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SET MY HEART ON FIRE FOR YOU LORD!



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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, July 17, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Vitoria Rodrigues +Jose Melo +Mary Gres +Antonio Gallo

TUESDAY, July 18, 9:00AM

+Luis & Maria Borges

WEDNESDAY, July 19, 7:00PM

+Gary Lee

THURSDAY, July 20, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, July 21, 7:00PM

+Maria Rosa Ribeiro

SATURDAY, July 22, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, July 22, 5:00PM

+Arlindo Araujo +Abilio Soares & Marilia Soares +Manuel Laranjeiro +David Harrison

+Pedro Viana +Joe Pais +Joao Semiao +Luciana Tomizza

SUNDAY, July 23, 8:00AM,

*Special Intention for Le Thi Thu Phong & Le Hong Minh

SUNDAY, July 23, 10:00AM,

+Joao Ferreira

SUNDAY, July 23, 12:00PM,

*Special Intention for the Conversion of Sinners

SUNDAY, July 23, 4:30PM – El Sembrador

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 23, 6:30PM

*Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo



Lord Jesus, you know my “spiritual temperature” even better than I do. Help me not to be stagnant in my faith. Where I am lukewarm, I pray that You’ll give me a real fire for you. Grow me in holiness I pray. Jesus, I trust in You.

ShareLife

It is through your support that ShareLife agencies are able to help the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

VOCATIONS

Have you considered the way of loving called “priesthood”, “diaconate” or “religious life”? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday August 4, 2023, at 11:00am at Holy Martyrs Cemetery

REFLECTION

“To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.” [Matthew 13:12-13](#)

How is it that someone can look without seeing or hear without listening or understanding? This is only possible when one’s eyes and ears are working properly, but the mind is distracted, not attentive to what is seen or heard. For example, say you were listening to a book being read and suddenly you realized that even though you heard what was read, your mind was elsewhere, and you had no idea what was spoken. This is a common experience for everyone from time to time.

This portion of the Gospel quoted above comes immediately after Jesus spoke the Parable of the Sower to the crowds from a boat. In that parable, seed fell on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns and in rich soil. Only the seed on the rich soil grew and produced good fruit. Therefore, Jesus’ teaching quoted above, as well as His parable spoken before it, teach that there were many who heard the Word of God and witnessed Jesus’ miracles but failed to allow His teachings and miracles to produce faith in their hearts.

This Gospel passage is especially important for those who have been Catholics for many years but have become stagnant in their faith. When someone goes to Mass every week, listens to the Gospel and shares in the Eucharist but fails to continually grow in holiness and understanding of the Mysteries of Heaven, then they will slowly lose even the little faith they have. They will become lukewarm Catholics who go through the motions but fail to produce the good fruit that comes from authentic faith.

When you look back at your life as a practicing Catholic, what do you see from year to year? Was there a time when you were strong in faith but have slowly closed your ears to the Gospel and have drifted away from a deep and prayerful interior engagement with our Lord? Or when you look back do you see that the Lord has continuously given you more and more, leading you to a life of true spiritual riches? Has the Gospel entered not only your ears, but also your mind and your understanding? Do you both see and perceive the action of God in your life and in the world around you? Are you actively engaged with the life of grace and find that you grow closer to God every day? Or, sadly, have you lost interest and zeal and now find yourself slowly drifting away from the fruitful practice of your faith?

Reflect, today, upon these important questions and strive to answer them honestly. If you do not see yourself growing in faith every year and becoming truly rich in the grace of God, then know that something needs to change. Stagnation and lukewarmness in the faith are not good. They lead to the slow loss of everything. As you reflect upon your own faith journey, recommit yourself to a zealous embrace of the Gospel so that your soul will be truly rich soil that continually produces an abundance of good fruit.

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FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday August 4, 2023, at
7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.



WYD BBQ FUNDRAISER EVENT

Sunday July 23, 2023

After the 10:00am Mass

***FUN, FOOD AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!***

Parents, grandparents, friends, and families are invited to enjoy a relaxing afternoon BBQ at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pork Skewers, drinks and other goodies will be available for purchase - cash only. There will be face painting and other activities for the children to enjoy. Come join us for fun and fellowship! ***All proceeds will go to help support World Youth Day Delegates.*** We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

AMONG FRIENDS MINISTRIES

Among friends is a ministry supporting grieving women of all ages through social interaction and activities. This group meets once a month. If interested in attending, please contact Cecilia Podger at 416 710 3155 or email ceciliapodger@yahoo.ca

CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

An invitation to all to share in love, laughter, and moments of grace. We are happy to announce the launch of our Catholic Mother's Ministry to support mothers in our community. **There are 2 groups.**

Catholic Mom's Group: which will meet the First Thursday of the Month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Large Meeting Room. **Catholic Mom's Group and Tots:** This group will meet the First Thursday of every from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.



Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 16, 2023, at 7:00pm**

Cemetery Location and celebrations for this year's Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:

Most Rev. Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill:

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto:

Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge:

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:

Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie: Rev. Fr. Laurence J. Leger

In the Event of Rain, Masses will be held In:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery

St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery

Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the Reception Center at the cemetery office

Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto

St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street in Barrie

SACRAMENTS

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2024 season will be made available sometime in September. Please stay connected with us. We invite you to come celebrate Mass with us on Sundays, and be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information on the sacraments.

The lukewarm do not embrace the cross; they merely drag it along - St. Teresa of Avila

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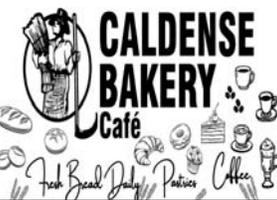
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