

We welcome you to

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!

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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 8:30am 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

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

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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, March 14, 7:00PM

+Joseph Balon +Antonio Gallo +Anna Ritacco

TUESDAY, March 15, 9:00AM

+Rosa Manhoso & Sisters

WEDNESDAY, March 16, 7:00PM

+Michael Joseph DeFreitas

THURSDAY, March 17, 9:00AM

*Special Intention for Alan & Andrea Sargeant

FRIDAY, March 18, 7:00pm

+Abilio Soares & Carlos Soares

SATURDAY, March 19, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, March 19, 5:00PM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Ernesto

Correia +Arlindo Araujo Sr. +Antonio Gabriel

Pinto +All Deceased Barroso & Silva Family

Members +Maria dos Anjos & Rosa Miranda

+Maria Helena Oliveira *For the Special

Intention of Carolina Santana +Frank Lotta

SUNDAY, March 20, 8:00AM

+Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira

SUNDAY, March 20, 10:00AM

+Patrick Connolly

SUNDAY, March 20, 12:00PM

+Jack & Beatrice Purcell

SUNDAY, March 20, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

UPDATE REGARDING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

As of Wednesday March 2, 2022, there will be 100% seating capacity at Mass with no physical distancing restrictions. Please note, that masks will be mandatory, and we will continue with hand sanitization practices, along with cleaning procedures for extra precaution. We look forward to celebrating Mass together as a parish community.

Reservations for Mass via Eventbrite are no longer necessary.

UKRANIAN RELIEF

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.

REFLECTION

This is the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up a high mountain together. These three Apostles had no idea what was coming. Most likely while on the way they were complaining interiorly, wondering why they had to go up the mountain. But the mountain was a symbol of our upward journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it's an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life.

Upon this difficult climb, they stopped in shock and awe. They saw before their eyes Jesus changed in a glorious way, His clothing being whiter than any white they had ever seen. And Moses and Elijah, the great Law-giver and the great Prophet, were there before them conversing with Jesus. They were experiencing a small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God. Jesus, who up until this moment had kept His divinity veiled, lifted the veil ever so slightly. And with the lifting of that veil, His divinity shone through brighter than anything this world could ever contain. And Peter, James and John did not know what to think. Peter cried out that he wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah! For within that momentary experience, he experienced the desire to remain there forever.

So why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need to forever remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it. Because on that summit is a glory so great that no hardship they would have to endure would ever prove to be too big. God wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during the journey.

Reflect today, at the beginning of Lent, on the glory of God that makes the crosses we endure all worth it. Be consoled by God's glory and never forget that this is the ultimate promise He gives to all who press on.

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My transfigured Lord, may I be consoled by Your glory and splendor. May I believe in this glory and keep it ever in my mind as I press on through the hardships and challenges I face. You travel the road ahead of me and You will lead me on my journey if I only trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You!

LENTEN PREPARATION

LENTEN FAST and RECONCILIATION

- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us EVERY FRIDAY during the season of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come Journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

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| Monday April 4 | 7:30pm - 8:30pm |
| Tuesday April 5 | 9:30am – 10:30am |
| Wednesday April 6 | 7:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Thursday April 7 | 9:30am – 10:30am |

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - Thomas Cardinal Collins.

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

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:

Thank you to all who have registered during the extended sacramental registration from February 28- March 6, 2022 wishing to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2022.

After many months of reminders, bulletin announcements, and school communications regarding the sacramental registration for 2022 celebrations, the registration process for the sacraments, is now closed and we are now able to move into the next stage of our planning process; Sacramental preparation and mapping out the number of Masses required to be able to safely accommodate all those who registered, based on the numbers. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time as it is an arduous task of planning with many layers.

Information on preparation, and the dates of the sacraments will be given out sometime after February, taking into account the number of registrants and Covid restrictions.

Please continue to attend Mass in preparation for the Sacrament and visit our website and bulletin for further updates and communications.

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

VOCATIONS

Come and See Day Retreat Saturday March 19 9:00am-3:30pm at St Augustine's Seminary.

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee
For more information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic Priest, contact your Parish Priest or the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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