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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Alpha
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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 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 30, 7:00PM
+Settimio Mariotti +Anna Naso
TUESDAY, December 1, 9:00AM *ProPopulo
WEDNESDAY, December 2, 7:00PM
+Maria Dolores Vigario +Generosa Paulos
THURSDAY, December 3, 9:00AM
+Samantha Diogo +Manuel Da Silva
FRIDAY, December 4, 7:00PM
+Romanko Sakac +Cindy Diogo & Tony Diogo
SATURDAY, December 5, 9:00AM – First Saturday
+All Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY, December 5, 5:00PM +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho +Lino & Walter Andrade +Helene Victorine Ophelders +Tecla Tarantino +Isaura Lourenco & All Deceased Family Members +Carlos Bento & Euclides Pinho +Fernando & Graciete Domingues +Marietta & Francisco Cardile +Lucia Balugas & Danny Viveiros +Venancio Borges +Conceicao Oliveira & Gabriel Oliviera +Frank Cota +All Deceased Villanueva & Guillermo Family Members +Halina & Jan Woznica +George Louis Weinand
SUNDAY, December 6, 8:00AM *ProPopulo
SUNDAY, December 6, 10:00AM *ProPopulo
SUNDAY, December 6, 12:00PM +Terezinha Teixeira +Eduarda Rodrigues & Sao Oliveira
SUNDAY, December 6, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus Mission

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

2027 MISSALS are available for purchase at the entrance of the church. The cost of the Missals will be $8.00 each.

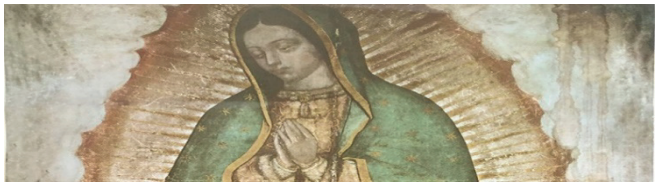


ADVENT

Reconciliation

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2026
6:00pm-8:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS – PARISH BREAKFAST DECEMBER 6 - After the 8:00am, 10am, & 12 noon Mass. Bacon, egg, sausage pancakes, waffles, coffee, hot chocolate and great company. A Free -Will-Donation is greatly appreciated to help support our ministry. All are welcome!



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY MASS ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2026, at 8:00pm.
Serenade and fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass. All Are welcome!

REFLECTION

Mark 13:35–37 One simple yet profound word sums up today's Gospel: "Watch!" There are many images that help us understand the meaning Jesus wants to convey. Think of a young girl who is excited about Christmas Day. Every morning she goes to her Advent calendar, marks off another day, and counts how many are left. Or think of societies long ago in which hunting was the primary way of providing food for one's family. The hunter had to fix his eyes and ears on the game he was pursuing so his family would not starve. Numerous occupations and hobbies require a person to be highly attentive to the task at hand.

Of the many responsibilities and activities we engage in every day, nothing is more important than the care of our souls and the souls of those entrusted to us. To "watch" spiritually means more than just waiting; it involves active discernment, being alert to God's voice in our daily interactions, and recognizing His presence in the ordinary and unexpected moments of life. Parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, parishioners, co-workers, and other acquaintances are all people whom God wants to touch and draw close to Himself through our instrumentality. We can only be effective in this mission if we ourselves are vigilant, continuously seeking out the voice of God and responding to His grace. This is especially accomplished through prayer—daily prayer, attentive prayer, and deep prayer. Prayer is our lifeline to God and the primary way that He communicates to us, directs us toward His holy will, and transforms us into instruments of His mercy to others.

Do you watch? Do you do so every day, all day? Sometimes we compartmentalize our relationship with God. We give Him our Sunday morning, a moment before each meal, and perhaps a short period of time in the morning or evening. Attentiveness to God, however, must take place all day, every day. It must become the central habit of our lives. As Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Thessalonica, we must "pray without ceasing." Praying without ceasing can be as simple as offering short prayers throughout your day—thanking God for blessings, asking for guidance in decisions, or offering your work as a prayer. These small acts keep us connected to God and remind us of His presence in every moment.

To pray without ceasing does not mean we must all become cloistered nuns or monks, though some are called to that vocation. For most of us, it means building an interior attentiveness to God, allowing that act to become so much a part of our daily lives that it becomes habitual and automatic. As we cultivate this habit of vigilant prayer, it should naturally lead us to action, such as responding to God's grace by reaching out to others in love, kindness, and mercy. Our vigilance is not just for ourselves but for those around us. Reflect today on what should be your primary focus this Advent. We are "sleeping" when we only give God a little time here and there throughout our week. We are watchful when every part of our day is marked by an attentive interior spiritual sense turned toward God. Make

ANNOUNCEMENTS

this a holy and fruitful Advent, and Christmas will take on a new and transforming role in your life. *My Catholic Life! 2026*



SHARE WHAT YOU CAN!
FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

We have officially kicked off our 2026 Christmas Food Drive! Let us prepare our hearts this Advent 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. 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.

2027 OFFERTORY BOXES

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.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2026/27 SEASON

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 31, 2026 (INCLUSIVE).

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:

"[Y]ou are no longer children afraid of the dark. You are teenagers and young adults. But already you realize that there is another kind of darkness in the world: the darkness of doubt and uncertainty. You may feel the darkness of loneliness and isolation. Your anxieties may come from questions about your future, or regrets about past choices…

Do not listen to those who encourage you to lie, to shirk responsibility, to put yourselves first. Do not listen to those who tell you that chastity is passé. In your hearts you know that true love is a gift from God and respects his plan for the union of man and woman in marriage. Do not be taken in by false values and deceptive slogans, especially about your freedom. True freedom is a wonderful gift from God… But when freedom is separated from truth, individuals lose their moral direction and the very fabric of society begins to unravel.

Freedom is not the ability to do anything we want, whenever we want. Rather, freedom is the ability to live responsibly the truth of our relationship with God and with one another. Remember what Jesus said: "you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (Jn 8:32). Let no one mislead you or prevent you from seeing what really matters. Turn to Jesus, listen to him, and discover the true meaning and direction of your lives."— Pope John Paul II

ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE KIEL CENTER St. Louis, January 26, 1999, https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/speeches/1999/january/documents

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: December 4 – Steal

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: December 11 – Christmas Party

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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