday November 1, 2026

ALL SOULS DAY

Monday November 2, 2026, All Souls Day,
All Souls Day, reminds us of our own mortality, that the life of each of us is limited and we need to be ready to meet our Lord when he calls us. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and our beloved dead. Through our prayers may they find eternal rest.
There will be 2 Masses as we commemorate All the Faithful Departed on Monday November 2 at 9:00am and 7:00pm Mass.

CEMETERY PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ON ALL SOULS DAY

Come join us for **Prayers** at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery (2952, 9th Line, Bradford) for all the faithful departed on **Monday November 2, 2026, at 12:00 Noon (weather permitting).**

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 November 1 where they will be called to the front and given a blessing. Candy donations will be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE THE 2027 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2026.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in Our Book of Remembrance, after Mass, and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar of the church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 – SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA The late Pope Francis proclaimed the words, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33) as the theme for World Youth Day (WYD) Seoul 2027. Pope Francis encouraged us to encounter the Lord, saying, "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day" (Evangelii Gaudium, 3). It is only within this encounter with Jesus that we can come to completely and clearly understand the love of God revealed through Him. With the power of that love, we are able to overcome all suffering and trials. In doing so, we come to receive the true peace that Jesus offers. In this light, the theme of WYD Seoul 2027 serves as a source of great consolation and strength not only for young Christians living in today's world, but for all Christians.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2026/27 SEASON IS OPEN!

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is open! Registration forms for each sacrament can be found on our parish website at holymartyrsofjapan.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 NOVEMBER 30, 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.**

Next Edge Night: October 23 - Coaching Staff



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

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