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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
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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, May 22, 9:00AM – Victoria Day
+Lurdes Dinis & All Deceased Family Members +Mark Oliveira +Teresa Silva +Manuel da Silva *Special Intentions for Mary Saugstad

TUESDAY, May 23, 9:00AM
+Manuel Francisco Rosete & Rosa Rosete

WEDNESDAY, May 24, 7:00PM
+Julie Brinkos

THURSDAY, May 25, 9:00AM
+Jennifer da Silva

FRIDAY, May 26, 7:00PM
+Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria

SATURDAY, May 27, 9:00AM
*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 27, 5:00PM
+Manuel da Silva +Dolores Carfagnini +Manuel Laranjeiro & Jose Maltez +Sylvester Han +Margaret Dudo +Silvina Vieira & Manuel Pereira +Kathy Desbois +Dudley Noel John *Special Intention for Jonathan Reitzel *Special Intention for Savio Antonio Bruto da Costa

SUNDAY, May 28, 8:00AM,
+Joao Venissimo & Palmira Venissimo

SUNDAY, May 28, 10:00AM,
*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 28, 12:00PM,
+Leonardo Lotta & Francesco Lotta

SUNDAY, May 28, 4:30PM – El Sembrador
+Leo Alejandro Sandoval & Angel Hurtado

SUNDAY, May 28, 6:30PM
+Alojzia Sakac

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

Please join us in a Mass celebration at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held at the Church. Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.

VICTORIA DAY – Monday May 22, 2023

Please note that Mass will be at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed. Wishing you and your families a wonderful long weekend!



On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services responding to the needs of the Deaf. Thank you for your generosity. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

REFLECTION

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” [Matthew 28:18–20](#)

These are the parting and final words our Lord spoke while on earth. As soon as He spoke them He ascended into Heaven to remain with His Father forever, preparing a place for us so that we could join Him one day. Never again on earth would the disciples hear Jesus speak to them or see Him in physical form. Though He would soon send the Holy Spirit upon them and speak clearly to them interiorly through prayer, they would not encounter His audible voice and physical presence once again until Heaven.

Just prior to the passage quoted above, we read that the disciples did two things. One was ideal; the other was not. We read: “When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.” Of course, the fact that they worshiped Him is ideal, but the fact that they doubted is somewhat shocking and disappointing. After all that they went through with our Lord, after all they witnessed and heard, they still doubted. They witnessed Jesus cure leprosy, restore sight to the blind, heal the crippled, preach with a new authority, convert sinners, raise the dead and even rise from the dead Himself. And after all of this, they still had doubts.

Perhaps their doubts are recorded in this final encounter with our earthly Lord because it reveals to us our own ongoing doubts. Perhaps the real doubters are not only the disciples but also each one of us.

When you look into your own conscience, what do you see? Do you see a person with perfect faith and trust in God? Or do you see a person who seeks to worship God but also struggles with doubts? A doubt is a lack of faith. It is different from a difficulty, an uncertainty, or a confusion. A doubt is an action by which we positively make the choice to start down the path of disbelief. It’s more than a weakness; it’s a choice and not a good one.

The good news is that these doubting disciples eventually received something that eliminated every doubt from their minds. They received the Holy Spirit, and this gift of God began to dispel every temptation to doubt as they received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In particular, the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge would deepen their faith in God and enable them to both worship and believe. As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, reflect, today, upon the image of these disciples worshiping God and doubting at the same time. It is good to worship God, but it is also good to humbly admit where you lack perfect faith. Where you see this lack of faith, hold onto the hope that, just like these disciples, you will receive the full outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit in your life so that every doubt will be dispelled and you will receive true Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge in their fullness.



My Ascended Lord, You entered the glories of Heaven, body and soul, as Your disciples looked on. They worshiped You but also struggled with doubts. Help me to also worship You with my whole being.

As I do, reveal to me my lack of faith and trust in You and dispel these sins by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.

SANTISSIMA DIVINIDADE DE BRADFORD

Reciting of the Rosary

May 28 to May 31 at 7:30pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

Sunday June 4 at 2:00pm

There will be a Mass celebrated followed by a procession, returning to the parish hall for a social in honor of Santissima Divinidade

For more information contact Maria Pereira 647 991 6085

2023 OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

2023 Offertory boxes can be picked up from the parish office during office hours. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** We would be happy to provide you with another box number if necessary. If you're not sure, please contact the office and we will be happy to assist you in this matter. Pre-authorized Giving (PAG) is also an option. Please contact the parish office or email holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org

VOCATIONS

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

"God is so good and merciful that to obtain heaven it is sufficient to ask it of God from our hearts" – St. Benedict Joseph Labre



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

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

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior, love & faith".

– 1 Timothy 4:12



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

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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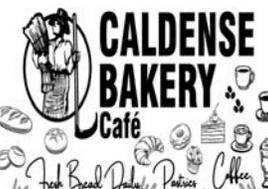
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