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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 5, 7:00PM

+Rose Ott +Joseph & Laddie Balon +Marian Yanek
+Kinahan Kennedy

TUESDAY, February 6, 9:00AM

+Duncan Drummond

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 7:00PM

+Carmelo Giuliano

THURSDAY, February 8, 9:00AM

+Joao Perna

FRIDAY, February 9, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions for Massimo Mongillo

SATURDAY, February 10, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 10, 5:00PM

+Daniel & Evelina Brizeno +Alan Charlebois
+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Fatima Faria
+Manuel da Silva +Celeste & Manuel Laranjeiro
+Francisco Paixao +Augusta Barros & Joao
Gomes Faria +Laddie Balon +Marilyn Pethick

*Special Intention for John Pellegrini & Rossana
Pellegrini

SUNDAY, February 11, 8:00AM

+Maria Dolores Vigario

SUNDAY, February 11, 10:00AM

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 11, 12:00PM

+Celeste De Freitas & Jordan De Freitas

SUNDAY, February 11, 4:30PM

El Sembrador

*Special Intention for Lida Hurtado

SUNDAY, February 11, 6:30PM

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo

CEMETERY WINTER VISITATION

When visiting the cemetery in the winter months we ask you to take great caution upon entering and exiting the cemetery during these winter months, as the downward slope can be icy.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Join our upcoming 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:** Holy Martyrs of Japan parish hall from 7pm-8:30pm. **Format:** fellowship, 30min, video, small group discussions. **Dates:** February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2. For more information or to register please email Lay Pastoral Associate, Eduardo Meneses at emeneses@archtoronto.org. Note for parents with children our large meeting room is available during the study to allow parents to participate. **Suggested Donations:** \$40.00. We hope you can join us!

REFLECTION

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. [Mark 1:32-34](#)

Jesus was in the home of Simon Peter whose mother-in-law He had just cured. "The whole town gathered at the door" when evening came. This was Jesus' first time being in Capernaum after beginning His public ministry, and already people were flocking to Him in droves. The next morning, Jesus got up before dawn and went away alone to pray. Soon, some of the disciples found Him and told Him that, once again, the whole town was looking for Him. The excitement was great. So many were amazed. And their amazement at Jesus was not simply a form of curiosity. It was an amazement fueled by faith, which is why Jesus was able to perform so many miracles there. The people quickly realized that Jesus was the One of Whom the prophets of old had spoken. He was the Messiah, and the people gave Him their full attention.

This is a good image for us to ponder. As you think of the crowds and their unwavering desire to be near our Lord, consider your own desires pertaining to God. Do you regularly find yourself consumed with a desire to find our Lord, to be with Him, to listen to Him and to receive His grace and mercy? Or are you tempted to see Jesus and the practice of your faith as boring and uninteresting? One of the unfortunate effects of modern technology is that we easily become fascinated by and intrigued with many superficial things. Perhaps it's the latest short video on a mobile app, or the latest episode of a favorite television series, or a new post by a friend on social media. There are many things today that compete for our attention, intrigue us and even amaze us. Is Jesus one of those things in your life? In our modern world of constant stimulation and entertainment, we need to understand the difference between being amazed at the latest pop trend and being amazed by the grace and divine actions of our Lord. When we come face-to-face with the power of God in our lives, we will be amazed in a way that fulfills and satisfies us on the deepest level. It will be a spiritual amazement, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. And the satisfaction we receive from this form of amazement is transforming, deep and sustaining. But when we turn to lesser and more sensory "amazements" common within our world today, we will find that they last only for a moment, and we are quickly left dry and wanting for more.

Reflect, today, upon the people in today's Gospel who were so enthralled by Jesus that they continually sought Him out. Consider their excitement, their hope and their genuine joy at their discovery of the Messiah. Consider whether you share in their excitement about Jesus. If that excitement is lacking, recommit yourself to seeking out our Lord.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 4, 2024

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024, AT 3:00PM

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

As part of *Marriage Sunday 2024*, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour all married couples with a special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. The broadcast will begin at 2:45pm. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage

We extend special thanks to married couples throughout the archdiocese who, through their witness, remain a shining example of faith, commitment and love!

WITH THANKS!!

The Knights of Columbus would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported our parish breakfast last Sunday. It was a great success – we raised almost \$1,500.00, and best of all, the parish hall was filled with laughter and conversation. We will be serving a Pancake Dinner. Please come visit us again!



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. The cost is a voluntary donation to help support our charitable works.

ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Saturday February 3, 2024

To celebrate the feast of St Blaise there will be a blessing of throats on Saturday February 3, during the 5:00pm Mass



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.



LENTEN FAST and RECONCILIATION

- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen



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

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. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night: February 9 – Batman

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ. 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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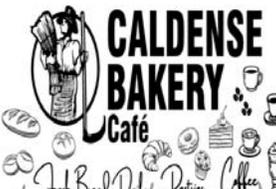
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