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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.

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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 24, 7:00PM

+Reginal Wells & Valentine Brizeno +Mary Gres +Jose Azevedo

TUESDAY, July 25, 9:00AM

+Antonio Mirassol & Family

WEDNESDAY, July 26, 7:00PM

+Nunziato & Leondina Greco

THURSDAY, July 27, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, July 28, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for Vilma LaRoche

SATURDAY, July 29, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, July 29, 5:00PM

+David Harrison +Leonardo Talarico & Matthew Talarico

SUNDAY, July 30, 8:00AM,

*Special Intention for Joao Santos Domingues

SUNDAY, July 30, 10:00AM,

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 30, 12:00PM,

+Pedro Viana

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

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, July 30, 6:30PM

+Marian Yanek



Glorious Word of God, You have sown Your seed of truth in our world, within Your church and in my life. May I always listen to Your Word and respond to it wholeheartedly. Please also reveal to me the many lies of the evil one so that I can reject them with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday August 4, 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.

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

For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. 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

REFLECTION

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.” Matthew 13:24–26

This parable would have made much sense to the people of Jesus’ time. It was common practice for an enemy to get revenge upon another by sowing a weed named “cockle” in with the wheat. As the cockle began to grow, it looked much like wheat until the grain was formed. And if it were mixed with the wheat and eaten, it would cause severe nausea. Due to this, it was also common practice for farmers with enemies to have servants stand watch over their fields after they were planted. Therefore, this parable reveals that the servants who were to keep watch failed in their duty.

In explaining this parable, Jesus says, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels” (Matthew 13:37–39). One common tactic of the evil one is

to subtly mix his lies with the truth. He knows that if he were to propose some grave and obvious lie that many would reject it outright. Therefore, he attempts to create division and confusion by slowly and slightly suggesting his errors in such a way that they are more easily believed. Therefore, “the children of the evil one” can be understood as those in this world who are under the influence of the devil, as well as the legions of demons who attempt to sow confusion in our lives and within the Church.

One helpful way to prayerfully ponder this parable is to see yourself as one of those servants who is entrusted with the task of guarding the field. Since the field is the world, we all have a duty to keep the lies of the evil one from flourishing. To do that, we certainly must confront the most serious errors we encounter. For example, the dignity of the unborn child must be protected and must cease. Additionally, we must work to protect the Church, our communities, friends and families from not only the grave errors of our times but also those most subtle ones. For example, within the Church, conflicts and confusions often arise. These divisions are part of the subtle lies sown by the evil one.

We must also see our own souls as the fertile soil. Certainly, God’s Word has been planted, but oftentimes we allow ourselves to believe subtle errors. This leads to internal conflict, sin and confusion. Thus, we must regularly guard our souls from these lies by relying upon the authentic teachings of our Church and the teachings of the saints. Reflect, today, upon your sacred duty to be vigilant and constantly on the lookout for the seed of error sown within our world, the Church and your own soul. Vigilance is key. The evil one is always on the prowl. If we are to learn one of the central messages of this parable, then we must learn to guard and protect all that God has revealed and hold firmly to the Truth alone. Catholic News Agency2021



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

MISSION APPEALS FOR DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE IN THE PHILIPPINES – August 19 & 20, 2023

Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija in the Philippines was created on February 16, 1984, and inaugurated on July 14, 1984. Present Ordinary is Most Reverend Roberto Mallari, DD. It comprises the City of San Jose, the Science City of Munoz and 12 other municipalities in Northern Province of Nueva Ecija in Central Luzon. The 21 Parishes are still mission territories composed mostly of hard-working farmers, producing rice, onions, garlic and vegetables. There are 40 Diocesan Priests and 10 Religious Clergy administering the 21 Parish Communities and 3 Mission Stations. There are also 25 religious sisters from 7 different Religious Congregations. On the weekend of August 19 and 20, 2023, Father Manny Guico will conduct Mission Appeals at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish. In order to support and sustain these Pastoral Programs, Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija will rely on your generosity and financial support. Offering envelopes will be made available in the Church foyer for this mission. Thank you for your support. May God bless you a hundredfold!



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.

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 secret of happiness is to live
moment by moment and to thank
God for all that he, in his
goodness, sends to us day after
day – St. Gianna Beretta Molla

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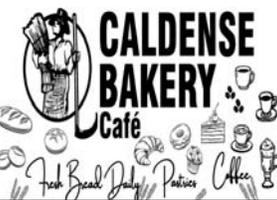
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