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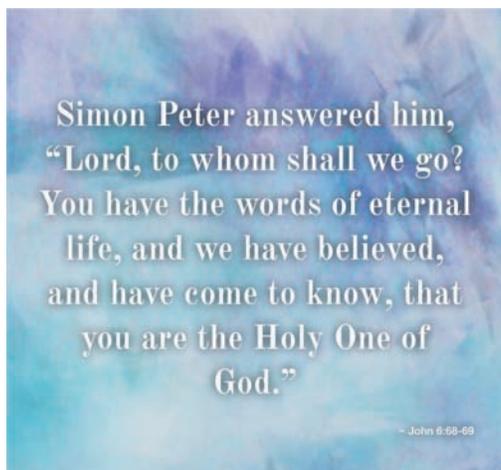
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



Pastor: Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

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Deacons: Deacon David Langley
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:45am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office or Father John.

MARRIAGE

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

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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Nossa Senhora De Fatima

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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 23, 7:00 PM

+Abilio Soares +Gina Locanto +Doris LeFebvre

+Mae Eek +JoAnne Leroux

TUESDAY, August 24, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, August 25, 7:00PM

+Manuel Da Silva

THURSDAY, August 26, 9:00PM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, August 27, 7:00PM

+Savariammal

SATURDAY, August 28, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, August 28, 5:00PM

+Frank Gammicchia +Idalina Moniz & Manuel

Vieira +Fernando Verissimo & Manuel Moniz

+Luzia Melo & Francelina Vieira +Manuel Puga

& Jose Puga +Maria Do Carmo & Gilda Teixeira

+David Medeiros & Silvana Medeiros +Manuel

Borges & Jose Cordeiro *Special Intention for

Joe & Anna Mongillo

SUNDAY, August 29, 10:00AM

*Special Intention for Manuel Oliveira

SUNDAY, August 29, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, August 29, 12:00PM

+Deolinda Oliveira & Fernanda Rola Miranda

SUNDAY, August 29, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

To pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, please contact the office.

Offering
Envelopes



PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

ADORATION CHAPEL

We are happy to announce that our Adoration Chapel open once again for prayer, Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm. "We can pray anywhere," Cardinal Collins writes, "but there is no more fitting place to pray on earth than in the sacramental presence of the Lord. There we are profoundly struck with the awesome mystery of God's grace."

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION

Adoration and Benediction will follow the after the 7:00pm Mass on the First Friday of every month.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please 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.

REFLECTION

Why do some find it easier while others find it harder to accept the claims which Jesus made? Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible – a visible sign of God's mercy and favor which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance and miraculous signs including the multiplication of the loaves and fish when he feeds the five thousand who gathered to hear him speak. Many stumble, however, when Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" (see John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers.

Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying". This expression meant that it was not just hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in Heaven. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to believe and follow even in the "hard sayings". Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with violence fueled by hatred, envy, and even betrayal by one of his own disciples. Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (John 6:63) – his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life and the One who breathes his Spirit into those who believe in him.

How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word, even the hard sayings which are difficult to understand? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Paul the Apostle tells us that it is the work of the Holy Spirit who *enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind* to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God (Ephesians 1:17-18). Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action at work in our personal lives. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.



**ALL MASSES ARE WALK IN
FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED BASIS.
FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY**

**The Rosary will be prayed 45 minutes
before the start of each Mass**

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday Wednesday & Friday – 7:00pm
Tuesday Thursdays & Saturday – 9:00am
Holidays: Masses are at 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays – 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays – 8:00am 10:00am & 12:00pm Mass

Sundays – 6:30pm Mass

**Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed
via Youtube at 10:00am**

<https://holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org/>

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our parish is in need of volunteers to assist with livestreaming, counters for weekly offerings, and the hospitality ministry which involves the welcoming, ushering and cleaning after Masses. If you are interested in helping out with any of these tasks, please see Fr. John after any of the Masses or contact the parish office.

2021 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

ShareLife agencies are there for you, too

Please remember that ShareLife organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit sharelife.org and click on the "Need Help?" button.

For those who are able, please give to ShareLife through the parish office or sharelife.org.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION

To all communion candidates and families who have registered and chosen dates for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament: On July 15, 2021 an email was sent out to those families only, who registered for Communion on-line and booked June dates that were recently postponed due to Covid. An Email was sent along with an Eventbrite invitation to book NEW dates for August. Please be sure to book your new date. Registration for these August dates will be open until July 30, 2021 at 9:00am.

Once these Sacraments are completed (Communion and Confirmation for 2021) we hope to move right into the next group, those awaiting to receive the Sacrament of Communion. More information on how we will proceed with this process will follow. Announcements regarding the celebration of future First Reconciliation and Communion will be made at Mass. By coming to Mass, or watching livestream, this will be the first point of communication. As well, please visit our website and our on-line bulletin for additional resources and updates on the Sacrament. We look forward to coming together once again to celebrate this Sacrament with you and your families.

CONFIRMATION

To all Confirmation candidates and families who have registered and chosen their October dates for the 2021 Confirmation Sacrament: We are going to keep our current Confirmation dates in October; however, many experts are predicting the rise in numbers of covid Cases from September onwards. Therefore, we would like to offer these families the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament in August, should there be another lockdown and cancellation this fall. This is a voluntary sign up, you can keep your October dates as booked if you wish. If you choose to change your date, these August dates will be open for booking until July 30, 2021 at 9:00am dates.

CONFESSIONS: Will be heard on Saturday's between 8:00am-8:45am and again from 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment. Please contact the parish office for further information

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