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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 19, 9:00AM -Family Day**

+Matthew Talarico & All Souls in Purgatory +Arlindo Araujo +Ludvina & Antonio Capela +Abilio Soares & Gasparina Soares +Liliane Ventura Marques +Antonio Mirassol & Families +Antonio Martins & Parents +Onofrio Papasodaro \*Special Intention for Tarantino Family

## **TUESDAY, February 20, 9:00AM**

+Elijah Roberts & Astrid Marson

## **WEDNESDAY, February 21, 7:00pm**

+Maribel Rabbah & Parents

## **THURSDAY, February 22, 9:00AM**

+For All Souls in Purgatory

## **FRIDAY, February 23, 7:00PM**

+Romanko Sakac

## **SATURDAY, February 24, 9:00AM \*ProPopulo**

## **SATURDAY, February 24, 5:00PM**

+Joao Veloso +Manuel da Silva +Ema Correa &

Jose Estrela +Terezinha Teixeira +Celeste &

Manuel Laranjeiro +Ignazio Polizzi +Natividade

& Albina Miranda +Anna Romanelli \*Special

Intention for John Pellegrini & Rossana

Pellegrini \*Special Intention for Mary Ali

## **SUNDAY, February 25, 8:00AM**

+Liliane Ventura Marques & Joao Veloso

## **SUNDAY, February 25, 10:00AM**

+Deolinda Oliveira

## **SUNDAY, February 25, 12:00PM**

+Bruno Serato

## **SUNDAY, February 25, 4:30PM**

**El Sembrador**\*ProPopulo

## **SUNDAY, February 25, 6:30PM**

\*ProPopulo

## **FAMILY DAY – Monday February 19, 2024**

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

### **A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support.

Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other.

Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example.

Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence.

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. ©2024 My Catholic Life! Inc.

**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

*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.*

[Mark 1:12–13](#)

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways in the passage quoted above. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form.

First of all, recall that satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers.

Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us.

As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly subjecting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same.

One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought.

Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels.

Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the

highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God. Catholic News Agency 2021



## 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

## 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.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us every Friday during the season of Lent, after the 7:00pm Mass for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

## 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.

## CWL SOUP NIGHT

Saturday February 24, 5:00pm-7:00pm

The Lenten season is here. A time of prayer, giving up some things, living modestly, and helping others. Join us for our annual SOUP NIGHT. Enjoy some fresh homemade soup with a bun, coffee, tea, water and cookies. The cost is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for children under 10 years. Take out containers for \$15.00 will be available after 6:00pm. Soups will be listed on a board in the foyer closer to that date.

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday February 24, 2024, at 9:00am

Learn how to avoid problems in your Will, in the powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection. How to create your own legacy, and learn about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register you can scan the QR Code found on the posters in the foyer or follow this QR link: <https://QR.CO.de/WebFeb243>. You may also send an email to [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) and write "webinar February 24" in the title line, along with your name(s) in the body of the message.

## ShareLife

In this time of Lent we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need-especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. Please give generously to our ShareLife campaign. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. **February 23 – Social-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: March 1 – Credible Witness**

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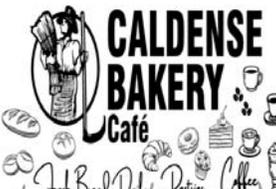
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