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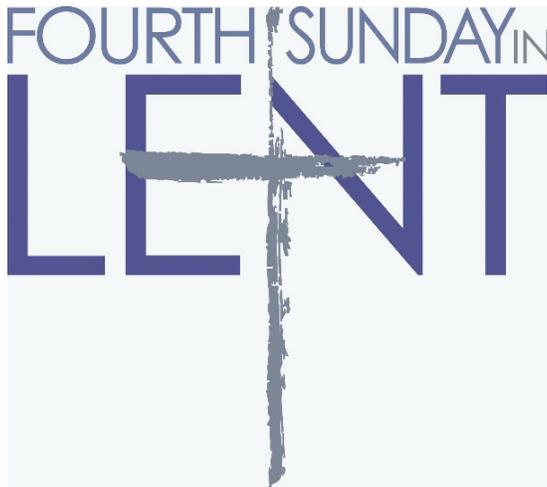
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Email: holymartyrs@rogers.com website: holymartyrs of japan.archtoronto.org

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



**Pastor:** Father Joshua Roldan  
**Associate Pastor:** Father Massillamani Zacharias  
**Deacons:** Deacon David Langley  
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



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

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am, 12:00pm &  
6:30pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm  
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

### CONFESSIONS

1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

Please contact us one month or more in advance.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

### 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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### OFFICE STAFF

**Office Bus Manager:** Delia McEvenue  
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### MINISTERS

**Youth Minister:** Ray Reitzel Email: reitzel@hotmail.com  
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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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El Sembrador  
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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis  
Seniors Outreach  
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### CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo  
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Santissima Trindade

## NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME !

You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish Office or in the gathering space at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, March 15, 7:00PM**

+ProPopulo

**TUESDAY, March 16, 9:00AM**

+Antonio Castro & Family

**WEDNESDAY, March 17, 7:00PM**

+Alfredo Palmerio

**THURSDAY, March 18, 9:00AM**

+Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana

**FRIDAY, March 19, 7:00PM**

\*Special Intention Carolina Santana

**SATURDAY, March 20, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, March 20, 5:00PM**

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Dennis Faria +Maria & Dan

Kostov +Patrick Connolly +All Deceased Members of

Santana Family +Maria Helena Oliveira +Abilio Soares

+Antonio Martins & Parents +Giselda Panella-Testa &

Venazio Palombi +Linda Chao +Arlindo Aroujo Sr.

**SUNDAY, March 21, 10:00AM**

\* Special Intention for Vincenzo Pellegrini

**SUNDAY, March 21, 12:00PM**

+Jeuaselliya Addaikalamghu

**SUNDAY, March 21, 6:30PM**

+ProPopulo

### 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

#### *Pre-Authorized Giving*

*Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid-19, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. You access a form by visiting our website and Click the "Covid 19" tab and click on Pre-authorized Giving or contact the office. New and Existing Parishioners: Unfortunately, we had to reduce the number of boxes ordered this year as many were not in use. Anyone who was using box numbers from 800 and up will be assigned a new number. To pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, please contact the office.*

*Please note that tax receipts for 2020 were mailed out in the second week of February*

Offering  
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### DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS:

Cardinal Thomas Collins continues to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass for those who may not be able to attend Mass at Church for health reasons or capacity.

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

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

**TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:** If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

## REFLECTION

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the "Son of Man" must be "lifted up" to bring the power and authority of God's kingdom to bear on the earth. The title, "Son of Man", came from the prophet Daniel who describes a vision he received of the Anointed Messiah King who was sent from heaven to rule over the earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Traditionally when kings began to reign they were literally "lifted up" and enthroned above the people. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he will be recognized as the Anointed King when he is "lifted up" on the cross at Calvary. Jesus died for his claim to be the only begotten Son sent by the Father in heaven to redeem, heal, and reconcile his people with God. Jesus points to a key prophetic sign which Moses performed in the wilderness right after the people of Israel were afflicted with poisonous serpents. Scripture tells us that many people died in the wilderness because of their sin of rebellion towards Moses and God.

The result of Jesus "Being lifted up on the cross" and his rising from the dead, and his exaltation and ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us.

How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer – his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world.

This passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. God gives us the freedom to choose who and what we love.

Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgement. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty and goodness. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else? Do you give him first place in your life? Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | March 14, 2021

Welcome back. As of Monday March 8, 2021, we are currently in Red Zone which allows us to resume Mass at 30% capacity.



## WEEKDAY MASS: WALK IN

Monday Wednesday & Friday – 7:00pm  
Tuesday Thursdays & Saturday – 9:00am  
Holidays: Masses are at 9:00am

## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays – 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Seniors)  
Walk In - No Registration Required.  
Doors open 4:00pm

Sundays – 10:00am & 12:00pm Mass  
Registration Required Online – Eventbrite  
Doors open 1 hour before Mass

Sundays – 6:30pm Mass (All Age Groups)  
Walk In - No Registration Required.  
Doors open 6:00pm

**EVENTBRITE Online Registration**  
**Go to Holy Martyrs of Japan Website and**  
**click “Register for Mass” to order tickets**  
**Please bring electronic or printed ticket**  
**for admission**  
**The Sunday 10:00am Mass will continue**  
**to be livestreamed on youtube**

## GARDEN OF LILIES

*Holy Saturday – No Morning Mass*



To help decorate our Church for Easter, we invite parishioners to bring a lily plant in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our memorial garden of Lilies at the altar. **You can drop off your plant at the parish office during the hours of 9:30am-4:30pm on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. You may also drop off your lily on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> between 9:00am and 12:00pm at the front doors of the Church and someone will be there to receive them.** Labels will be completed by our staff with the name of your loved ones affixed to your lily. Labels will be completed by our staff with the name of your loved ones.

# SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism Packages can be picked up after attending any Mass. Take the package home, complete the forms and return it after attending any Mass to clergy. A clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details and to confirm a date. (To resume after lockdown restrictions)

## FIRST COMMUNION/CONFESSIONS

To all communion candidates and families previously and currently registered for the 2020 and 2021 First Holy Communion and Reconciliation (Confession) Sacrament. Updated information (March 5 letter) regarding the sacrament has been emailed to our family of schools and is posted on line on our website for those in public and other schools for your review. Please ensure, whether registered from last year, or new registrants for this year, that you (re-) register on line **BEFORE MARCH 15, 2021** to make sure we have everyone included who wishes to receive the Sacrament this year. Please refer to the letter for further instruction on how we plan to move forward with the Sacrament. Please find the link below to register for the Sacrament.

**Communion: Registration Link**

<https://forms.gle/eeRewUWHgmJ3jfv9>

## CONFIRMATION:

Although we are currently unable to provide Confirmation dates at this time due to the everchanging circumstances of the pandemic, we ARE moving forward with the registration process. We are accepting registrations for Confirmation for children in grades 7 (class of 2021) and for those who have yet to receive their Sacraments from last year, (class of 2020). **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD** (if from class of 2020, our now grade 8's) to make sure we include everyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament.

Please visit our website for additional Sacramental updates and information. Please find the links below to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Confirmation: Registration Link**

<https://forms.gle/W4iHdfZoEF6aPthv8>

It is perfectly appropriate to put the Sacraments on the back burner for the time being. We are currently in Red which means the Church is open for Mass. We look forward to seeing you.

**CONFESSIONS:** By appointment at this time.

Please contact the parish office for further information

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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