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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 John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

Associate Pastor: Father Massillamani Zacharias

Deacons: Deacon David Langley
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

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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St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

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Consolation and Hope

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Divino Espirito Santo

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

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 9, 7:00PM

+Jose de Sousa +Clara Gomes & Fatima Gomes

+Katherine Novogradec

TUESDAY, May 10, 9:00AM

+Donald Fernandez

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 7:00PM

+John Da Silva

THURSDAY, May 12, 9:00AM

+Antonio Gammicchia

FRIDAY, May 13, 7:00PM

+Maria Celeste Joaquina & Jose Francisco Marques

SATURDAY, May 14, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, May 14, 5:00PM

+Emmi Chavez & Celeste McEvenue +Manuel Nuno

Rodrigues & John Faria +Augusta Pais +Ernesto Correia

+Antonio Janeiro +Maria Viegos +Stanley Cemas & Matija

Cadonic +All Deceased Barroso & Silva Family Members

+All Souls of Toich Family & Friends +Luis & Maria

Borges +Jose Miranda +Florimundo & Celu Abeu +Joe

Stanecic +Antonio Gallo

SUNDAY, May 15, 8:00AM

+Miranda Di Lorenzo

SUNDAY, May 15, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 15, 12:00PM

+Helena Dasneves

SUNDAY, May 15, 6:30PM

*Special Intention for Roman & Dasha Sakac

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please Note: Our evening Masses scheduled for Monday June 20, Wednesday June 22, Friday June 24 and Monday June 27 at 7:00pm will be moved to 9:00am to accommodate Graduation Celebrations.



Covid Protocol Update: As of March 21, 2022,

- **We return to 100% Capacity**
- **Masks are voluntary but *highly recommended***
- **No registration required to attend Mass**

Please note that we will continue with hand sanitization practices, along with cleaning procedures for extra precaution. We look forward to celebrating Mass together as a parish community.

Volunteers needed to assist with the projection of lyrics at all Masses. The computer program is easy to use! For those interested in helping, please email the parish office: holymartyrssofjapan@archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

Jesus offers a clear contrast among shepherds. This would apply to priests, parents and all of us in our own unique way. The contrast He offers is between the ones who care deeply for those entrusted to their care, and those who are just going through the motions and are more motivated by selfishness than sacrificial love.

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us in a total and complete way. It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is.

This love is seen, also, in the unwavering love of a parent, sibling, or dear friend. When the love one offers us, is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is a great support. And love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. No matter what “wolf” comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd. And when we can see that love made manifest in the unwavering support of others, we are doubly blessed.

But the contrast should not be ignored either. Jesus gives the example of “a hired man who is not a shepherd” who sees the wolf coming and runs. It’s important to point out how damaging this man is to the people of God. When he runs from his responsibility and gives into selfish motivation, he leaves the flock untended and vulnerable to attack. We should see in this hired man the temptation we all inevitably face in life. It’s hard to stick with it through the hard times. It’s hard to be there for those who need us when they need us. It’s hard to be faithful in all things and to never shy away in the face of the temptation of fear.

Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another. Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment. Help me to fulfill my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady of Fatima urgently desired for all of the faithful to pray daily for the salvation of poor sinners, and for the whole world. That message from Our Mother Mary is a challenge-no matter where you are in your own person prayer life – go deeper, to pray often, and with greater fervor. Pray the Rosary Daily.

Our Lady of Fatima Committee will be hosting celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Fatima with Mass on Sunday May 8th at 2:00pm followed by a procession. Celebrations at the Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford to follow. The Rosary Novena will be recited at the Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford on Monday May 2nd to Tuesday May 10th at 7:30pm. Everyone is Welcome!

APOSTOLATE OF THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

“Have Compassion on the Heart of your Mother”



The apostolate was started in the year of 2001, when Pope John Paul II blessed the first shrine, presented to him by Msgr. Joao Cla Dias, founder of the Heralds of the Gospel. The most Holy Fr. said: *“Now you go to the world and preach the Gospel through the Immaculate Heart of Mary”*

On several occasions during the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, She asked the little shepherds to offer sacrifices and penance as acts of reparation to Her Immaculate Heart for the offenses it receives from mankind. It was said to them: *“Pray! Pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.”*

“Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners...”

The Apostolate consists of forming groups of 30 families within boundaries of the parish. Each group receives a shrine of the Immaculate heart of Mary. After being blessed by the pastor, the shrine passes from family to family, visiting each family for one day, every month. On the day the family receives the shrine it gathers in the evening to say a Rosary to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Reparation for the sins of mankind and for the conversion of sinners. On the following day the shrine is passed to the next family on the list.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email:

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



ShareLife and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

If you haven't yet contributed, please make your sacrificial gift through special collection or at sharelife.org. Our Parish Goal is \$43, 000.00. To date we have collected \$9,523.00.

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 60 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in this past academic year.

CALLING ALL NEW AND CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, LECTORS, AND ALTAR SERVERS

If you are interested in continuing to serve in these ministries or wish to begin serving, please contact the office directly or email us at [holymartyrs of japan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org)

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

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

For parents wishing to baptize their child, please contact the parish office via email with your request and we will forward you a baptismal package.

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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. Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting bi-weekly EDGE nights from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Please contact youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

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