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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—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
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

MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

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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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
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Alpha
Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)
Catholic Moms Group
Catholic Moms and Tots
CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope
EDGE Youth Ministry
El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers
Knights of Columbus
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, August 14, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Maria Aldelaide Vieira +Nicoangelo & Assunta Volpe +Pasquale & Ida D'Onofrio

TUESDAY, August 15, 9:00AM

+Manuel & John da Silva

WEDNESDAY, August 16, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena

THURSDAY, August 17, 9:00AM

+Maria & Manuel Bianco

FRIDAY, August 18, 7:00PM

+Abilio Soares & Julio Soares

SATURDAY, August 19, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 19, 5:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Manuel Rodrigues

+Arlindo Araujo +Zaccaria Favero +Frank

Novogradecz +David Harrison + Teresa Silva

+Jose Miranda & Manuel Pereira +Eduardo &

Irma Lancha +Perpetua & Manuel Barroso +Jose Azevedo

SUNDAY, August 20, 8:00AM,

+Virgilio Santos Conceicao & Jose Santos Conceicao

SUNDAY, August 20, 10:00AM,

+Christopher Macdonell

SUNDAY, August 20, 12:00PM,

+Glen & Vincenza Lamp

SUNDAY, August 20, 4:30PM – El Sembrador

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 20, 6:30PM

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Tuesday August 15, 2023



MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday September 1, 2023, at 11:00am at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery weather permitting.

VOCATIONS

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” We can sometimes be afraid of God’s call priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Matthew 14:22–23

Our Gospel today presents us with two different images to ponder. The first one is recorded above, and the second one is the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the second story, the disciples were rowing against the wind and waves in the early morning before the sun rose. Jesus appeared to them walking on the water, and they were frightened. Jesus confronts the fear they experience and calls Peter to walk on the water as a sign of his faith in Him. Peter begins to walk on water, and then in fear, he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus Who catches Him and then gently rebukes Peter for his lack of faith.

It is helpful to understand the first image in this Gospel passage as the context for the second. In this first image, we see Jesus dismissing the crowds after feeding the five thousand and going up a mountain to pray all alone. Though Jesus was always in perfect union with the Father and, therefore, had no need for prayer, He prayed nonetheless because it was His human expression of the deep union He had with His Father. As He prayed, He also set forth an example to all who would follow Him, teaching them by His example about the importance of private prayer. The primary lesson He taught on this occasion was that prayer is the remote preparation we need so as to overcome all apparent obstacles in life and to confront fear with perfect faith.

First, the obvious “obstacle” Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It’s physically impossible. But that’s the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority.

A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us “sinking” when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What’s interesting is that we have two witnesses of prayer. First is Jesus’ witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, “Lord, save me!” This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on

water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear.

Reflect, today, upon making your life of prayer the number-one priority in your life. Maybe you have many responsibilities in life. Nothing is more important than praying—and not only when you feel trapped or feel like you are sinking. Instead, we must all establish an unbreakable habit of prayer to God for the singular reason that it is good and right to do so. The fruit of such a life of prayer is that no matter what obstacle comes our way, we will have the faith we need to follow every command of our Lord, overcoming even that which appears to be impossible. Catholic News Agency2021



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday September 1, 2023,
at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

MISSION CO-OP FOR DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE IN THE PHILIPPINES – August 19 & 20, 2023

Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija in the Philippines was created on February 16, 1984, and inaugurated on July 14, 1984. Present Ordinary is Most Reverend Roberto Mallari, DD. It comprises the City of San Jose, the Science City of Munoz and 12 other municipalities in Northern Province of Nueva Ecija in Central Luzon. The 21 Parishes are still mission territories composed mostly of hard-working farmers, producing rice, onions, garlic and vegetables. There are 40 Diocesan Priests and 10 Religious Clergy administering the 21 Parish Communities and 3 Mission Stations. There are also 25 religious sisters from 7 different Religious Congregations. On the weekend of August 19 and 20, 2023, Father Manny Guico will conduct Mission Appeals at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish. In order to support and sustain these Pastoral Programs, Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija will rely on your generosity and financial support. Offering envelopes labelled “Mission Co-op” will be made available in the Church foyer for this Mission. Thank you for your support. May God bless you a hundredfold!



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Friday September 29, 2023
at St. Michael's Basilica in Toronto
Mass at 5:30pm
Archbishop Francis Leo

Please note that seating will be on a first come first seated basis.



Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 7:00pm**

Cemetery Location and celebrations for this year's Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:

Most Rev. Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill:

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto:

Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge:

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:

Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie: Rev. Fr. Laurence J. Leger

In the Event of Rain, Masses will be held In:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery

St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery

Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the Reception Center at the cemetery office

Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto

St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street in Barrie

SACRAMENTS

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2024 season will be made available sometime in September. Please stay connected with us. We invite you to come celebrate Mass with us on Sundays, and be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information on the sacraments.

My prayerful Lord, You spent the night in prayer to Your Father not because You needed help, but because of Your love. Your prayer was an expression of that love and was a natural requirement of it. Please help me to also establish an unbreakable habit of prayer so that my love for You will remain strong and so that I can follow You through every apparent obstacle in life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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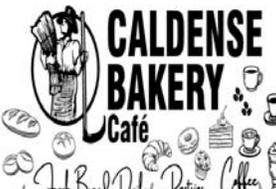
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