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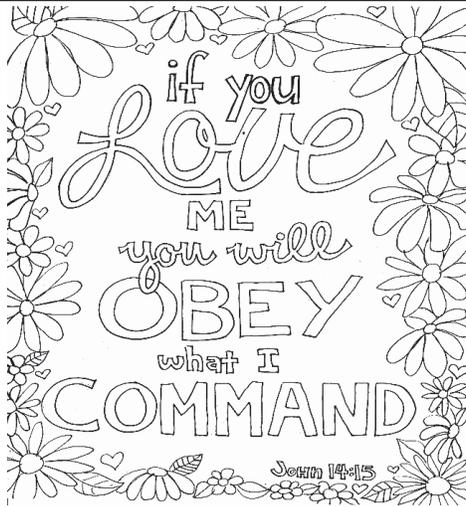
# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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



## 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.

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

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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, May 15, 7:00PM**

+Salvatore Vena +Miranda Di Lorenzo +Tony Caietta  
+Mary Simurda +Margaret Dudo +Fellsmina de Almeida

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

+Luis & Maria Borges

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

+Augusto Bertocchi

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

+Delia Mendez & Emmi Chavez

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

+Tibor & Alojzia Sakac

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

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

+Afonso Lameirinhas +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues  
& Maria Faria +Manuel da Silva +Vitorino

Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Arlindo Araujo

+Abilio Soares & Julio Soares +Wendy Bennis

+Tecla Tarantino +Walter Andrade \* Special

Intention of Mary Toich \*Special Intention for

Zemma Chio & Tommy

**SUNDAY, May 21, 8:00AM,**

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

+Carmela Mongillo & All Deceased Mongillo Family  
Members

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

+Manuel Marques & Maria do Ceu

**SUNDAY, May 21, 4:30PM – El Sembrador**

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

+Carlos dos Santos

**MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS  
OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday June 2, 2023**



**Share your love on Mother's Day**

“On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? Once such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon. “If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today, says Nikki. “We will always and forever be grateful for your support!” Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**VOCATIONS**

Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## REFLECTION

Imagine a spouse or a friend saying to you, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Such a statement might cause you to react with surprise. Ordinarily, we do not see obedience to another as a sign that we love them. However, what if a parent were to say to a child, “If you love me, you will be obedient.” That statement is easier to accept because of the unique role of a parent to their children. In regard to our love of God, obedience to His divine will is the greatest act of love we can offer. This is because God's will is perfect. It's exactly what we need in life. It's what we were made for. And it is the one and only way to achieve the human fulfillment that we seek. Only God can say such a thing to us because only God is God.

Jesus followed up His call to obedience by saying that obedience to Him will result in Jesus and His Father bestowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth upon you. The Holy Spirit will remain “with you, and will be in you.” This is such a profound statement from our Lord. In fact, so much of what He says within this sermon given at the Last Supper is profound beyond comprehension.

One clear thing this tells us is that obedience to God leads to a discovery of the Truth. And as Jesus says elsewhere, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” ([John 8:31–32](#)). Obedience leads to Truth. Truth leads to freedom.

This begs the question: Do you want to be free? Clearly you do. We cannot not want to be free. Meaning, we are obliged to want freedom, just as we are obliged to want happiness. Why? Because the desire for freedom and happiness is written upon our very nature. It is a desire that we cannot escape. It's how we are wired. However, it is quite possible to become confused about the way we achieve these desires. For many, obedience is not always understood as the pathway to that desired freedom and happiness.

Consider, again, a child. Imagine a parent telling that child not to eat a certain wild berry that grows behind their house because the parent knows the berry is poisonous and will cause the child to become sick. If the child disobeys and eats the berry anyway, he will learn the important lesson that he should have been obedient.

On a grand scale, this is what God does for us. He is the perfect Father Who always knows what is best for us. For that reason, we must not only conform to His will, we must desire it, seek it out and desire to be obedient to the greatest degree. This is the path to Truth. It is the path to freedom. It is the path to the happiness we desire.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of obedience to the will of God and your understanding of the importance of that obedience. When you read through the Scriptures and hear Jesus' commands of love, do you seek to follow them without hesitation? For example, do you forgive those who seem undeserving? Can you say, with our Lord from the Cross, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do?”  
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## A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.*

*Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love – the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.*

*On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...*

*In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*  
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## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on Friday June 2, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

## MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday June 2, 2023

**FOR MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASS, BLESSING OF A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Santissima Divinidade**  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2023

**BBQ Fundraising Event for World Youth Day Delegates**  
June 17, 2023

*More information to follow on upcoming events*

## SACRAMENTS



### A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are now going to be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. 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

May 19 – Edge Idol  
June 2 – Peace Be With You

## LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm all are welcome! No registration required. The next Life night is

May 26 – Social - Teen Choice  
June 9 – Inspired – The Enduring Wisdom of St. Paul

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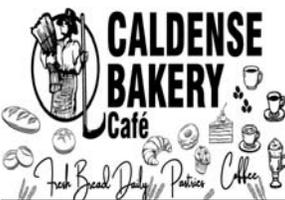
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