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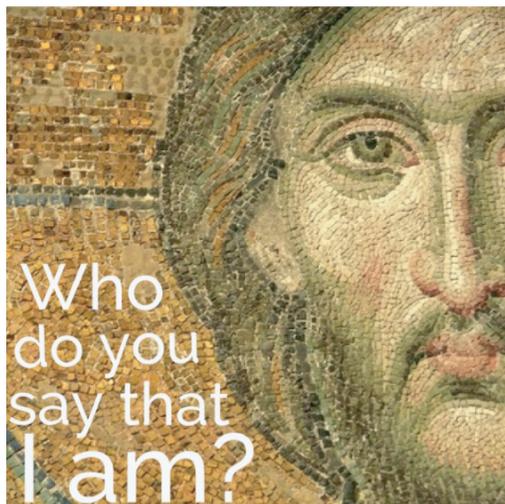
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



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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  
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## 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 28, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Nathan Moniz +Adeesha Solomon  
+Miquelina Dias \*Special Intention for Celestina May &  
Marilyn La Pierre

### TUESDAY, August 29, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

### WEDNESDAY, August 30, 7:00PM

+Maria Helena Oliveira

### THURSDAY, August 31, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

### FRIDAY, September 1, 7:00PM

+Stacey Gibson-Power

### SATURDAY, September 2, 9:00AM- First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, September 2, 5:00PM

+Duncan Drummond +Maria & Eugenio Arruda

+Rosa Oliveira +David Harrison +Fernando

Verissimo & Manuel Moniz +Manuel Puga &

Jose Puga +Maria Do Carmo & Gilda Teixeira

+Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira

### SUNDAY, September 3, 8:00AM,

+Samantha Diogo

### SUNDAY, September 3, 10:00AM,

+Romanko Sakac

### SUNDAY, September 3, 12:00PM,

\*ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, September 3, 4:30PM El Sembrador

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### SUNDAY, September 3, 6:30PM

+Jan & Klara Rozek

### LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Please note that on Monday September 4, 2023, Mass will be at 9:00am and the Church and parish office will be closed for the day. Wishing you a safe and relaxing long weekend!

### 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:

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

### MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS - Friday September 1, 2023 at 11:00am Will Be Celebrated At The Church.

Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.

## REFLECTION

Matthew describes a private conversation between Jesus and His disciples that took place where they could speak freely.

As the conversation unfolds, Jesus asks two consecutive questions. First, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Second, "But who do you say that I am?" By asking these two questions, Jesus first invites the disciples to identify the different opinions floating around about Him and then gives the disciples an opportunity to speak their own conviction. Peter responds on behalf of them all when he solemnly professes, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

If Jesus were to ask you these two questions, what would you answer? First, what is the general opinion about Jesus that most people have today? When asked, most Christians would give the correct answer. Jesus is God. He is the Savior. He is the Son of the Father. But sometimes those answers are more theoretical than they are personal. Often it is easy to believe things about Jesus rather than believing in Jesus. So, if you were to answer the second question, what would you say? Ideally, you would answer that Jesus is your Savior, your God, your Shepherd, your Lord. Faith in Jesus must not only be theoretical, it must be deeply personal, flowing from the depths of your heart.

Deep personal faith in Jesus can only come from one source. It comes from the Father speaking to your heart in a real and personal way. After Peter professed His faith in Jesus, Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Peter's personal faith in Jesus was not just something he heard from others, it was something that the Father in Heaven personally revealed to him. This is the gift of faith. Peter's personal profession of faith became the rock foundation on which Jesus built His Church. "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." This reveals Jesus' plan to establish Peter as the head of the Church and to give to him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven for the whole Church. Similarly, our personal profession of faith will become the unshakable foundation within our souls upon which God's Church becomes alive in each one of us. When our faith is based upon a personal revelation from the Father in Heaven, spoken within the secrecy of our souls, then nothing can extinguish this faith. The gates of the netherworld cannot prevail against it.

Reflect, today, upon this holy conversation between Jesus and His disciples. Know that Jesus wants to have the same conversation with you. As Jesus took the disciples away to this quiet and safe place, He wants to take you away through prayer to the privacy of your own soul. There, within you, He seeks to elicit a response of personal faith. He wants you to identify Who He is to you. He wants you to profess your faith to Him. This faith is your personal solid foundation, and upon that foundation our Lord will build up His Church in you and through you. Catholic News Agency2021

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 27, 2023



## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

### 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.



## ALPHA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Do you wonder about life and why we are all here? Alpha creates a place you can ask some of life's big questions and discuss your point of view with others.

**We will also provide childcare for parents who wish to attend!** For more information please contact Peter at [alpha.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.hmoj@gmail.com)



## RCIA I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.



## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children and our teachers prepare to start a new year, may YOU be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope and faith be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as you love. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things!

In Jesus' Name. Amen

### AMONG FRIENDS MINISTRIES

Among friends is a ministry supporting grieving women of all ages through social interaction and activities. This group meets once a month. If interested in attending, please contact Cecilia Podger at 416 710 3155 or email [ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca](mailto:ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca)

## 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.

## 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. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8.  
**More information on dates and registration to follow.**

## LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12. **More information on dates to follow.**

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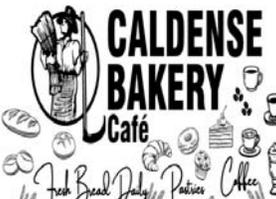
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