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# 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 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.

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### MINISTERS

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

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Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis  
Seniors Outreach  
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### CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo  
Nossa Senhora De Fatima  
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 8, 7:00PM**

+ProPopulo

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

+Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria

**WEDNESDAY, March 10, 7:00PM**

+Rosa Manhosa & Sisters

**THURSDAY, March 11, 9:00AM**

+Daniel Paul Kostov

**FRIDAY, March 12, 7:00PM**

+Margaret Connolly

**SATURDAY, March 13, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, March 13, 5:00PM**

+Mario Di Re +Delia Mendez +Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati +Isabelle Charlotte Fischer +Antonio Gammicchia +Abilio Soares +Antonio Martins & Clara Gomes

**SUNDAY, March 14, 10:00AM**

+Joe Mendrek & Joe Balon

**SUNDAY, March 14, 12:00PM**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, March 14, 6:30PM**

+Julio Moreira

### 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

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#### *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*

**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

What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's work to purify and restore true worship and holiness among his people. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he led them to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of living in moral goodness and holiness embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God also gave Moses instruction for how his people were to worship him in holiness and he instructed them to make a Tabernacle, which was also referred to as the "tent of meeting" where the people gathered to offer sacrifice and worship to God. The tent of meeting was later replaced by the construction of the temple at Jerusalem. The New Testament Scripture tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary"- God's true Temple in heaven (Hebrew 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. Do you seek holiness?

Jesus went to Jerusalem at Passover time, he shocked the Jewish leaders by forcibly expelling the money-changers and traders from the temple. Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into a "house of trade" (John 2:16) and "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). The prophecy of Malachi foretold the coming of the Lord unexpectedly to his Temple to "purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord" (Malachi 3:1-4).

The Jewish authorities wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. They demanded a sign from God to prove Jesus right, otherwise, they would treat him as an imposter and a usurper of their authority. Jesus spoke of himself as the true Temple which cleanses and makes us a holy people who can dwell with God. The response Jesus gave pointed to his sacrificial death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day. Through his death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus has reconciled us with God making us his adopted Sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, and he fills us with His Holy Spirit and makes us living temples of our God (1 Corinthians 6:16).

Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent | March 7, 2021

Due to new provincial restrictions, our regular Mass schedules as listed below may no longer apply. Please contact the Parish for more information. Thank you.



## 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. **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.

# 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 & CONFIRMATION:

Although we are currently unable to provide sacramental 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 Communion and Confirmation for children currently in grades 2 and 7 (class of 2021) and for those who have yet to receive their Sacraments from last year, (class of 2020).

Please visit our website for additional Sacramental updates and information. Please find the links below to register for the Sacrament relevant to your child's grade:

### Communion: Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/eeRewUhWHgmJ3ifv9>

### Confirmation: Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/W4iHdfZoEF6aPthv8>

Forms are available on the parish website at:

<https://holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org> or by clicking on the links above. These will be available online for the remainder of the lockdown period, at which time we will revert to the process that we have used over the last number of years.

It is perfectly appropriate to put the Sacraments on the back burner for the time being. We will be in touch again as we move through the pandemic and this crisis.

To keep some semblance of a relationship with the parish, a reminder that Mass is being celebrated and live streamed every Sunday at 10AM on YouTube, followed by a drive by procession to receive the Holy Eucharistic or a blessing in your vehicle after the livestream Mass between 11:00am and 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Please keep well and be safe through this time. Stay home during the provincial lockdown and remember if you are not feeling well, please stay home. And as always, continue to keep each other in prayer.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Joshua

**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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