We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Behold, The Bride Groom is coming. Are you Ready?



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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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
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Alpha
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Consolation and Hope
EDGE Youth Ministry
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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 Trinidade & 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, November 9, 7:00PM+Angela Tarantino +All Deceased Margarido Family Members +Rosa do Fernandes
TUESDAY, November 10, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Saul Domingues & Family
WEDNESDAY, November 11, 7:00PM +The Souls of All Soldiers and Public Servants +For All Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY, November 12, 9:00AM +Sergio Gomes +Bernadette Bissonnette
FRIDAY, November 13, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos
SATURDAY, November 14, 9:00AM *ProPopulo
SATURDAY, November 14, 5:00PM +Joao Veloso & Lourinda Botelho +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Arulappu Madutheen +Virgilio Domingues & Virgilio Oliveira +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Carmine Furgiuele & All Deceased Family Members +Noah D'Alleva & All Deceased Rende Family Members +Diana Rogers & All Sargeant Family Members +Lucia Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Lidia Nunes
SUNDAY, November 15, 8:00AM +Generosa Paulos
SUNDAY, November 15, 10:00AM *ProPopulo
SUNDAY, November 15, 12:00PM +Fernando Araujo Sr.
SUNDAY, November 15, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus Mission

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday November 27 at 11:00am at the church.** Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

2027 MISSALS

Missals for the 2027 liturgical year will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses at the entrance of the church in the coming weeks. The cost of the Missals will be $8.00 each.

PLEASE NOTE THE 2027 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS. Please come to the office to book your Mass intentions.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP! – November 14 & 15, 2026

On the World Day of the Poor weekend, please think of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Holy Martyrs of Japan. Every dollar donated goes to helping people in our community and the need is greater than ever before. Envelopes will be available in the foyer of the church and donations are tax deductible.

REFLECTION

Matthew 25:1–2

The Parable of the Ten Virgins draws on culturally familiar language and practices from first-century Israel. Understanding the wedding customs of that time sheds light on its deeper meaning.

First, the bride and groom did not choose each other. The father of the groom selected a bride for his son and spoke to the bride's father to obtain his consent. If the bride's father agreed, the two fathers drew up a contract, which often included a financial contribution from the groom's family to the bride's—both to compensate for the loss of her presence in the household and to symbolize the value the groom placed on her.

Once an agreement was reached, the bride price was paid, and a betrothal ceremony took place. During this ceremony, the bride and groom were legally bound to each other, though they would not yet live together. From that point on, the bride belonged to the groom, and the union could only be dissolved through a formal divorce. After the betrothal, the groom returned to his father's house to prepare a place for his bride—often by building a new room onto the family home. This period of preparation could last up to a year. During that time, the bride remained in her father's house, readying herself and awaiting the groom's return.

When the groom had finished his preparations and received his father's consent, he and his friends would set out to retrieve the bride. This usually happened at night, and the exact timing was unknown to the bride and her attendants. As a result, they had to remain constantly watchful. When the groom drew near, a cry would go out—often accompanied by trumpet blasts or joyful shouts—announcing his arrival. The bride, accompanied by her virgin attendants, would rise to meet him with lamps lit. Together, they would process to the groom's house, where the door would be shut and the wedding feast would begin. The celebration itself could last several days.

It is against this backdrop that Jesus tells today's parable. The story takes place toward the end of the betrothal period, when the groom was expected to arrive at any moment. This period of watchful anticipation symbolizes our present age, when we are already bound to Christ through Baptism. The price for our mystical marriage was the death of the Son of Man, the Bridegroom Himself. Now we must remain vigilant, anticipating His arrival.

The bridegroom's arrival at midnight represents the unexpected moment of Christ's return at the end of time, at the hour of our death, and even His daily coming by grace. The cry in the dark symbolizes the call of accountability and divine judgment, when every soul will rise to meet the Lord. At that moment, it will become clear who among us was wise and who was foolish. The wise brought oil, symbolizing the necessary interior disposition of grace, charity, and perseverance. The foolish failed to prepare. And while all may have fallen asleep, only those who lived in

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readiness will enter the wedding feast. Once the door is locked, no one else may enter.
See yourself as one of the bridesmaids, dozing in the stillness of night, only to be startled awake by the sudden trumpet blast and the cry: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Are you ready, today, to meet the Lord? Or do you, like the foolish virgins, presume you still have plenty of time left to prepare? This parable calls us not only to be ready for death—which may come without warning—but also to be attentive to the many ways Jesus comes to us daily by grace. He knocks at the door of our hearts in moments of prayer, in opportunities to love, to repent, to forgive, and to surrender. Every graced invitation is one we must be ready for, with our lamps burning and our hearts open. To delay, to resist, or to put Jesus off is to risk being shut out—not only from the eternal wedding feast, but also from the joy of His presence here and now.
Reflect today on the oil in your own lamp. Is it full and ready to burn brightly at a moment's notice? Have you been attentive to the daily promptings of grace, or have you grown spiritually drowsy, distracted by worldly cares? Remain watchful and be prepared to follow Him in every moment of every day. *My Catholic Life! 2026*



NOVEMBER 11 – Remembrance Day
Remembering with Faith and Gratitude

Remembrance Day is a sacred moment to recall the selflessness and courage of those who answered the call to defend others. The Bible speaks to this sacrifice with the words of Jesus in John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." This verse speaks to the heart of Remembrance Day, as we remember those who gave everything, reflecting the love Christ showed on the cross.

We remember not only those who fell and their families, but also the veterans who returned, carrying the weight of their sacrifices for a fairer, more peaceful world. In honouring their service, we recognize both their courage and our own responsibility to continue the work of peace they fought so hard to protect.

This Remembrance Day, let us renew our commitment to championing peace. Seeking peace means more than just avoiding conflict—it means actively promoting justice, compassion, and respect for every person, reflecting Christ's call to love and serve others.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria, November 11, 2024, https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/honouring-sacrifice-and-seeking-peace-a-reflection-on-remembrance-day

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE: "The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." ***Pope Benedict XVI***

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION
November 14 & 15, 2026

There will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust on the weekend of November 14/15, 2026. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after the many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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.*** 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

COR Men's Group Meeting – Meet every other Tuesday at 7:00pm in the parish hall. Next COR meetings: November 17, December 1, 15, and 29th. All are Welcome.

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.
THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2026 (INCLUSIVE).

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE Catholic Middle School Ministry Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8. All are welcome! Every other Friday from 7:000-8:30pm in the parish hall. ***Next Edge Night: November 20-Good Sport***

LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN is for youth in Grades 9-12. All are welcome! every other Friday from 7:00-9:00pm in the parish hall.
Next LifeTeen Night: November 27 – 3 and 1

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