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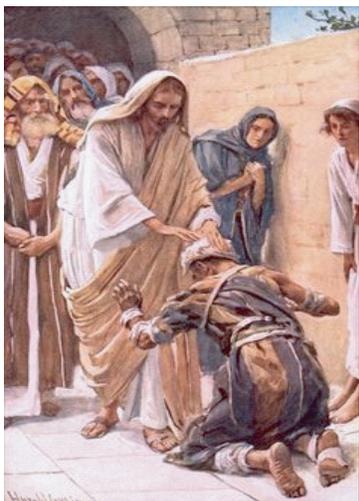
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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, February 12, 7:00PM

+Antonino Gammicchia & Francesco Gammicchia

+Laddie Balon +Teresa Silva & Jose Coreia

TUESDAY, February 13, 9:00AM

+Maria Dolores Vigario

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 12Noon & 7:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY, February 15, 9:00AM

+Duncan Drummond

FRIDAY, February 16, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo

SATURDAY, February 17, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 17, 5:00PM

+Maria De Jesus Carreiro +Manuel da Silva

+Angelo Tarantino +Antonio Santana & Maria

Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa

+Antonio & Luiza Nazario +Paul & Mary Gres

+Perpetua & Manuel Barroso +Bob Podger

+Antonio Gallo *Special Intention for John

Pellegrin & Rossana Pellegrini

SUNDAY, February 18, 8:00AM

+Vita & Antonio Ingoglia

SUNDAY, February 18, 10:00AM

+Salvatore Cipponeri

SUNDAY, February 18, 12:00PM

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 18, 4:30PM

El Sembrador *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 18, 6:30PM

+Marrianna Frasca

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Our Parish Lenten Study on Prayer: *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God* by Dr.

Edward Sri from Ascension Press. **Location:** Parish Hall from 7pm-8:30pm. **Dates:** February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2. For more information or to register please email Eduardo Meneses at emeneses@archtoronto.org.

Note: Parents with children, our large meeting room is available during the study to allow parents to participate.

Suggested Donations: \$40.00.

FAMILY DAY – Monday February 19, 2024

Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed.

“The problem with our world is that we draw the circle of family too small.” – St Teresa of Calcutta

As adopted sons and daughters of the heavenly Father, we are siblings to one another. Wishing our family of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish and all brothers and sisters in Christ a blessed Family Day! May Christ’s love reign in your hearts and homes always.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS should be received within the third week of March. With our most sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity especially during these difficult economic times.

REFLECTION

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” [Mark 1:40-41](#)

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today’s Gospel passage, He ordered him to “go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others.

As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper’s disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person’s relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life.

On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God’s forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy. For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing.: he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin.

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down. Catholic News Agency2021



A PRAYER FOR LENT

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent. I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust. I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day. Do with me, Lord, as You will. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful. I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul and into the souls of all Your faithful. Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent. Humble me so that I may see clearly. Give me courage and strength to confess my sins and turn from them with all my heart. Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord. Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life. Show me the plan You have for me and place my feet upon the path You have chosen.

In my suffering Lord, I thank You for the fullness of Your perfect Sacrifice. May I offer You my very life as a sacrifice, trusting in Your mercy with every offering. Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love. Strengthen my prayer and make me holy. Help me to turn to You, each day, seeking Your sacred and Pierced Heart.

Blessed Mother, you stood by your Son in His suffering and death, stand by me, I pray, as I journey through this life. Pray for me and offer me to Your Son, that He may take me into His loving embrace. Mother Mary, Mother of our Crucified Lord, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen. *My Catholic Life! Inc. 2002*

PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

February 22, 2024

From 6:00pm to 8:00pm

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024 THE BEGINNING OF LENT

There will be two Masses celebrated this day with the distribution of ashes. One at 12 noon and one at 7:00pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting Friday February 16, 2024, and every Friday thereafter during the season of Lent, join us for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.



SHROVE TUESDAY Knights of Columbus FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday from 5pm -7pm in the parish hall. We will serve bacon, sausage, and pancakes, with whip cream and syrup! The cost is a voluntary donation to help support our charitable works.

REPENT, RECONCILE AND RENEW LENTEN RETREAT WITH FATHER JOSEPH Saturday March 2, 2024

Join us in this retreat preparing our soul for this Lenten season. Saturday March 2, after the 9:00am Mass until 3:00pm in the parish hall. Let us journey together along the road to Calvary.

LENTEN PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENT

Lenten prayer cards are available in the foyer from February 14 to March 3. Please join our community of prayers for all during this Lenten Season.

ShareLife

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 17, it is essential that we come together in compassion to address the growing needs of our communities. Your support of ShareLife organizations makes programs possible. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION SMCDSB

Parents who wish to register their child for Kindergarten to visit the website at smcdsb.on.ca for welcome videos and registration information

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. **Next Edge Night: February 23 – Tobogganing (weather permitting)**

LIFE TEEN

Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! **Next Life Teen Night: February 16 – The Evidence**

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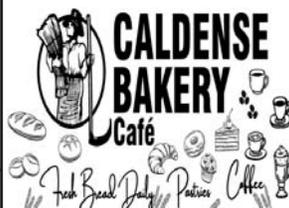
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