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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



## 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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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

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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 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, April 14, 7:00PM** +Maria Theresa Melo  
+Amelia Oliveira Domingues +Abilio Soares & Hernani  
Soares +Joao Veloso +Maria Esperanca Espinola +Laura  
Marques +Joao Balugas +Margaret Dudo +Virginia Correia  
+Manuel & Maria Neto +Emil Maslak +Souls of Deceased  
Priests +Beatriz Sousa

**TUESDAY, April 15, 7:00PM** \*Special Intention For All  
Priests \*Special Intention For All RCIA Candidates

**WEDNESDAY, April 16, 7:00PM** +Salvatore Vena &  
Vincenzo DeGirolamo +Manuel Da Silva

**THURSDAY, April 17, 7:00PM – HOLY THURSDAY**  
\*ProPopulo -See Triduum Schedule

**FRIDAY, April 18, 12:00PM & 3:00PM-GOOD FRIDAY**  
\*ProPopulo -See Triduum Schedule

**SATURDAY, April 19, 9:00AM & 5:00 PM – No Mass**  
See Triduum Schedule

**SATURDAY, April 19, 8:00PM - EASTER VIGIL**  
\*ProPopulo -See Triduum Schedule

**SUNDAY, April 20, 8:00PM – EASTER SUNDAY**  
\*ProPopulo - See Triduum Schedule

**SUNDAY, April 20, 10:00AM – EASTER SUNDAY**  
\*ProPopulo - See Triduum Schedule

**SUNDAY, April 20, 12:00pm – EASTER SUNDAY**  
\*ProPopulo - See Triduum Schedule

**SUNDAY, April 20, 2:00pm– EASTER SUNDAY**  
**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)** \*ProPopulo



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday May 2, 2025  
at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

### NOTE: CHANGE TO REQUIEM MASS SCHEDULE

Starting the month of April, the Requiem Mass will be  
celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month, **APRIL  
25, at 11:00am**. Mass Intentions can be booked at the  
parish office.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE MASS ON TUESDAY APRIL  
15, 2025, WILL BE AT 7:00PM INSTEAD OF 9:00AM.  
THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON MONDAY APRIL  
21, 2025, AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED.**

**THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED ON  
APRIL 17, 18, 19 FOR THE TRIDUUM.**

**EASTER DECORATING – Help wanted! Please come  
and help decorate our parish for our Easter  
Celebrations at 7:30pm after the Stations of the Cross  
on Good Friday. All are welcome!**

**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP- Tuesday April 22, 7-8:30pm**

All are invited to our Faith & Evenings, where we gather  
each month to cover a topic of Catholic theology. Note:  
This is a free event, no registration necessary. For parents  
with young children, our large meeting room is available  
for childcare to give parents the opportunity to participate.

## REFLECTION

*“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” Some of the  
Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your  
disciples.” He said in reply, “I tell you, if they keep silent,  
the stones will cry out!” [Luke 19:38–40](#)*  
At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of  
Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was  
arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord  
crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His  
Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the  
Garden. As He descended, He encountered “the whole  
multitude of his disciples” who “began to praise God aloud  
with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.” They then  
cried out: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” They met  
Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This  
must have left the Twelve in amazement.

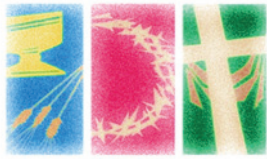
Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. Their  
amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation.  
Jesus’ response was very clear: “I tell you, if they keep  
silent, the stones will cry out!” That begs the question: If  
these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious  
welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most  
certainly they would have! They did so just several days  
later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.  
Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of  
these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most  
of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint  
John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died  
on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His  
came true. “And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in  
two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split,  
tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had  
fallen asleep were raised” ([Matthew 27:51–52](#)).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God.  
There is an important lesson to learn from these two  
moments from that first Holy Week. It’s easy to give praise  
and glory to God when it is popular and when many others  
are doing so. Contrast this when Jesus was persecuted and  
killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that  
popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and  
ending their worship of our Lord.

As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more  
like the “whole multitude” of Jesus’ disciples who praised  
Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more  
like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained  
faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so.  
Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King.  
Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His  
death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard  
to do so. Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the  
love in the heart of Jesus’ own mother and pray to her that  
you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our  
Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place.

*My Catholic Life! 2025*

## TRIDUUM



### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 17, 2025, at 7:00pm (Livestream)

*Followed by Adoration from 8:00pm until 12:00 Midnight  
in the Parish Hall*

### GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 18, 2025, at 12:00pm and 3:00pm (Livestream)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3:00pm Service

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord

April 19, 2025, at 8:00pm (Livestream)

Reception after Vigil Mass

*(No 9:00am and 5:00pm Mass and No Confessions)*

Blessing of Food – Saturday at 10:00am

### EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025, 8:00am (Portuguese Mass),

10:00am, (Livestream) & 12:00pm, 2:00pm (Migrant  
Worker Ministry-Spanish Mass)

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We invite our entire community to pray the Divine Mercy  
Starting on Good Friday after the 3:00pm service and  
continues every day for 9 days at 3:00pm concluding on  
Divine Mercy Sunday. Please note: The church is closed on  
Easter Monday, pray the Novena at home this day.

**Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27, 2025, at 3:30pm  
(Livestream) Holy Hour Adoration and the Chaplet in  
Song**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays during Lent  
at 7:30pm (after the 7:00pm Mass). Let us prepare  
for the Triduum.** On Good Friday the stations will be at  
7:00pm.

### GARDEN OF LILIES

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honor of  
the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies  
that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants can be dropped  
off Wednesday April 16, to Thursday April 17, 2025, in the  
foyer. Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put  
the names of your loved ones on your lilies.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 27, 2024, at 3:30pm (Livestream)

**Holy Hour and Adoration and the Chaplet in Song**

“On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I  
pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who  
approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy  
Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and  
punishment.

On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace  
flow are opened.

Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be  
as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel,  
will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

*-Diary of Saint Faustina, 699*

### A DAY WITH MARY- MAY 31, 2025-Register Today!

Online registration is now open for “A Day with Mary”  
taking place May 31 at Villanova College in King City.  
During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed  
Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her  
through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a  
number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided  
over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-  
friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children’s  
catechesis and activities – something for everyone. For more  
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

**EDGE** Come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-  
8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**Next Edge Night: April 18 – No Edge – Good Friday**

## LIFE TEEN

For youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other  
Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! **Next  
Lifeteen Night is: April 25 – On the Same Page**



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