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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha
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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Rosary Apostolate
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Santissima Divinidade

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
El Sembrador Spanish Mass 4th Saturday: 7:00pm
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 8:30am 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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St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460
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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 29, 7:00PM

+Anna Maria Palleschi & Maria Gaglione

TUESDAY, August 30, 9:00AM

+Maria Helena Oliveira

WEDNESDAY, August 31, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for the Lush Family

THURSDAY, September 1, 9:00AM

+Stefan Hrin

FRIDAY, September 2, 7:00PM

+Duncan Drummond

SATURDAY, September 3, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 3, 5:00PM

+Samantha Diogo +Maria Eugenio Arruda +Virgilio Pinho

+Maria Di Re +Rui Bolarinho +Nelda Buttignol +Jose

Jimenez & Petrona Jarquin +Jim Fisher +Jane Slessor

SUNDAY, September 4, 8:00AM

+Fred Oliveira & Mark Oliveira

SUNDAY, September 4, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 4, 12:00PM

+Colin O'Connor

SUNDAY, September 4, 6:30PM

+Nuno Azevedo



- **We have returned to 100% Capacity**
- **Masks are voluntary but *highly recommended***
- **No registration required to attend Mass**

Please note that we will continue with hand sanitization practices, along with cleaning procedures for extra precaution. We look forward to celebrating Mass together as a parish community.

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

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

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday September 5, 2022 for Labour Day and Mass will be at 9:00am

REFLECTION

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. Luke 14:1

What an interesting line. This line should not be overlooked in that it reveals a common reaction that some have to Jesus. What is the reaction? It's the tendency to observe Jesus carefully from a distance.

Look at the context of this statement. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and many other people were present. Those who were there would have been considered the "movers and shakers" of that time. They were the influential, wealthy, educated, and prestigious members of the community. Many would have been quite concerned about their reputation and quite curious about Jesus since He was growing in such popularity with the people. So, as a result, they were all "observing him carefully."

Notice the implication present in this description of their reaction to Jesus. Unlike the manifest sinners of that time, they did not come to Him, falling at His feet, begging for mercy. Rather, they appear to be quite interested in how Jesus will be accepted by others, what He will say and what they should think about Him. Even though it is unfortunate that they do not all completely turn to Jesus in faith, it's at least good that they are attentive to Jesus and realize He is unique.

This curiosity on their part is not all bad. In fact, it may lead some of them to salvation. By observing Jesus, they are clearly pondering Him, His words and His actions. This is good if and only if it results in each one of them turning to Him in faith and choosing to embrace our Lord regardless of what others think. This is a risk for those consumed with their own public image. But it's a risk that is worth taking. For those who are willing to humbly allow their observations to turn into true faith, their lives will change. But in order to do so, they must let go of any fear they have of what others may think.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have to only "observe" Jesus and His will from a distance. If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Do not let yourself become concerned about what others may think. Give your life to Him without hesitation and you will be eternally grateful you did.

Mission is never the fruit of a perfectly planned program or a well-organized manual. Mission is always the fruit of a life which knows what it is to be found and healed, encountered and forgiven. Mission is born of a constant experience of God's merciful anointing - Pope Francis

PARISH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held on Friday September 2, 2022, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

“Closeness to the Eucharistic Christ in silence and contemplation does not distance us from our contemporaries but, on the contrary, makes us open to human joy and distress, broadening our hearts on a global scale. Through adoration the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Eucharistic Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God” – St. John Paul II

(letter to the Bishop of Liege, Reported in L'Osserv. Romano, 1996)

COME SEE AND HEAR

Pope Francis made a pilgrimage to Canada from July 24-29. Were you able to follow his footsteps? Did you have the opportunity to hear or read his addresses to Indigenous Peoples? Do you have unanswered questions? Deacon Pedro worked on the organizing committee for the Papal Visit and was present at all the events.

The Catholic Women's League of Holy Martyrs of Japan invite you to join us on **Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall to hear his experience. Refreshments will be served. In the meantime, go to www.papalvisit.ca to watch all the events of that historic week.



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

ShareLife

The ShareLife campaign is over. Our Parish goal this year is \$43,000.00. To date, together we have raised \$30,750.00. Thank you for your generosity. If you wish to continue to donate to ShareLife, please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at ShareLife.org

VOCATIONS

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord, if He is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

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.

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.

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

FOR MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASS, BLESSING OF A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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