

We welcome you to

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, Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann

prepare the way...



ADVENT

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 20, 7:00PM

+Antonio Diogo +Santo Mirabelli & Pasquale Mirabelli
+Luis & Maria Borges +Tadeusz Gnat & Chester
Machowski +Ernesto Correia +Carlyle D’Croix

TUESDAY, December 21, 9:00AM

+Duncan Drummond

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 7:00PM

+Joao Gomes & Augusta Barros

THURSDAY, December 23, 9:00AM

+Antonio Martins & Parents

**FRIDAY, December 24, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm,
Midnight**

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, December 25, 9:00AM-No Mass

SATURDAY, December 25, 10:00AM & 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, December 25, 5:00PM- No Mass

SUNDAY, December 26, 8:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 26, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 26, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 26, 6:30PM-No Mass

PROOF OF VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR MASS

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on the following days: December 24, 27 and 28 and December 31, 2021 and January 3 of 2022. The office will reopen by appointment only on Tuesday January 4, 2022. In the event of an emergency during this time, (anointing of the sick or last rite) please contact the parish office and leave a message.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Will be made available for pickup starting **Sunday December 5 -19, at any Sunday Mass.** Please let one of our volunteers know that you wish to pick up your box and they will be happy to assist you.

Offering
Envelopes



Offertory boxes can also be picked up anytime at the parish office during office hours, Mon-Fri 9:30am-4:30pm. Please call the parish office before coming. If you are assigned a new box number, please complete the registration form attached and include it with your offering so we can update our database.

Pre-Authorized Giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. Please contact the Parish office for more information

REFLECTION

Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary’s pregnancy and Jesus’ birth with every human emotion and experience. St. Joseph was faced with an extraordinary mystery as he discovered his wife was pregnant. He knew her to be a woman of exceptional virtue and holiness and had to reconcile that with her surprising pregnancy. Even after the angel appeared to him in a dream, he would have had questions arise in his mind as he faced this situation. Our Blessed Mother was also invited by God to face her pregnancy in faith. Her response was perfect, “Let it be done to me according to your word.” She could not explain nor understand what was happening but, nonetheless, she knew deep in her soul that God was in charge leading all to His glory.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.

Reflect, today, upon your own invitations from God to embrace the mysteries of life. God’s ways are often more than we can comprehend and figure out. Mary and Joseph give us the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. Say “Yes” to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

Dearest Mother Mary and Saint Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you both lived. When questions arise in my heart, help me to respond generously to God as you did. May I trust in all that God has spoken in imitation of each one of you. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life Inc. 2021.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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. **Note there are no Confession on Saturday December 25, 2021, and Saturday January 1, 2022.**

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065



Christmas Mass Schedule

Attendance for all Christmas Mass celebrations must be registered via Eventbrite. Please visit our website to register. holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org

Christmas Eve - Friday December 24, 2021

4:00pm, 6:00pm-Livestreamed, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day - Saturday December 25, 2021

10:00am, 12:00pm-No 5:00pm Mass

Holy Family - Sunday December 26, 2021

8:00am, 10:00am- Livestreamed, 12:00pm-No 6:30pm Mass

Friday December 31, 2021

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

5:00pm-Livestreamed, 7:00pm

Saturday January 1, 2022

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10:00am-Livestreamed, 12:00pm-No 5:00pm Mass

Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday January 2, 2022

8:00am, 10:00am-Livestreamed, 12:00pm-No 6:30pm Mass



POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We invite all parishioners to bring a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia memorial garden for the altar. **Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on December 20 until December 22 until 4:00pm in the Narthex of the Church.** Labels will be available to you to write the name(s) of your loved ones. Please affix the label to your poinsettia. They will later be placed at the altar for our Christmas celebration.

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.

SACRAMENTS (continued)

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021

To our **CURRENT** Grade 2's and Grade 7's:

Registration for this group is now open! Celebrations for the Sacraments will be scheduled sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter. Registration forms are available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sunday. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, (even if baptised at Holy Martyrs of Japan) and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022.**

To all First Communion candidates currently in grades 3,4,5 and 6 who have NOT yet received First Communion:

If you wish to celebrate First Communion, registration for the Sacrament for this group, opened on October 18, 2021, until February 7, 2022, at 12 Midnight for online registration. During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022. **Communion Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

To all Confirmation candidates currently in grades 8-12 who have NOT yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Registration for this Sacrament for this group opened on October 18, 2021, until February 7, 2022, at 12 Midnight for online registrations. During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Confirmation, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Mass before February 7, 2022. **Confirmation Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

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