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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  
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Nancy Mora

### 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, March 25, 7:00PM

+Antonio & Luiza Nazario +Marian Yanek +Nuno Azevedo +Gonzalo Raul Aguiar Gadea +Erica & Milan Zrubak +Kazimiesz Miszyk +Vincenzo DeGirolamo & Salvatore Vena \*Special Intention for Deacon David Langely \*Special Intention for Isavel Santos Domingues

## \*TUESDAY, March 26, 7:00PM

\*All RCIA Candidates

## WEDNESDAY, March 27, 7:00pm

+Duncan Drummond

## THURSDAY, March 28, - HOLY THURSDAY

\*ProPopulo (See Triduum Schedule)

## FRIDAY, March 29, - GOOD FRIDAY

\*ProPopulo (See Triduum Schedule)

## SATURDAY, March 30, NO 9:00AM MASS

(See Triduum Schedule)

## SATURDAY, March 30, - EASTER VIGIL

NO 5:00pm MASS (See Triduum Schedule)

## SUNDAY, March 31, 8:00AM – EASTER SUNDAY

\*ProPopulo (See Triduum Schedule)

## SUNDAY, March 31, 10:00AM

\*ProPopulo (See Triduum Schedule)

## SUNDAY, March 31, 12:00PM

\*ProPopulo (See Triduum Schedule)

## SUNDAY, March 31, 1:30PM

### Migrant Worker Ministry Spanish Mass

(See Triduum Schedule) \*ProPopulo

## SUNDAY, March 31, NO 6:30PM MASS

(See Triduum Schedule)

**\*PLEASE NOTE: THE MASS ON TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2024, WILL BE AT 7:00PM INSTEAD OF 9:00AM**

## EASTER MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024

There will be no Mass on this day and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you and your family a blessed Easter celebration!

## THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 28, 29, 30 FOR THE TRIDUUM.



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday April 5, 2024, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

## MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN – April 5, 2024, at 11:00am

Mass will be held at the church. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

## VOCATIONS

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

# REFLECTION

*Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest. ~Matthew 21:9*

This day could be thought of as a day of contradiction. The Mass begins with the reading of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and His joyous reception by the crowds who strewed palm branches before Him, crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Today, this inspiring scene is commemorated by processions of the faithful carrying palm branches into their churches. The contradiction, however, is experienced as the full narrative of the Passion of Christ is read, culminating with Jesus' death on the Cross.

But is it a contradiction? Is His glorious entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week in any way opposed to His crucifixion? Certainly not. From a worldly perspective, for someone who lacks the ability to penetrate this mystery with the eyes of faith, the week ends in tragedy. But from the perspective of the Eternal Father, the welcome Jesus receives as He enters Jerusalem is the welcome given to the Savior of the World. His Cross would become the culmination of that act of salvation. For that reason, His entrance into that holy city was rightly celebrated with great joy, even though the people did not yet understand that the throne their new King would mount was the Cross. Though very few Christians are able to celebrate Passion Sunday in Jerusalem, walking from the Mount of Olives to the city gate, we are all invited to do so spiritually, meditatively, and interiorly. Our participation is not just the recalling of a historic event; it's a real participation in that event. Our hearts must begin outside of Jerusalem's gate today, and we must courageously and joyfully accompany our Lord into that holy city. During that first Holy Week, the people's joy arose from their belief that Jesus would be an earthly ruler who would free them from Roman oppression. Today, we are privileged to express our joyous acclamations as we spiritually accompany our Lord to the city of His crucifixion, because we know that Jesus' Kingship is so much more than an earthly triumph. His triumph is an eternal one that invites us to share in His Eternity. His triumph is a sacrificial one that invites us to share in His Sacrificial Love. His triumph is a glorious one that invites us to share in the Glory of His Resurrection.

Walk with our Lord today into that holy city of Jerusalem. As you do, know that the earthly city of Jerusalem is also now a spiritual one. The events that took place there two millennia ago transcend and permeate all time. As a result, the events of Holy Week today are just as significant as they were long ago. Through the Mass, we are there. We walk with our Lord, witness all He accomplished, receive His Body and Blood sacrificed on the Cross and memorialized in the Eucharist, and are resurrected with Him on the third day. Commit yourself to this journey today, an eternal pilgrimage with our Lord to the Eternal City of Heaven.

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## TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 28, 2024, 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

March 29, 2024, at 12:00pm and 3:00pm (Livestream)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3:00pm Service

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord

March 30, 2024, at 8:00pm (Livestream)

Reception after Vigil Mass

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

Blessing of Food – Saturday at 10:00am

### EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024, 8:00am (Portuguese Mass),

10:00am, (Livestream) & 12:00pm, 1:30pm (Migrant  
Worker Ministry-Spanish Mass) No 6:30pm Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

### 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 7, 2024, at 3:00pm  
(Livestream) Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays during Lent  
at 7:30pm (after the 7:00pm Mass). Let us prepare  
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 starting Monday March 25, to Wednesday March 27,  
2024, in the foyer. Labels will be provided in the gathering  
space to put the names of your loved ones on your lilies.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 7, 2024, at 3:00pm (Livestream)

Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

“On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I  
pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who  
approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy  
Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and  
punishment.

On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace  
flow are opened.

Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be  
as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel,  
will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

-Diary of Saint Faustina, 699

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – WITH THANKS!

Over the past few weeks your Knights of Columbus council  
hosted two parish event: a full breakfast in January and our  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. Your generous support has  
allowed us to make the following donations: Rose of  
Sharon \$1000.00, Faith and Fellowship Ministry: \$500.00  
and \$500.00 towards sending our youth to the upcoming  
Ordinandi Dinner. Thank you to all the Knights who  
participated in these events, and to all parishioners who  
attended.

### ShareLife

**ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing  
your blessings today.** Please give using a ShareLife  
envelope or through our parish website, or at  
sharelife.org/donate. We thank you for your kindness and  
generosity.

*A good Heart, as well as a Soul inflamed with Charity, can do  
nothing but good and Holy works.*

– St Angela Merici

### YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to  
the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the  
Parish Hall. Next Edge Night: April 5 – Binary Code

**LIFE TEEN** LIFE TEEN every other Friday from  
7:00pm to 9:00pm. All are welcome. **March 29– Good  
Friday**

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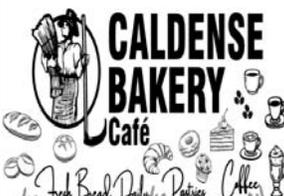
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