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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

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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

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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 10, 7:00PM

+Gary Lee +Margret Dudo +Mary Gres

TUESDAY, July 11, 9:00AM

+Manuel & Glorinda da Silva

WEDNESDAY, July 12, 7:00PM

*Special Intention in Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, July 13, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, July 14, 7:00PM

+Vittorio Mazza

SATURDAY, July 15, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, July 15, 5:00PM

+Elvira Maria Di Re & Domenico Di Re

+Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +All

Deceased Pinho Family Members +Angela

Tarantino +Fred Oliveira & Mark Oliveira

+Teresa Silva +Antonio Gallo +Manuel

Laranjeiro +David Harrison +Jose Azevedo

+Jose Miranda & Manuel Pereira

SUNDAY, July 16, 8:00AM,

+Marcelino Prosper

SUNDAY, July 16, 10:00AM,

+Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria

SUNDAY, July 16, 12:00PM,

+Augusto Bertocchi

SUNDAY, July 16, 4:30PM – El Sembrador

+Javier Quiroz Hernandez

SUNDAY, July 16, 6:30PM

*ProPopulo

BICYCLES WANTED

We are looking for donations of new or used bicycles in good working order for our migrant workers. If you have a used bike and would like to donate it, please contact the parish office.

VOCATIONS

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

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, Mass will be held at the Church. Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

REFLECTION

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” [Matthew 11:28–30](#)

Around the year 167 BC, two new groups of religious leaders emerged within Judaism: the scribes and Pharisees. By the time that Jesus walked the earth, these religious leaders had developed many customs, false doctrines and religious practices that they claimed were derived from the Law of Moses. However, Jesus condemned their teachings as scrupulous, self-centered, and hypocritical. What they taught was often a distortion of the Law. Recall, for example, that the Pharisees condemned the disciples for picking heads of wheat and eating them on the Sabbath, claiming that this violated the Third Commandment. Clearly, Jesus taught that it didn't.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to those “who labor and are burdened” and invites them to carry the light and easy yoke that He will give them. In other words, Jesus is identifying the fact that the scribes and Pharisees had so distorted the Law of Moses that the practice of the Jewish faith had become a burden that was too difficult to carry. In contrast, Jesus' New Law of grace was freeing, light, and easy.

When you consider Jesus' many teachings, do you see them as easy to follow? Or do they seem to be too much at times? For example, Jesus said to “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” ([Matthew 5:48](#)). This was not only an invitation, it was also a command and a requirement. So, are Jesus' teachings easy? Or are they overwhelming?

Of course, since Jesus Himself says that “my yoke is easy, and my burden light,” then we can be certain that they are. Jesus not only calls us to moral perfection, He also gives us the means by which we can obtain it. By analogy, say someone told you to move a boulder that weighed 2,000 pounds. Could you do that? You could if the person also gave you a large tractor to use for the task. In that case, it would be as easy as using the machine correctly. So it is with all that our Lord asks of us. When we find some moral obligation to be difficult or even overwhelming, then we are not relying upon the grace that God has given us to fulfill His command.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus' gentle invitation to you to embrace the “yoke” of perfection. Do not see it as too much. Rather, see it as a joyous invitation from our Lord. Ponder the fact that God not only calls you to the heights of holiness, He also provides you with the means to obtain it. Have faith in His almighty power and open yourself to it more fully so that You will be able to do anything and everything our Lord asks of you with ease and joy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 9, 2023



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.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

All are invited to our Faith and Fellowship evenings, where each day we cover a different topic of Catholic theology. Come learn and share about our beautiful Catholic faith!

Format: Fellowship, video presentation, group discussions

Location: Parish Hall

Date: Tuesday July 11 and Tuesday August 8

Time: From 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Note: This is a free event and no registration is necessary.

For parents with young children, our large meeting room is available for childcare and activities to give parents the opportunity to participate. For more information please email: emeneses@archtoronto.org



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.

"Little children follow and obey their father. They love their mother. They know nothing of covetousness, ill will, bad temper, arrogance and lying. This state of mind opens the road to heaven, to imitate our Lord's own humility, we must return to the simplicity of God's little ones."

- Hilary of Poitiers (315-368) Father & Doctor of the Church



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
& FUNERAL SERVICES**
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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.

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