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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Jesus
began to preach,
and to say,
Repent:
for the
kingdom of heaven
is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

El Sembrador Spanish Mass 4th Saturday: 7:00pm

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 8:30am 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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St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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 23, 7:00PM

+ Manuel Dias & Joao Perna +Jayden Tanon +Christina Lamond +Maria Resendes*Special Intentions for the Bertocchi Family

TUESDAY, January 24, 9:00AM

+Tobias Rego & All Deceased Dias Family Members

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 7:00PM

+Lilia Tanon

THURSDAY, January 26, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva

FRIDAY, January 27, 7:00PM

+Lilia Tanon

SATURDAY, January 28, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 28, 5:00PM

+Lilia Tanon +Manuel da Silva +Manuel Barroso

+Jayden Tanon +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes

Faria +Conchetta Palermo +Luciana Tomizza

+Joe Romeiro & Eduardo Coelho +Walter &

Maria Bak +Christopher Macdonell

SATURDAY, January 28, 7:30PM

Mass for Migrant Workers – El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 29, 8:00AM

+Manuel Cruz Conceicao & Maria Santos Rosete

SUNDAY, January 29, 10:00AM

+Zenaida Arboleda

SUNDAY, January 29, 12:00PM

+Francesco Gammicchia

SUNDAY, January 29, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

If God is calling you, Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY – Friday February 3, 2023

Please join us in a Mass celebration at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at the Church. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.



2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes can be picked up in the foyer of the Church. Pre-authorized

Giving (PAG) is also an option. This allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. Please contact the parish office or email: holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org.

FAMILY DAY – MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday.

REFLECTION

In Matthew's Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Up until this point, Matthew's Gospel presented us with Jesus' genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus' baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist and Jesus' forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories to Jesus' life, we enter into His public ministry.

Recall that John had just been imprisoned, thus concluding his public ministry. Therefore, the time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God had arrived. And though Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John, Jesus takes John's words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it's important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom. One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus' public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly, we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they struggle—specifically, the hope of the Kingdom of God.

Reflect, today, upon the newness of the ministry of Jesus, the newness of the first proclamation of the Gospel. As you do, try to imagine the holy curiosity that many would have had as they first listened to Jesus preach. Soon He would follow up His preaching with many signs and wonders that would confirm His message. But at first, Jesus simply instilled a hope in His hearers. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity about the Gospel and pray that God will inspire you and use you to be an instrument of this merciful message.

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held on Friday February 3, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

“I THIRST”

“It is there in His Eucharist that He says to me: ‘I thirst, thirst for your love, your sacrifices, your sufferings. I thirst for your happiness, for it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left you the Eucharist. So you have there all My life, all My tenderness.’” – Mother

Mary of Jesus, foundress of the Sisters of Marie Reparatrice

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise there will be the Blessing of the Throats on Friday February 3, 2023 during the 7:00pm Mass followed by Holy Hour.

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY PARISH EVENT – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2023

We invite our parish community to celebrate our 83rd Anniversary with us on Sunday February 5th, 2023, after the 12:00pm Mass in the parish hall for a luncheon. All are welcome!

MARRIAGE SUNDAY- February 12, 2023 At 2:30PM -St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or +) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday February 12, 2023, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All Married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15pm. Registration opened on December 9 2022. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register.

SHROVE TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 21, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2023

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2023 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Registration forms for First Communion and Confirmation are available online or can be picked up in person after Mass in the foyer. Forms can be accessed from our website: holymartyrsfjapan.archtoronto.org by going to “Sacraments”, choose First Communion or Confirmation and complete the registration form. Please be sure to attach your child's baptismal certificate along with the completed registration form.

Registration forms and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate can be submitted in person to the parish office or by email at: sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION. Anyone interested, please contact the parish office.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All young adults between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to join our group for social gatherings and other activities every Saturday evening after the 5:00pm Mass on the 2nd and 4th week of each month in the parish hall. Anyone interested, please contact Father Joseph.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8
*Fridays * 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith
January 27 – Infrared
February 10 - Microscope

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. 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! No registration required. The next Life night is February 3 – Seeing the Unseen

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