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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



**Pastor:** Rev. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.org  
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**Deacon:** Deacon David Langley  
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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.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841  
St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492  
St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653  
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### OFFICE STAFF

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### MINISTERS

**Youth Minister:**  
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**Ministry to Migrant Workers:**  
Nancy Mora

### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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 21, 7:00PM**

+Antonio Mirassol & Family +Patrick Connolly +Mary  
Gres +Antonio Cuzzupoli +Stefania Hong +Maria de Jesus  
Carreiro

**TUESDAY, August 22, 9:00AM**

+Virgilio Conceicao & Jose Conceicao

**WEDNESDAY, August 23, 7:00PM**

\*Special Intention of the McEvenue Family

**THURSDAY, August 24, 9:00AM**

+Michael & Gabriela Mongillo

**FRIDAY, August 25, 7:00PM**

+Deolinda Oliveira

**SATURDAY, August 26, 9:00AM**

\*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, August 26, 5:00PM**

+David Harrison +Pedro Viana +Matthew  
Talarico & Leonardo Talarico +Manuel Nuno  
Rodrigues & John Faria +Rommel Baal  
+Romanko Sakac +Manuel Da Silva +Idalina  
Moniz & Manuel Vieira +Luzia Melo &  
Francelina Vieira \*Special Intentions of the  
Mongillo Family

**SUNDAY, August 27, 8:00AM,**

+Manuel Laranjeiro

**SUNDAY, August 27, 10:00AM,**

\*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, August 27, 12:00PM,**

+David Harrison

**SUNDAY, August 27, 4:30PM – El Sembrador**

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**SUNDAY, August 27, 6:30PM**

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo

**MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS  
OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday September 1, 2023, at  
11:00am, weather permitting.**

Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*“Jesus said “Let the little children come to me, and do not  
hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such  
as these.” -Matthew 19:14*

We are looking for volunteers to help with this wonderful  
ministry. Please prayerfully consider journeying with our  
children from kindergarten to Grade 2 in breaking open the  
word of God at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. High school  
students are welcome to assist with adult leaders.

Community Service hours will be granted. If you are  
interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact the  
parish office at 905 775 2065, or email:

[holymartyrsjapan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holymartyrsjapan@archtoronto.org)

## REFLECTION

After Jesus was harshly challenged by the Pharisees, He and His disciples took a 35-mile journey to the northwest to a region that was in pagan territory and outside of the jurisdiction of Herod and the Jewish leaders. It was during this retreat that a pagan woman came to ask Jesus for help. As the story unfolds, we see that her prayer is a model for us all. First, she acknowledges Who Jesus is—the Son of David. This is a manifestation of her faith and a clear contrast to the lack of faith Jesus had experienced with many of the people in Galilee. Second, her request is expressed in straightforward and simple language, “Have pity on me!” And, “Lord, help me.” Third, her prayer is persistent. Jesus allows her to manifest her persistence by first being silent to her request and then telling her “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” Jesus obviously does not say this to be rude, but to invite her to manifest her faith in a persistent way. And that she does. Finally, her prayer is one of deep humility. She responds, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” She was begging for the “scraps” of Jesus’ mercy, and she received His mercy in abundance. Do you desire the scraps of Jesus’ mercy in the way a dog desires the scraps from the table of its owner? Hopefully you do. This is the disposition that we must all have in prayer. Sometimes, out of pride, we can think that we have a right to God’s mercy. We can think that God owes us. And though we might realize that mercy is not deserved, we must allow that truth to sink in deeply. That is why this story is so important. It presents us with the ideal way to pray and the humble interior disposition we must have when approaching God.

Prayerfully sit with the image of a dog begging for scraps from the table. When a dog is given what is left over, it is thrilled. To us, eating the scraps from another’s plate is undesirable. But if the “plate” belongs to the Savior of the World and the “food” is His grace and mercy, then that changes everything. In the end, the Master also invites us to the table and feeds us with the finest of spiritual food. But that doesn’t change the fact that we must always have the humble disposition exemplified by this humble woman. Reflect, today, upon this holy woman. In the end, Jesus cried out, “O woman, great is your faith!” But that did not come until she wholeheartedly expressed her faith with humility and persistence. With her as a shining example, reflect upon how you pray to God. Do you pray with self-righteousness, as if you deserve God’s mercy? Do you tend to see God as one Who owes you something? Do you get angry with God when He doesn’t immediately answer your demands? Try to humble yourself like this woman. Beg for whatever God wants to give to you. Do so with perseverance and the utmost trust. If you do, our Lord will not only pour forth the scraps of His mercy, He will also pick you up and invite you to the glorious meal of His abundant grace.

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## 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!



## Alpha is Returning to Holy Martyrs in September!

The Alpha program is a chance to share your thoughts and ideas on life and Faith in an honest, friendly and respectful environment. We'll discuss some of the big questions in life, such as “Is There More to Life Than This?”.

Our course will take place on Tuesday evenings, start in September and end before Advent. Refreshments and light food will be provided. For more information, please contact Peter at [alpha.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.hmoj@gmail.com)

## ShareLife

It is through your support that ShareLife agencies are able to help the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



## PRAYER FOR OUR EDGE CAMPERS

Awesome, ever-present God, You are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important, and life-changing things with you.

Today, we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over our campers who will be attending Edge camp this upcoming weekend. They are about to embark on a journey filled with adventure, fun, and faith formation that will help them grow closer to you.

Bless them this week so that all of their fears and anxieties might be met with your peace.

Bless them this week so that all of their questions and seeking might be explored with your guidance.

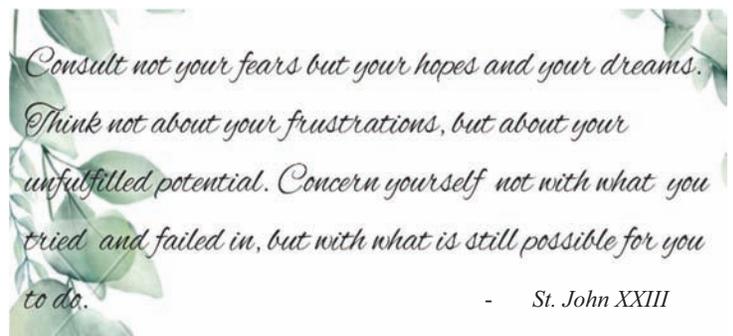
Bless them this week so that all of their excitement and energy might be met with your joy.

Help them feel you close and remind them that we are here, back home, praying for the exciting week ahead.

Bless our church, too, God. Bless us as we wait for our campers to return home prayerfully and patiently. Bless us so that we might be changed, just as they are, because of their week at camp.

## 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.



- St. John XXIII

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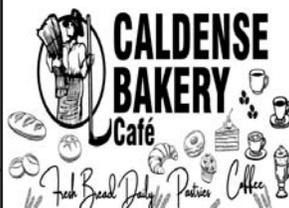


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