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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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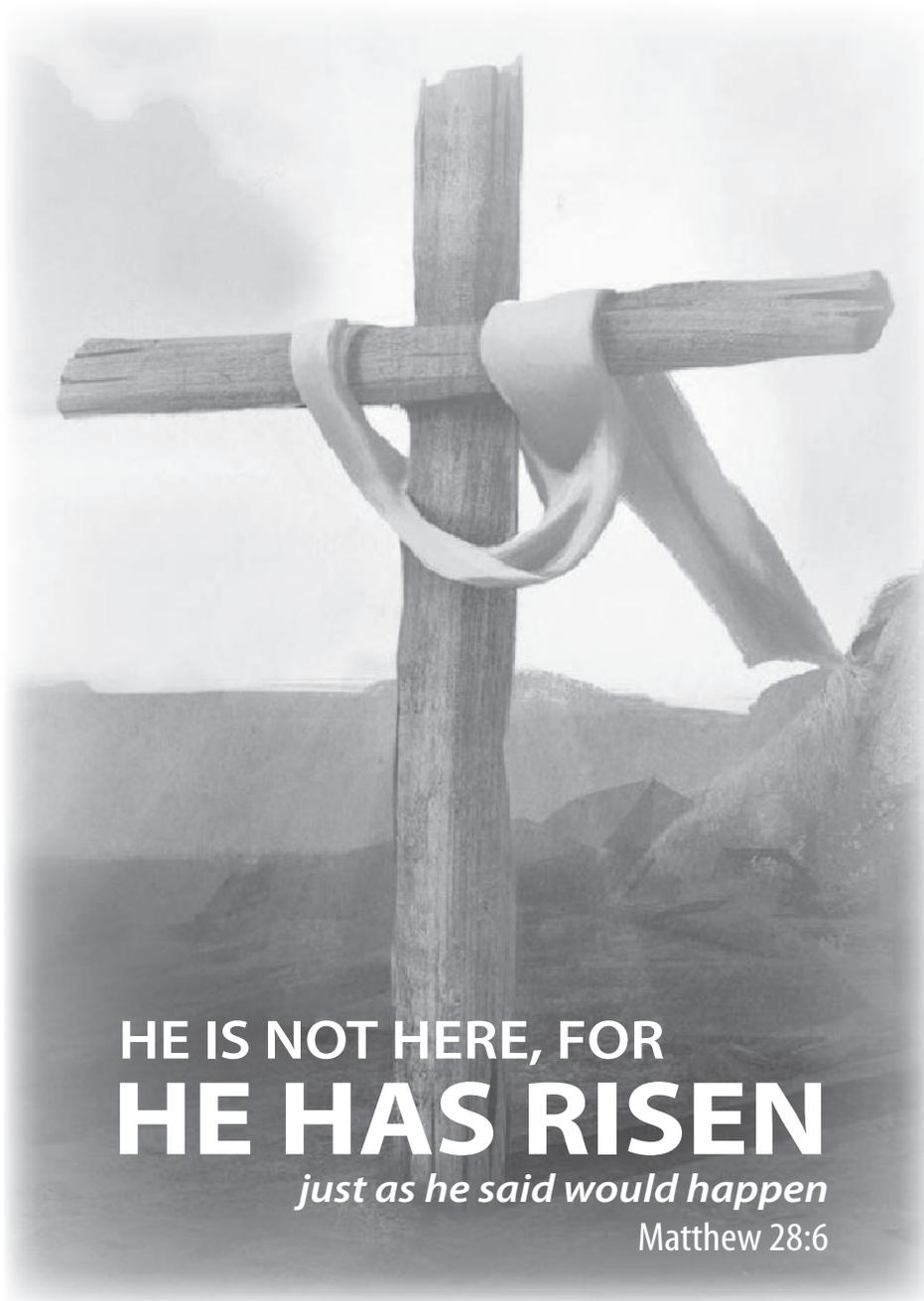
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR  
**HE HAS RISEN**

*just as he said would happen*

Matthew 28:6

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, April 10, - NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, April 11, 9:00AM**

