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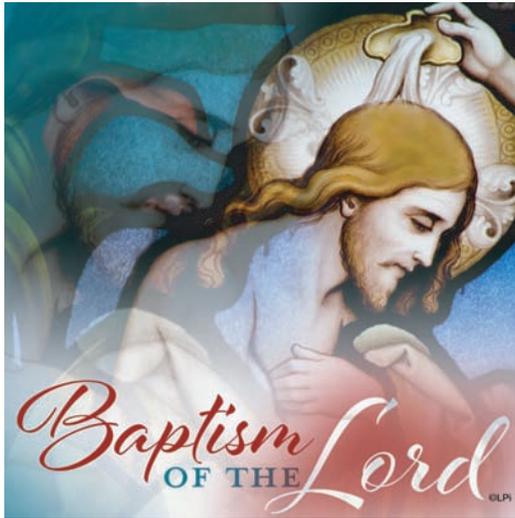
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



**Pastor:** Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

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## St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

### OFFICE STAFF

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### MINISTERS

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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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St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

St. Angela Merici—289-231-2085

### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

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Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

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, January 10, 7:00PM**

+ Stephen LaRoche +Antonio Diogo

**TUESDAY, January 11, 9:00AM**

\*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

**WEDNESDAY, January 12, 7:00PM**

\*Special Intention for Sorina Casolteanu

**THURSDAY, January 13, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**FRIDAY, January 14, 7:00pm**

+Elizabeth Gres

**SATURDAY, January 15, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, January 15, 5:00PM**

+Rafael Chavez & Delia Mendez +David

Harrison +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Victoria

Rodrigues +Augusta Pais +Ernesto Correia

+Stanley Cemas +Ivan & Antonia Cajar + Anna

Chafe +Fr. Joseph Lam Tran +Augusta Barros

+Euclides Pinho +Michael Mulcahy

**SUNDAY, January 16, 8:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, January 16, 10:00AM**

+Gerassimos Yacoumelos & Elpida Iracleous

**SUNDAY, January 16, 12:00PM**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, January 16, 6:30PM**

+Pietro Landolfi

## LATEST NEWS

### CATHOLIC ADVISORS NEEDED

Are you a financial or insurance advisor, or a lawyer? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and who can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development Office at: 416 934 3400 ext.561/519 or [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP KASUN, CSB- FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30PM

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place on Sunday February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register, may join the celebration via livestream at: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). Beginning at 2:15pm.

## REFLECTION

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism? First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible, and visible form so that all present, would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism was a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

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**Attendance for all weekend Mass celebrations must be registered via Eventbrite. Please visit our website to register. [holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org](http://holymartyrssofjapan.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.**

**PROOF OF VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR MASS**

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**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**

We are happy to announce that our Adoration Chapel 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.

## LATEST NEWS Continued...

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

Pope Francis launched the Synod on Synodality: a two year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: [www.achtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.achtoronto.org/synodality).

## 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:**

**REMINDER: FOR ANYONE WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR MUST REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 7, 2022. Please visit our website to complete the registration form.**

**To our CURRENT Grade 2's and Grade 7's:**

**Registration for this group is open!** Celebrations for the Sacraments will be scheduled sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter. Registration forms are available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sunday. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to [sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com) or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022.**

**To all First Communion candidates currently in grades 3,4,5 and 6 who have NOT yet received First Communion, AND, To all Confirmation candidates currently in grades 8-12 who have NOT yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

If you wish to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation registration for the Sacraments for these group, opened on October 18, 2021, **until February 7, 2022.** During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion or Confirmation, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to [sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com](mailto:sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com) or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022. **Communion and Confirmation Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

**CONFESSIONS:** Will be heard on Saturday's between 8:00am-8:45am and again from 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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