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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



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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

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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 8, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna +Gwendoleen Lo-Achee +Maria Oliveira & Manuel Marques +Bill Greer +Margaret Dudo +Mary Simurda +Katherine & Frank Novogradez

### TUESDAY, May 9, 9:00AM

+Manuel & Glorinda da Silva

### WEDNESDAY, May 10, 7:00PM

+Joao Ferreira

### THURSDAY, May 11, 9:00AM

\*Special Intention for all Priests and Deacons of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

### FRIDAY, May 12, 7:00PM

+Maria Celeste Joaquina & Jose Francisco Marques

### SATURDAY, May 13, 9:00AM

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### SATURDAY, May 13, 5:00PM

+Emmy Chavez & Celeste McEvenue +Manuel da Silva +Irma Lancha & Luisa Maia +Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +All Deceased Pinho Family Members +Rosa Oliveira & Anna Catalano +Zofia & Rudolf Saniga +Tibor & Alojzia Sakac +Manuel Laranjeiro & Jose Maltez \*Special Intention for Savio Antonio Bruto da Costa

### SUNDAY, May 14, 8:00AM,

+Maria Helena Oliveira

### SUNDAY, May 14, 10:00AM,

+Eduino Cabral & Fernando Paulino

### SUNDAY, May 14, 12:00PM,

+Jose Rodrigues

### SUNDAY, May 14, 4:30PM – El Sembrador

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### SUNDAY, May 14, 6:30PM

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



### Living the Gospel through ShareLife

“Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need.”- Cardinal Thomas Collins.

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). Thank you for living the Gospel!

## VOCATIONS

“The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these ...” Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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

*Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” [John 14:1-2](#)*

These consoling and encouraging words, spoken by Jesus to the Apostles at the Last Supper, immediately after Judas left to betray Jesus and after Jesus told Peter, in the presence of the others, that Peter would deny Jesus three times before the cock crowed. As a result, the Twelve (now Eleven) would have been discouraged, especially Peter. Jesus senses this and says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled...”

Peter was told that he would soon commit a grave sin against Jesus. As we are later told, as soon as Peter committed these sins, he went out and wept bitterly.

Perhaps, as he did, he would have recalled Jesus’ words: “Do not let your hearts be troubled...”

Being tempted toward sin can be discouraging. But that can turn into a good thing. If we are not affected by our temptations, then we lack love for God. And if we give into those temptations and fail to experience sorrow, this is even worse. However, discouragement over our sins cannot remain; it must turn into its opposite, the virtue of hope. Hope will result from sin only when we hear and understand Jesus’ promise, seen above.

Jesus not only tells the disciples not to be troubled, He also tells them why. Jesus promises them He will prepare a place for them in Heaven and will come to take them to that place in His Father’s House, despite their failings. By believing, Peter and the other apostles will be able to dispel the initial discouragement they feel over their failings and turn back to God with the anticipation of Heaven.

Do you get discouraged by your sin? Begin by calling to mind any sin that you regularly struggle with. Habitual sin, especially, will lead to either sorrow, repentance and hope, or to a discouragement that ends in despair and the abandonment of virtue. Like Saint Peter, we must strive to weep bitterly over our sins. We must let our sins, and the temptation toward despair, become a motivation to regain hope, courage, and determination. This will only be possible if we always hear Jesus say to us, “Do not let your hearts be troubled...” We must sense His compassion and tenderness and allow that love to fill us with confidence that we will one day overcome all sin and be welcomed into the Father’s House.

Reflect, today, upon any sin with which you regularly struggle. As you do, consider whether your discouragement leads to despair or hope. Hope does not come from your ability to overcome sin on your own. It comes from the compassion of our Lord and His promise to redeem you. If you do have a troubled heart, that is good. It is the starting point for hope. Allow Jesus to lift your troubled heart and to point your eyes to Heaven.

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## Mother's Day BRUNCH

### FUNDRAISING EVENT

Sunday May 14, 2023, at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall after the 10:00am and 12:00 noon Mass. Tickets will be available to purchase after all weekend Masses or at the parish office.

**Adults \$15.00**

**Children 12yrs and under \$10.00**

**Children 2yrs and under are FREE**

EMT (Electronic Money Transfer) is available and can be made to [gerrycalderon@yahoo.ca](mailto:gerrycalderon@yahoo.ca)

**Proceeds will go to the Worth Youth Day Delegates**



### OUR LADY OF FATIMA FESTIVAL

May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

*Recitation of the Rosary at Portuguese Cultural Center*

**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish followed by candlelight vigil

*Followed by Dance, Bazar, Food at the Portuguese Cultural Center at 9:30pm*

**Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish followed by procession

*Followed by Dance, Bazar, Food and Special Guests at the Portuguese Cultural Center at 4:00pm*

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

*Recitation of the Rosary at Portuguese Cultural Center*

## 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.



### WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS

To our Confirmadi,  
Never forget that each of you is a very special and unique gift created by the hand of God for His purpose! May the Lord continue to bless you on your spiritual journey. To the parents, God bless you for your commitment to living and sharing your faith with your children. It IS the greatest gift we can bestow upon them.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.*

A special thank you to the organizers and volunteers who graciously donated their time to the children and families of our parish in the celebration of their Confirmation.

## 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 12 – Fearless: St. Paul's Suffering, Imprisonment, death  
May 26 – Social - Teen Choice

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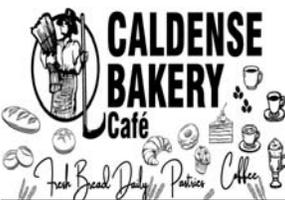
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