+Duncan Drummond

**WEDNESDAY, April 12, 7:00PM**

+Joao Perna

**THURSDAY, April 13, 9:00AM**

+Jamie Meneses

**FRIDAY, April 14, 7:00PM**

\*Special Intention for the Sakac Family

**SATURDAY, April 15, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, April 15, 5:00pm**

+Salvatore Vena +Maria & Eugenio Arruda

+Rosa Oliveira +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues &

Fatima Faria +John Di Re +Manuel da Silva

+Eduardo & Irma Lancha +Antonio Santana &

Maria Sousa +Maria Clara & Lurdes Gomes +All

Deceased Pinho Family Members +Carlos &

Maria Medeiros +Carlos Bento + Antonio Gallo

**SUNDAY, April 16, 8:00AM,**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, April 16, 10:00AM,**

+Vincenzo Pellegrini

**SUNDAY, April 16, 12:00PM,**

\*Special Intentions of Aurelia Bertocchi

**SUNDAY, April 16, 4:30PM – El Sembrador**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, April 16, 6:30PM**

+Flavia Moro

### **EASTER MONDAY**

#### **MONDAY APRIL 10, 2023 – No Mass**

There will be **No Mass at 9:00am** and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday.

### **A HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

Thank You to Our Volunteers. We recognize and appreciate the difference that our volunteers make. Thank you for serving with your hands and heart. We would like to thank each and every person who provided us as a parish with a rich Easter journey as a result of your kind offering of time and service to music, reading, ushering, preparing our catechumens, assisting with communion, linens and dropping off a lily in memory of your loved ones. A thank you to all those who work quietly behind the scenes to help us get ready for the many celebrations. We come together as the hands and feet of Christ for all His Church.

### **MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH**

Please join us in a Mass celebration at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

## REFLECTION

Happy Easter! Our Lord has risen, He has overcome death and He has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate!

Today's Gospel concludes by saying, "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." This is evident by the initial reaction of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Apostle John. Eventually, all of the Apostles would come to understand and believe.

The initial reaction to the empty tomb teaches us an important lesson. Though the Resurrection of Christ is clearly known to us today, our knowledge of this glorious event must continually deepen. This is evidenced by the fact that the disciples of Jesus came to understand the Resurrection over time. They did not comprehend His Resurrection when Jesus first taught them about it. They did not fully understand it when they saw the empty tomb. They did not even fully comprehend it when they saw the risen Lord. It was only after they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that their minds were open to this incredible mystery of faith so that they could begin to penetrate and comprehend this mystery more clearly.

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning. He was now different. He was transformed. His body would now never age. It could not die. It could pass through closed doors. This resurrected body of our Lord, which is perfectly united to His divine soul, will remain with Him forever.

The resurrected body of our Lord also made it possible for us to share in His resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in His suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. But what does that mean? Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that our resurrected bodies will be glorious beyond imagination. We will never age, require no food, never experience illness, be free from all disorders and will live this way forever. Somehow, through our bodies, we will also be able to share ourselves with others in a pure and holy way, communicating to others the love of God alive within our souls. We will have the gift of agility, being able to move from place to place with immediacy simply by thinking it. Our new glorified bodies will manifest the ways that we loved and served God in this world.

Reflect, today, upon the Resurrection of the Savior of the World, upon His invitation to share in this new life. It is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come. Catholic News Agency 2021



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 16, 2023, 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*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 30, 2023



2023 Marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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.

## VOCATIONS

“He has been raised from the dead!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email at: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## ShareLife

Show your love by giving to ShareLife.

Jesus’ love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

## TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Where:** Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

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

\$525.00 from May 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> (last day to register) All inclusive (food, transportation, accommodations, Camp T-shirt, Water Bottle) Space limited to a first come, first register basis. For questions and to register contact: Ray Reitzel, [youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com)



**EDGE**  
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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 14 – Easter Social April 28 – Zealous – St. Paul’s Journey

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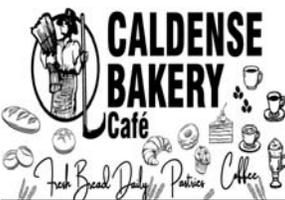
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