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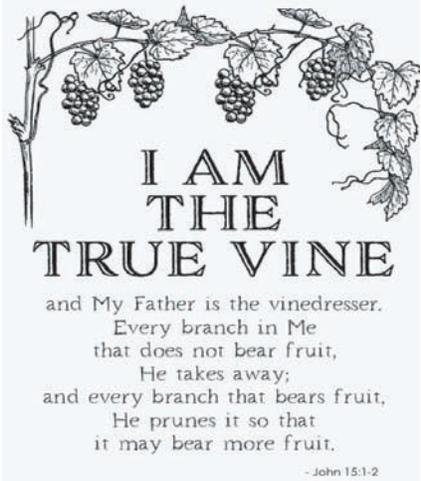
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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
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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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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, May 3, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo + Maria Dos Santos & Family

TUESDAY, May 4, 9:00AM

+Charles Langley

WEDNESDAY, May 5, 7:00PM

+Maria de Oliveira & Manuel Maria Marques

THURSDAY, May 6, 9:00PM

+John da Silva

FRIDAY, May 7, 7:00PM

+Joao Oliveira & Maria Rosa Riveiro

SATURDAY, May 8, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 8, 5:00PM

+Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati +Antonio & Vita Ingoglia +Antonio Martins & Clara Gomes + Maria Oliveira & Manuel Marques +Maria Texeira +All Deceased Members of Iris & Ainsley Alves Families +Patricia Elizabeth Taurasi

SUNDAY, May 9, 10:00AM

*Special Intention for Julian Mongillo

SUNDAY, May 9, 12:00PM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 9, 6:30PM

+Deolinda Oliveira & Fernanda Rosa Miranda

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.

Offering
Envelopes



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

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true Vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah Spoke of the house of Israel as "*the vineyard of the Lord*" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "*as his choice vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the Scriptures as a sign of degeneration – a deformed state of spiritual growth and moral decline. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "*yielded wild grapes*" (see Isaiah 5:1-7)

When Jesus calls himself the *true vine* he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Religious affiliation or association with spiritually minded people is not sufficient by itself-one must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life" (Revelation 22:1-2. Genesis 2:8-9) who is the eternal Father and his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make – he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (See Galatians 5:22-23).

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Our response must always be one of obedience and surrender, like that of our Holy Mother, Yes Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Sunday of Easter | May 2, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CHANGES IN RESTRICTIONS AS RECENTLY OUTLINED BY THE GOVERNMENT, COMMENCING MONDAY APRIL 19, 2021, ALL INPERSON MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed via Youtube at 10:00am

<https://holymartyrssofjapan.archtoronto.org/>

Followed by the drive thru distribution of the Eucharist (or blessing) immediately after Mass at the Church from 11:15am to 12:30pm.



IN PERSON MASS IS CANCELLED AT THIS TIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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)

Doors open 1 hour before Mass

Sundays – 10:00am & 12:00pm Mass

Doors open 1 hour before Mass

Sundays – 6:30pm Mass (All Age Groups)

Doors open 1 hour before Mass

The Sunday 10:00am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on youtube

2021 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Our Parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway Please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters in these most difficult of times who are helped and rely on your generous support of ShareLife. **May 2 2021, and June 6, 2021 are SHARELIFE Sundays.** Please give generously.

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 who have registered for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament. After two and a half months of on line registration, we are now ready to proceed to the next step. For those who registered on line, you should have received an email from Fr. Joshua on Sacramental Preparation and the How to Register for Communion dates, along with links for each. Please note, that the Eventbrite link will be live on Wednesday March 17, 2021 at 10:00am for you to choose the date you wish to celebrate your child's Communion. Please choose ONE date. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office and speak to Anna. We hope to see you and your families at Mass.

CONFIRMATION:

We have been accepting registrations for Confirmation for several months for students in grades 7 (class of 2021) and grade 8 (Class of 2020) and for all candidates who wish to receive their Sacrament who registered last year and did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD BEFORE MARCH 19, 2021** to make sure we include everyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament.

As of March 30, 2021 Confirmation dates went live via Eventbrite for families to book their date for Confirmation. As outline in the latest communication to those who registered on line, there is a home based and Parish based preparation program in which to assist you to prepare your child for the Sacrament. Please note: that the Parish based program, Alpha Youth Virtual has limited spots and will be designated on a first come first serve basis. 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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