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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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 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

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Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Divino Espirito Santo

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

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 14, 7:00PM

+Elisabeth Pfeiffer +Antonio & Vita Ingoglia *Special Intention for the Oliveira Family

TUESDAY, February 15, 9:00AM

+Angelo Tarantino

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 7:00PM

+Gracia Mete & Francesco Mete

THURSDAY, February 17, 9:00AM

+Bob Podger

FRIDAY, February 18, 7:00pm

+Abilio Soares & Gasparina Soares

SATURDAY, February 19, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 19, 5:00PM

+Ernesto Correia +Arlindo Araujo Sr. *Special Intention for Ik Jang & Maria Goretti Lee

SUNDAY, February 20, 8:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 20, 10:00AM

+Luis Pontes

SUNDAY, February 20, 12:00PM

+Audrey McCardle

SUNDAY, February 20, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

A Prayer for Married Couples

Father of life and love, you created us in your image – woman and man.

We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.

Sustain us in our love and lead us to a deeper understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance and direction in our relationship.

In marriage you call and challenge us to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.

Be our strength and support, therefore, as we continue this journey together.

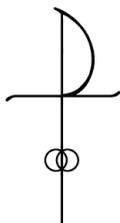
Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting, honest commitment united in love.

Give us your strength to carry each other in times of darkness, your joy in times of happiness, and your gift of awe in the uniqueness and sacredness of each other.

May our love be a reflection and sign of your love in the world. Amen.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



REFLECTION

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.” Luke 6:22-23

It takes a lot of faith to “rejoice and leap for joy” after experiencing hatred and persecution from another. Even when one is persecuted on account of his/her faith in Christ, it takes a lot of faith and a lot of love to sincerely rejoice. But with that said, this level of faith and love is possible! If it were not, our Lord would not have given this teaching. It is a teaching to live the highest ideal. It’s a calling to live in Beatitude.

Though it would be worth it to discuss every one of the Beatitudes and try to apply them to our lives, it’s also helpful to look at the more general fact that Jesus does not call us to mediocrity; rather, He calls us to the heights of perfection. It is within those heights that our souls find the greatest reward.

Reflect, today, upon this Beatitude. Perhaps you have never experienced persecution and hatred as a result of following Jesus. But even if you haven’t, try to put yourself into this situation and try to honestly discover how you would react. Would you be able to allow persecution to “roll off your back”? Would you be able to accept injustice in your life without allowing it to disturb your interior peace? Or would you turn bitter and angry as a result of the hurt you would feel?

Try to put your eyes upon the ideals of the Christian life. If you aim for anything less, you run the risk of actually attaining that lower goal. But if you put your eye upon the high calling of the Beatitudes, then you will find that our Lord will continually draw you closer to His heart, cleansing you, strengthening you, filling you with more faith, more hope and more love, and bringing you to an increasingly blessed level of holiness. It’s worth it to aim for the ideal!

Lord of perfection, please make me holy. Help me to keep my eyes upon You and upon the virtues and beatitudes that You call me to live. May I never settle for a mediocre life. Instead, may I strive only for a life of perfection and holiness making you the center of all I long for. Jesus, I trust in You.



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

Weekday Masses are still walk in. However, due to the new health regulations in Simcoe Muskoka, visitors will be asked for their information and a series of health questions upon entry.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

During the winter months, please join us in a Mass celebration at the Church for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.

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

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open for prayer, Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION

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

REMINDERS



FAMILY DAY Monday February 21, 2022

Mass will be at 9:00am on this day and the parish office will be closed for the holiday and will reopen on Tuesday February 22, 2022.

NOTE: If you have any blessed palms from past years, please feel free to drop them off anytime before February 27 in the Narthex (Front Foyer) of the Church

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 & CONFIRMATION:

Thank you to all who have registered wishing to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2022. God Willing.

After many months of reminders after Mass, bulletin announcements, and school communications regarding the sacramental registration for 2022 celebrations, **the registration process for the sacraments, is now closed** and we are now able to move into the next stage of our planning process; Sacramental preparation and mapping out the number of Masses required to be able to safely accommodate all those who registered, based on the numbers. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time as it is an arduous task of planning with many layers.

We hope to communicate information on preparation, and the dates of the sacraments sometime after February, taking into account the number of registrants and Covid restrictions.

Please continue to attend Mass in preparation for the Sacrament and visit our website and bulletin for further updates and communications.

CONFESSIONS: In light of the current Covid numbers Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact the parish office for further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER



SHROVE TUESDAY
Monday March 1, 2022



ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday March 2, 2022

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