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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Holy Martyrs of Japan-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
2:00 pm St. Philip of Jesus Mission (Migrant Workers in Spanish)

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
At least one year's notice is needed and do not book venues until the first meeting with the priest.

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.

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha
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Consolation and Hope
EDGE Youth Ministry
Faith and Fellowship
Knights of Columbus
LIFETEEN Youth Ministry
Liturgical Ministers
Nossa Senhora de Fatima
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Rosary Apostolate
St. Vincent de Paul Society
St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers
Santissima Trinite & Espirito Santo
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, January 19, 7:00PM +Antonio Greco +Gina Quattrociochi +Constantino Quattrociochi

TUESDAY, January 20, 9:00AM +Manuel Da Silva +Joseph & Wladyslawa Balon

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 7:00PM +Generosa Paulos +Joao & Antonio Veloso

THURSDAY, January 22, 9:00AM +Manuel Conceicao Junior & Maria Rosete +Maria & Luis Borges

FRIDAY, January 23, 7:00PM +Manuel Dinis & Celeste Dinis +Anna Rosa Marques Nero

SATURDAY, January 24, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 24, 5:00PM +Maria Morais & Guilhermina de Jesus +Jose Manuel Barbosa +Virgilio & Rosa Oliveira +Graciete Domingues +Armindia & Joao Balugas +Eduarda Rodrigues +Lucia Balugas & Danny Viveiros Sr. +Martinus Lukasanto +Antonio Freitas

SUNDAY, January 25, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 25, 10:00AM +Harry Amow Sr.

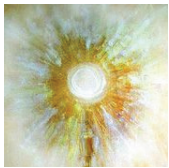
*Special Intentions of the Murawski Family

SUNDAY, January 25, 12:00PM

+Domenico & Assunta Petrucci

SUNDAY, January 25, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on the Friday February 6th following the 7:00pm Mass.

REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the last Friday of the month **January 30 at 11:00am at the Church**. Mass intentions can be booked at the parish office.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026

February 8, 2026, 2:30pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend in person are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

REFLECTION

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" [John 1:29-30](#)

Central to the Jewish faith was the Feast of Passover, the commemoration of God's deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12). In Jesus' time, Passover was one of three major annual feasts during which the Jews made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. Additionally, the Feast of Weeks celebrated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the first fruits of the harvest ([Leviticus 23:15-22](#)), and the Feast of Tabernacles recalled the Israelites' wandering in the desert and celebrated God's providence ([Leviticus 23:33-43](#)).

Recall the first Passover meal. Moses instructed the people to sacrifice an unblemished lamb, mark the doorposts of their homes with its blood, and eat the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs in haste, ready to depart. This act of faith and obedience protected them from the angel of death who passed over the marked houses, sparing the firstborn of Israel, while striking down the firstborn of Egypt. The Passover thus became a perpetual memorial of God's saving power and His covenantal faithfulness to His people.

Because of the Passover, the idea of a sacrificial lamb was intimately familiar to the Jewish people. The Jews were also familiar with the prophecy in Isaiah 53—often referred to as the Suffering Servant—in which the servant of the Lord is described as "a lamb led to the slaughter," who bears the sins of many ([Isaiah 53:7, 10-12](#)). Additionally, each morning and evening, a lamb was sacrificed in the temple as a continual offering for sin ([Exodus 29:38-42](#)).

As Jesus began His public ministry, the first thing said of Him came from John the Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." His words would have resonated within the minds and hearts of John's disciples. His disciples believed that John was a great prophet and the forerunner of the Messiah, sent to prepare the way for the Lord. They saw him as a holy man who called for repentance and renewal, and some even wondered if he himself might be the Christ, though John consistently denied this.

Because John's ministry was one of preparation for the Messiah, his disciples would have anticipated the Messiah's imminent arrival. Imagine the excitement, surprise, questions, uncertainty, and hope that would have filled their minds and hearts as they listened to John's prophecy about Jesus. John continued, "He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

Though John's proclamation about Jesus took on a powerful significance for his disciples that first moment that he revealed Jesus as the Lamb of God, John's words must resonate within each of us today. Now that the Christmas Season is complete and we enter into Ordinary Time, we are

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 18, 2026

invited to embrace Jesus' public ministry, with all His teachings and Paschal Sacrifice, as something extraordinary in our lives. We must approach His ministry with the same hope, enthusiasm, excitement, and anticipation that John's disciples experienced.

Reflect today on the moment when John the Baptist's disciples heard him proclaim, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" This liturgical season marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and it must also be a renewed beginning of His works in your life. *My Catholic Life! 2025*

ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THE THROATS Tuesday February 3, 2026

To celebrate the feast of St Blaise there will be a blessing of throats at the 9:00am Mass

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - ANNOINTING MASS There will be 2 Masses for World Day of the Sick on Tuesday February 11, 2026, 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY

We invite our parish community to celebrate our feast day with us the weekend of February 7th and 8th.

More Information to Follow



PARISH BREAKFAST- February 1, 2026

The Knights of Columbus is hosting our First Parish Breakfast of the year on Sunday February 1st, 2026. After the 8:00am, 10:00am and Noon Masses.

SHROVE TUESDAY – Tuesday February 17, 2026

The Knights of Columbus invite you to Our Shrove Tuesday Dinner which will start at 5:00pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY - THE BEGINNING OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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

ONLINE Drop-In Bereavement Support Session January 28 @ 7:00pm

Register at: <https://nbbd0126.eventbrite.ca>
Moderator: Archangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP
alimanni@cfstoronto.com 647 215 3978

ONLINE Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session January 28 @ 7:00pm

Register at: <https://nbsdd0126.eventbrite.ca>
Moderator: Archangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP

2026 OFFERTORY BOXES

Offertory boxes can be picked up at the entrance of the church. **If you do not find your box, please contact the parish office. For New Parishioners or New Envelope users, please notify the parish office via email that you are using a new box number. Be sure to include your full name, address, phone number and box number for proper allocation of funds for tax purposes.**

NOTE TO ALL USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

We kindly ask that you please complete the full name and address on each envelope. If you are new to our parish community, and would like to register with our parish, or would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

COME & SEE WEEKEND FOR SINGLE MEN FEBRUARY 27- March 1, 2026 - Men's Weekend Discernment Retreat at St Augustine's Seminary

For single men 18+ who are interested in discerning and learning more about Diocesan Priesthood. Register at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2026 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW CLOSED!

Thank you to all who registered to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2026. Registration is now closed, and we are now able to move forward with the next stage of our planning process; sacramental preparation, and the recruiting of the volunteers required to assist with the number of children registered. For all those who have not registered for the 2026 sacramental season, we look forward to celebrating these sacraments with you next year. Be sure to visit our website and online bulletin for future communications regarding sacramental registration for next year.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8 are invited to come to Edge, on Fridays at 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. *Next Edge Night: Date: January 30, 2026 – New Sheet*

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held every other Friday from 7:00-9:00pm. In the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Next LifeTeen Night: Date: January 23 – Be Made Well

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