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.

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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
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Alpha
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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 16, 7:00PM +Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo +Maria Caetana +Victor Graca
TUESDAY, November 17, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Fr. Joe Leclair
WEDNESDAY, November 18, 7:00PM +Manuel Marques & Maria Oliveira +All Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY, November 19, 9:00AM +Lucia Conceicao +Teresa Calce
FRIDAY, November 20, 7:00PM +Elvira & Roberto Molignano + Rosa Landolfi
SATURDAY, November 21, 9:00AM *ProPopulo
SATURDAY, November 21, 5:00PM +Antonio Nazario & Luisa Nazario +Virgilio Oliveira & Isaura Lourenco +Arlindo Araujo +Rosa Oliveira +Arminda & Joao Balugas +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro +Luisa & Garica Miguelo +Cidalia Rodrigues & Venancio Silva +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Fernando Araujo +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Fatima Faria +Rosa do Fernandes +Domenico & Assunta Petrucci +Teresa Le & Tito Nguyen +Lidia Nunes
SUNDAY, November 22, 8:00AM +For All Deceased Members of the Portuguese Choir
SUNDAY, November 22, 10:00AM +Luis & Laura Andrade +Maria Do Ceu & All Deceased Family Members
SUNDAY, November 22, 12:00PM *ProPopulo
SUNDAY, November 22, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on Friday December 4, following the 7:00pm Mass

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.

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:

"The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God."
-St. Catherine of Siena

REFLECTION

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away." Matthew 25:14–15

THE CAPACITY OF YOUR SOUL

Today's parable comes from Jesus' eschatological discourse (Matthew 24–25), delivered near the end of His public ministry. It speaks of the Final Judgment and calls us to vigilance, fidelity, and spiritual fruitfulness as we await the return of our Divine Master. This eschatological reminder of God's Final Judgment is especially fitting as we near the end of the Liturgical Year, in anticipation of the Solemnity of Christ the King next weekend.

The story begins with a master who, before departing on a journey, entrusts his possessions to his servants, "each according to his ability." In this image, Jesus reveals Himself as the Master, whose journey begins with His Ascension into Heaven. The talents—a unit of currency—represent the spiritual gifts, graces, charisms, and opportunities God entrusts to each soul for the building up of His Kingdom.

This raises a profound question: Why are these gifts given in differing measures? Why does one soul receive five talents, another two, and another only one? Is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? The answer lies in the mystery that, although every soul has the capacity to receive the infinite God who dwells within, not all cooperate with His grace to the same degree.

Saint Teresa of Ávila reflects beautifully on this truth in the opening pages of her spiritual masterpiece, *The Interior Castle*. She teaches that the soul is like a magnificent castle, in which God dwells in the innermost chamber. The spiritual life is a journey through the many "mansions" of this castle, drawing ever closer to union with the One who already resides within. Saint Teresa affirms that the soul is of "great beauty" and "great capacity" because God is present within us (I.I #2). God has already placed within each soul every spiritual treasure—every grace and gift we need. Yet our experience of those treasures—whether five talents, two, or one—depends upon our willingness to embark on the inner journey of prayer, purification, and transformation.

So, is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? Certainly not. Each of us is capable of receiving and manifesting that mercy in abundance. The extent to which this takes place is revealed in today's parable, along with the sobering truth that such gifts can be lost through negligence and complacency.

The servants entrusted with five and two talents represent those who actively cooperate with the grace of God dwelling within. That cooperation leads to spiritual transformation and growth, doubling the gifts received and preparing the soul for even greater fruitfulness. By contrast, the servant who buried the one talent he received represents those who, despite having the infinite God within, remain closed to His

grace. To bury the talent is to ignore the divine gifts by hiding them through fear, laziness, or indifference. The result is severe: "Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich… And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" (Matthew 25:28–30).
Reflect today on the stark contrasts among these servants, and humbly consider which best represents you. God wants you to be spiritually rich. He desires that you use the interior treasure of grace flowing from His indwelling presence. He wants to multiply every spiritual gift you have and use them for His glory and the salvation of souls. Are you willing to work diligently to cooperate with all that God has given you? Or are you lazy, ignoring God's invitations? Resolve to grow rich in grace—so that when Jesus returns in glory, it will be a day of great rejoicing, not one of darkness, wailing, and grinding of teeth.
My Catholic Life! 2026

"A Christian is:
A mind through which Christ thinks,
A heart through which Christ loves,
A voice through which Christ speaks,
And a hand through which Christ helps."
– St Augustine



SHARE WHAT YOU CAN!
FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE
We are officially kicking off our 2026 Christmas Food Drive! Advent will soon be here. Let us prepare our hearts in the anticipation of His coming by being the hands and feet of Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour.
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.

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.

2027 OFFERTORY BOXES Will be available soon for pick up in the front foyer. If you do not find your box, please contact the parish office. For New Parishioners or New Envelope users, please notify the parish office via email that you are using a new box number. Be sure to include your full name, address, phone number and box number for proper allocation of funds for tax purposes.
NOTE TO ALL USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: We kindly ask that you please complete the full name and address on each envelope. If you are new to our parish community, and would like to register with our parish, or would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

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 7:00-8:30pm in the parish hall.
Next Edge Night: November 20 – Good Sport

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