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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.

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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
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
San Felipe de Jesus: Ministry to Migrant Workers
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 6, 7:00PM

+Vita & Antonio Ingoglia +Maria Da Encarnacao Romeiro
 +Manuel Marques & Maria de Oliveira +Mathew Talarico
 +Andrew Kavchak +Diane Rogers +Mary Simurda +Msgr.
 Angelo Caruso +Elizabeth Stephen +Armando Collarelli
 +Carlos Pais +Anthony Croos +Giacometti Brunati &
 Special Intention for Giovanna Brunati

TUESDAY, May 7, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 7:00pm

+Liliana Marques

THURSDAY, May 9, 9:00AM

+Maria Yanek

FRIDAY, May 10, 7:00PM

*Special Intentions for Julian Mongillo

SATURDAY, May 11, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 11, 5:00PM

+Pawel Polaczek +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Joao
 Perna +Mary Gres +Antonio Martins & Parents + Margaret
 Dudo +Laddie Balon +Irma Lancha & Luisa Maia +Carlos
 & Maria Medeiros +Maria Helena Oliveira +Antonio Gallo
 +Marijan Cemas & Stanley Cemas +Francelino & Rita
 Viaes*Special Intentions for Mary Toich

SUNDAY, May 12, 8:00AM

+Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & Fatima Faria

SUNDAY, May 12, 10:00AM

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 12, 12:00PM

+Carole Reitzel

SUNDAY, May 12, 4:30PM

Migrant Worker Ministry Spanish Mass

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 12, 6:30PM

+Miranda Di Lorenzo

CORPUS CHRISTI

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
 Please join us for the celebration of this solemnity.

9 Day Novena Prayer

Friday May 24, to Saturday June 1 after all Masses.

Corpus Christi Triduum:

A 3-day Reflection on the Eucharist followed by
 Benediction.

Thursday May 30th at 7:00pm

Friday May 31st after the 7:00pm Mass

Saturday June 1st after the 5:00pm Mass

**Sunday June 2, 2024, Corpus Christi procession after
 the 12 Noon Mass followed by Benediction**

*My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life.
 You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without
 reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love
 and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love,
 worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love
 form a bond that will never end. Jesus, I trust in You.*

REFLECTION

*"I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know
 what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because
 I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It
 was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and
 appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that
 whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.
 This I command you: love one another." [John 15:15-17](#)*
 Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies."
 Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship
 between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our
 friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are
 not present in other friendships. With that said, there could
 be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It
 could be that two people have mutual interests and they
 enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that
 two people have spent much pleasant time together since
 childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured
 some difficulty together and that experience has bonded
 them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas,
 friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing:
 mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way
 of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the
 good of the other. It is not based on one's own self interests.
 It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In [1
 Corinthians 13:4-8](#), St. Paul defines the love of charity this
 way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not
 pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its
 own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood
 over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices
 with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes
 all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not
 only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation
 for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will
 find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that
 reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible.
 Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will
 determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we
 establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God,
 we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate
 to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we
 seek to fulfill only God's interests and rejoice in the Truth of
 Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the
 form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship,
 adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this
 form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true
 friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we
 are in a position to receive the very life of God in return.
 And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of
 the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that
 will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to
 perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and

opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be. Catholic News Agency2021



MAY 13, 2024 - Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima

Words of Our Lady: “Say the Rosary everyday, to bring peace to the world and end to war”

Sunday, May 5 to Friday May 10

7:30pm - Holy Rosary in Portuguese at the Portuguese Cultural Center

Saturday, May 11

7:00pm – Portuguese Mass followed by a candle

Procession at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

9:30pm – Dance, Food and Bazar at the Portuguese Cultural Center

Sunday, May 12

2:00pm - Portuguese Mass followed by Procession and Benediction at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

4:00pm – Dance, Food and Bazar at the Portuguese Cultural Center

Monday, May 13

7:30pm Holy Rosary in Portuguese at the Portuguese Cultural Center

“...People must amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord anymore, for he is already too much offended!” EWTN.com/Fatima

SELF DEFENSE TRAINING

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish is offering basic self defense training, beginning Thursday May 9th at 7pm in the parish hall. This four-week course will provide you with ways to defend yourself and perhaps avoid a dangerous situation. Anyone over 16yrs is welcome to participate – no experience or skills necessary. Email peter at selfdefense.hmoj@gmail.com for more information or to register.

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 months. 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.

CAMP OZANAM AND MARYGROVE CAMP

An Amazing Opportunity awaits for a camp experience this summer, for kids! The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registrations for this year’s children’s overnight-summer camps. **Camp Ozanam** for boys ages 7-12 and **Marygrove Camp** for girls ages 5-13. The camps are fully subsidized (no fees) for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a camp adventure, because their families are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.ca If you are interested you can contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 or email the parish office at: holymartyrsofjapan@archtoronto.org Please include the full name and age of your child/ children, parents names and your contact information.

On June 9, 2024, there will be a second collection for Marygrove Camp. Please give generously.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8’s are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night: May 17 – NO EDGE NIGHT

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

Next Life Teen Night: May 10 – See for yourself

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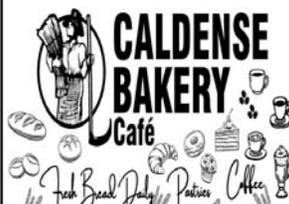
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