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El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Santissima Divinidade

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

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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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 20, 7:00PM

+All Our Deceased Brothers & Sisters in Syria & Turkey +Patrick Connolly +Leotina & Jose Braz

TUESDAY, March 21, 9:00AM

+Brunhilde Mulcahy

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 7:00PM

+Stan & Mary Chafe

THURSDAY, March 23, 9:00AM

+Rommel Baal

FRIDAY, March 24, 7:00PM

+Jose Rodrigues

SATURDAY, March 25, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, March 25, 5:00PM

+Afonso Lameirinhas +Manuel da Silva

+Claudino Neto +Maria Arromba + Leonardo

Scuderi +Alojzia & Tibor Sakac +Marian Yanek

*Special Intentions for Maria Back & Sangyoung Cha

SUNDAY, March 26, 8:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

SUNDAY, March 26, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, March 26, 12:00PM

+Jeyaseelia Adalkalamuthu

SUNDAY, March 25, 4:30PM - El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, March 26, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

***Please note that on Tuesday April 4, 2023, Mass will be at 7:00pm**

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – No Requiem Mass of April

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to all who supported the Shrove Tuesday Supper Event last month. It was a great success. Together, we raised \$557.91 for Holy Martyrs of Japan Building Fund.



AN INVITATION TO LENTEN PRAYER

We invite each of you to place a "Praying Hands" card on the board with a prayer request. We ask that during Lent, your REMOVE "Praying Hands" card and include that prayer request in your prayers during Lent.

What a great way to help our sisters and brothers in Christ.

EASTER MONDAY

MONDAY APRIL 10, 2023 – No Mass

There will be **No Mass at 9:00am** and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday.

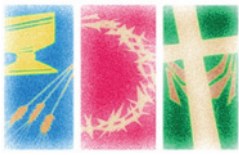
REFLECTION

This is the conclusion to the story of the healing of the man born blind. It is the fifth of seven signs (miracles) in John's Gospel that point to the divinity of our Lord. This healing especially confirmed Jesus' teaching from the previous chapter: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" ([John 8:12](#)). Jesus was the Light Who came to dispel all darkness, and now He illustrates this fact by opening the eyes of the blind man. The details it includes makes it much more than a miracle. It is also a dramatic story revealing both the consequences of rejecting Jesus, as well as the blessings received by one who turns to Jesus in faith. We begin with the detail that this man has been blind since birth. It was a common misconception at that time that such a birth defect might have been caused by the sins of the parents. Jesus makes it clear that this was not the case; this man's blindness was a result of the natural disorder experienced by humanity as a result of original sin. If humanity had never been cast out of the Garden of Eden, disease and natural disorders would have never existed. For this reason, we should understand that we are all "blind" in the sense of being born into the state of original sin and are, therefore, in need of the grace of spiritual sight. The healing of this man is done purely on Jesus' initiative. This shows that God's healing action in our lives is always His initiative. But Jesus clearly offered this man healing because He knew the man would eventually come to faith in Him, which is the far more important healing that took place in this story.

After the man is healed, a very interesting drama unfolds. The Pharisees hear of the healing and begin to interrogate the man. Afterwards, they also interrogate the man's parents and then the man for a second time. Throughout their interrogations, two things happen. First, the Pharisees slowly become more agitated, more irrational and end by completely rejecting both this miraculous sign and Jesus Himself. The man, however, begins with what appears to be a bit of ignorance about Jesus, but as he is interrogated and challenged to explain his healing, he deepens and clarifies his convictions, ending in the deepest faith when he cries out to Jesus, "I do believe, Lord." Then we are told that the man worshiped Jesus.

The dramatic unfolding of this story teaches us that when we are given the grace of God by hearing His holy Word spoken and witnessing His mighty hand at work, we must make a choice. Either we will respond in faith and slowly be drawn deeper into that faith, or we will rationalize it away and reject God's saving action in our lives. It is not possible to simply remain indifferent to the Gospel when we hear it spoken or when we see its effects changing us or others. How will you respond? Commit yourself to the path of this blind man. Say to our Lord, "I do believe, Lord." Apply those words to every action of Jesus in your life and allow that faith to lead you into worship of Him Who is the Light of the World. Catholic News Agency 2021

TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 6, 2023, at 7:00pm (Livestream)

*Followed by Adoration from 8:00pm until 12:00 Midnight
in the Parish Hall*

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 7, 2023, at 12:00pm and 3:00pm (Livestream)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3:00pm Service

4:30pm Passion of the Christ Movie

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord

April 8, 2023, at 8:00pm (Livestream)

(No 9:00am and 5:00pm Mass and No Confessions)

Blessing of Food – Saturday at 10:00am

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023,

**8:00am (Portuguese Mass), 10:00am, (Livestream) &
12:00pm, (No 6:30pm Mass)**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We invite our entire community to pray the Divine Mercy

Starting on Good Friday after the 3:00pm Service and
continues every day for 9 days at 3:00pm concluding on
Divine Mercy Sunday. Please note: The church is closed on
Easter Monday, pray the Novena at home this day.

**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16, 2023, at 3:00pm
(Livestream) Adoration and the Chaplet in Song**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us EVERY FRIDAY during the season of
Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
following the 7:00pm Mass. Come Journey with
Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum. On

Good Friday the stations will be at 7:00pm.

GARDEN OF LILIES

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honor of
the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies
that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants can be dropped
off on Monday April 3, to Wednesday April 5, 2023.
Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put the
names of your loved ones on your lilies.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY – MARCH 20, 2023

Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-
gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His
patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of
trust. Our world today needs fathers.

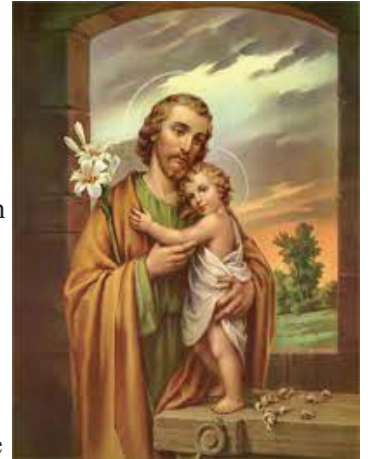
It has no use for tyrants who
would domineer others as a
means of compensating for
their own needs.

It rejects those who confuse
authority with authoritarianism,
service with servility, discussion
with oppression, charity with a
welfare mentality, power with
destruction. Every true vocation
is born of the gift of oneself,
which is the fruit of mature
sacrifice. The priesthood and
consecrated life likewise require

this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to
marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come
to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case,
instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the
gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness,
sadness and frustration. — Pope Francis, *With a Father's
Heart*

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted
his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ
became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a
father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



ShareLife Sunday is March 26.

Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his
holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.
May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our
blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Our
parish campaign goal is \$53,000.00. Please give at the
parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish
website, or at Sharelife.org/donate.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8
every other Friday from 7:00-8:30pm in
the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your
Faith. March 24 – St. Joseph April 7-No Edge-Good Friday



LIFE TEEN Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will
be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all
welcome! No registration required.
March 31-Blind The conversion of St. Paul

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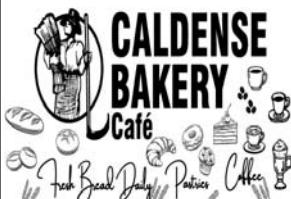
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