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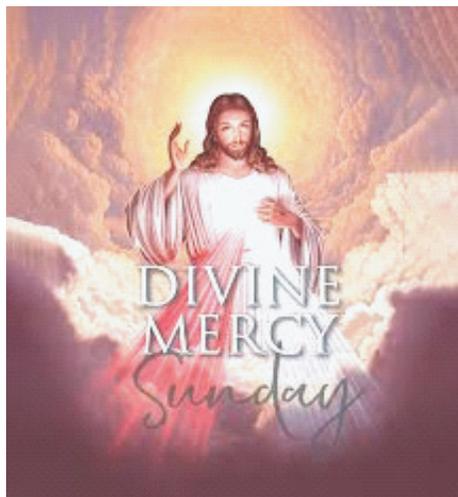
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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



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

4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)

6:30 pm

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

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Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

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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

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

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LifeTeen Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Santissima Divinidade

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 17, - 7:00PM

+Abilio Soares & Hernani Soares +Kyle Lee & Gerry Campbell + Manuel Marques & Maria de Oliveira +Marcello Ricciardi +Pietro Croci +Joao Ferreira +Celeste Sousa +Francisco Henriques +Julie Brinkos +Christopher Donoso

TUESDAY, April 18, 9:00AM

+Maria & Luis Borges

WEDNESDAY, April 19, 7:00PM

+Maria Theresa Melo

THURSDAY, April 20, 9:00AM

+All Deceased Members of the Marques Family

FRIDAY, April 21, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions of the Talarico Family

SATURDAY, April 22, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 22, 5:00PM

+Manuel da Silva +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Arlindo Araujo +Victor Fernandes & Parents +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +All Deceased Members of Marques & Gomes Families +Francelino & Rita Viaes +Joaquim Afonso & Odette Borges +Rafael Miranda & Arminda Jesus +Gemma Polito *Special Intentions of Mary Toich

SUNDAY, April 23, 8:00AM,

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 23, 10:00AM,

*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

SUNDAY, April 23, 12:00PM,

+Francisco Gameiro & Helena Das Neves

SUNDAY, April 23, 4:30PM – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 23, 6:30PM

+Afonso Lameirinhas

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday May 5, 2023

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Savio Antonio Bruto Da Costa is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 13, 2023, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto. Please Remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

ShareLife

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Our second ShareLife collection will be on April 30. Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign goal is \$53,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

REFLECTION



It is the Feast of Divine Mercy! Today's feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus' desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowolska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church. Because this Feast is so recent within the Church, we can be certain that we still have much to learn about the message of this Solemnity as well as the numerous messages about God's mercy revealed in Saint Faustina's *Diary*.

Among the many messages contained within her *Diary*, Jesus revealed to us that this Sunday, the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter, is a day like none other. Though grace and mercy are continuously poured out from Heaven upon us, Jesus is very clear that today is unique. Today, "a whole ocean of graces" is poured forth upon souls who approach the font of His mercy. Sit with that image for a time. "A whole ocean of graces." What does that mean? Symbolically speaking, a whole ocean is meant to depict the infinite. Try to imagine what it would be like to have the entire ocean poured upon you—it's beyond comprehension! Thus, God is saying that the infinity of grace is given today. The question for us all to ponder is this: How receptive am I to those infinite graces?

By analogy, imagine that your life was like a thimble, and an ocean of water was poured upon you. As a thimble, you could not contain all that was given. Therefore, we should realize that God wants to stretch our capacity to receive His mercy more abundantly by widening our capacity for mercy. What is it that is capable of receiving an entire ocean of mercy? Only an ocean can contain an ocean. For that reason, God desires to first prepare our souls to receive an infinity of mercy by transforming us into vessels of infinite capacity.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, in her spiritual classic, "Interior Castles," teaches us that the soul is, indeed, capable of infinite capacity for the simple fact that God dwells within. She teaches that the goal of the spiritual life is to travel through these various dwelling places to the center of our souls where the infinite God dwells so that we can be present to Him there. Therefore, we must understand that our souls are indeed capable of receiving the infinite waters

of mercy, because God created us with this ability when He chose to live within us. The key to being able to fully receive this fullness of mercy is to seek out the infinite God dwelling within. How is this done?

The heart of the path laid out in the *Diary* of Saint Faustina is as follows: Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion so as to obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. However, as many of the great spiritual writers explain, such as Saint Teresa of Ávila, there are many levels we must pass on our spiritual journey so as to be able to encounter God in His fullness. This, of course, includes encountering God's mercy given to us in Holy Communion and Confession. Those who receive these Sacraments while dwelling only in the first dwelling places, for example, will never benefit from them to the extent that those who dwell in the seventh and central mansion where the King dwells in fullness. Thus, mercy is given in its fullness but unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of graces God bestows. Reflect, today, upon this ocean being poured forth upon you. How much of this mercy are you able to receive right now in your life? As you humbly admit your limited openness to God's grace, know that God patiently waits for you, dwelling in His fullness deep within you, waiting for you to make the journey to Him. Commit yourself to this journey by prayer, fasting, penance, the reading of Scripture, the celebration of the Sacraments and spiritual reading. There is an ocean of the fullness of life waiting for you. Dive in and allow His mercy to deepen your capacity to receive Him most fully. Catholic News Agency 2021

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 16, 2023, at 3:00pm (Livestream)

Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

How greatly today's world needs the mercy of God!" – said John Paul II in Łagiewniki in 2002 – "In every continent, from the depth of human suffering, a cry for mercy seems to rise up. Where hatred and the thirst for revenge dominate, where war brings suffering and death to the innocent, there the grace of mercy is needed in order to settle human minds and hearts and to bring about peace. Wherever respect for life and human dignity are lacking, there is need of God's merciful love, in whose light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed in order to ensure that every injustice in the world will come to an end in the splendour of truth. (...) In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!" The congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Sr. M. Elzbieta Siepak, *In the teaching of John Paul the II*, March 6, 2023 (saint -faustina.org)



Mother's Day BRUNCH

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Sunday May 14, 2023 at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall after the 10:00am and 12:00 noon Mass.

Tickets will be available to purchase after all weekend Masses or at the parish office.

Adults \$15.00 - Children 12yrs and under \$10.00 - Children 2yrs and under are free

EMT (Electronic Money Transfer) is available and can be made to gerrycalderon@yahoo.ca

Proceeds will go to the Worth Youth Day Delegates

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 30, 2023

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday April 30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38 Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP

A 5-day Catholic adventure camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship, & fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

Who: Students currently in grades 6-8 who attend EDGE

When: August 27th -31st 2023

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Cost: \$475.00 (before April 30-early bird deadline) /

\$525.00 from May 1st – 31st (last day to register) All inclusive (food, transportation, accommodations, Camp T-shirt, Water Bottle) For questions and to register contact: Ray Reitzel, youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 every other Friday from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. April 21 – Rise & Shine May 5 - Binoculars



LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! No registration required. The next Life night is: April 28 – Zealous – St. Paul's Journey

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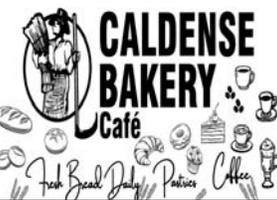
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