

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Christ is Risen!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 18, - EASTER MONDAY - NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 19, 9:00AM

+Duncan Drummond

WEDNESDAY, April 20, 7:00PM

+Abilio Soares & Hernani Soares

THURSDAY, April 21, 9:00AM

+Fernando Meneses

FRIDAY, April 22, 7:00PM

+Arminda De Jesus & Rafael Miranda

SATURDAY, April 23, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 23, 5:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Augusta Pais
+Eduardo & Irma Lancha +Arlindo Araujo Sr. + Euclides
Pinho +Stanley Cemas & Matija Cadonic +Idalina Moniz
& Manuel Vieira +Rosa & Dos Anjos Miranda +Joe &
Lucy Toich +Carlos Bento +Carlos & Maria Medeiros
+Joseph Pontes & Alberto Sacramento *For the Special
Intentions of the McEvenue Family

SUNDAY, April 24, 8:00AM

+Maria Theresa Melo

SUNDAY, April 24, 10:00AM

+Ernesto Correia

SUNDAY, April 24, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 24, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo



Covid Protocol Update: As of March 21, 2022,

- **We return to 100% Capacity**
- **Masks are voluntary but *highly recommended***
- **No registration required to attend Mass**

Please note that we will continue with hand sanitization practices, along with cleaning procedures for extra precaution. We look forward to celebrating Mass together as a parish community.

Please Note: Church will be closed Easter Monday.

There will be No Mass on Easter Monday.

The parish office will be closed on Friday April 15, and Monday April 18, and will reopen on Tuesday April 19, 2022. Have a Blessed Easter Celebration.

Volunteers needed to assist with the projection of lyrics at all Masses. The computer program is easy to use! For those interested in helping, please email the parish office: holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

At the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet is sung as Mass begins in darkness, illumined only by candles throughout the church. The Exsultet is a beautiful hymn of rejoicing in Christ's triumph over sin and death. One part states: O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

This line stands out because it calls the sin of Adam "necessary" and refers to it as "O happy Fault." At first, this may seem strange. Why is it that we refer to the sin of Adam, Original Sin, as "necessary" and "happy." The answer is Easter. It's because God, in His perfect wisdom and love, took sin and the consequence of sin (death) and used them as the means of the salvation of the world. That's what Easter is all about!

To comprehend more deeply, without Adam's sin, there would be no Jesus. God would not have had to become one of us. So even though the original sin of Adam, as well as all future sin, is evil and wrong, God in His perfect power and love chose to use it as the very means of the salvation of the world. How? By allowing the sins of the world to persecute Him, and then, by turning that suffering and death into the very means of salvation. Jesus destroyed sin by destroying the consequences of sin which is death. Death loses in the Resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him. Easter is a time when we must do just that. We must "cling" to our resurrected Lord! We must cling to His Resurrection and strive to share in it. How? Taking joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever it is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and Joy. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, burden or sin can become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection. Offer it to Him!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we struggle just as Jesus did in the agony of the Garden and the *Via Dolorosa* (the way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter!

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 24, 2022, at 3:00pm (Livestream)

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning after the 3:00pm Mass on Good Friday and everyday following, at 3:00pm. Ending with Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please Note: Church will be closed Easter Monday, please pray the Novena at home.



Thank you for supporting ShareLife! The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1

ShareLife is making a difference.

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ShareLife agencies need our support. Please give generously by special collection or at sharelife.org.

UKRAINE RELIEF

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website www.archtoronto.org, by phone through the Development Office: 416 934 3411 or through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian relief. Please continue to pray for all those who suffer the human tragedy of war.

VOCATIONS

The Lord is risen, It is true! Through baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

During the winter months, please join us in a Mass celebration at the Church for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASS, BLESSING OF A MILESTONE WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY: Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

For parents wishing to baptize their child, please contact the parish office via email with your request and we will forward you a baptismal package. Please complete the required documents and email them back to the parish office. Upon receipt of your email a clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details, covid protocols, and to confirm a date.

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

YOUTH MINISTRY

 Edge is a fun, exciting and free program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting bi-weekly EDGE nights from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Please contact youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

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