

We welcome you to

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

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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 8:45am 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

St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

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Liturgical Ministers

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, November 29, 7:00PM

+Carlos & Maria Medeiros + All Deceased Borges Family Members +All Deceased Da Silva Family Members

TUESDAY, November 30, 9:00AM

+Antonio Martins & Clare Gomes

WEDNESDAY, December 1, 7:00PM

+Richard Lourenco

THURSDAY, December 2, 9:00AM

+Venanzio Palombi & Special Intention for Bertocchi Family

FRIDAY, December 3, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo

SATURDAY, December 4, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, December 4, 5:00PM

+Antonio Leonardo +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Jose Miranda +Maria Adelaide Cordeiro +Mary Karger +Joaquim Afonso +All Deceased Benvenuto Family Members + Rosa Oliveira +Julio Barros & Francelino Viaes + Johnny Dizon +Carlos Marques

SUNDAY, December 5, 8:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 5, 10:00AM

+Matthew Talarico

SUNDAY, December 5, 12:00PM

+Haydn David Pretty

SUNDAY, December 5, 6:30PM

+Venancio Borges

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on the following days: December 24, 27 and 28 and December 31, 2021 and January 3 of 2022. The office will reopen by appointment only on Tuesday January 4, 2022. In the event of an emergency during this time, (anointing of the sick or last rite) please contact the parish office and leave a message.

CONFESSIONS: Will be heard on Saturday's between 8:00am-8:45am and again from 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment. Please contact the parish office for further information. **Note: there are no confessions on Saturday December 25, 2021 and Saturday January 1, 2022.**

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Will be made available for pickup starting Sunday December 5 -19, at any Sunday Mass. Please let one of our volunteers know that you wish to pick up your box and they will be happy to assist you.

Offertory boxes can also be picked up anytime at the parish office during office hours, Mon-Fri 9:30am-4:30pm. Please call the parish office before coming. If you are assigned a new box number, please complete the registration form attached and include it with your offering so we can update our database.

Offering
Envelopes



REFLECTION

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, however in his person and message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. *2021 Loyola Press*

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Attendance for all Christmas Mass celebrations must be registered via Eventbrite – Registration date to be determined

Christmas Eve - Friday December 24, 2021

4:00pm, 6:00pm-Livestreamed, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day - Saturday December 25, 2021

10:00am, 12:00pm – *No 5:00pm Mass*

Holy Family - Sunday December 26, 2021

8:00am, 10:00am- Livestreamed, 12:00pm–*No 6:30pm Mass*

Friday December 31, 2021

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

5:00pm-Livestreamed, 7:00pm

Saturday January 1, 2022

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10:00am-Livestreamed, 12:00pm – *No 5:00pm Mass*

Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday January 2, 2022

8:00am, 10:00am-Livestreamed, 12:00pm - *No 6:30pm Mass*

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We invite all parishioners to bring a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia memorial garden for the altar. **Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on December 20 until December 22 until 4:00pm in the Narthex of the Church.** Labels will be available to you to write the name(s) of your loved ones. Please affix the label to your poinsettia. They will later be placed at the altar for our Christmas celebration.

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. Please complete the required documents and email them back to the parish office. Upon receipt of your email a clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details, covid protocols, and to confirm a date.

SACRAMENTS (continued)

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021

To our **CURRENT** Grade 2's and Grade 7's:

Registration for this group is now open! Celebrations for the Sacraments will be scheduled sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter. Registration forms are available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sunday. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, (even if baptised at Holy Martyrs of Japan) and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022.**

To all First Communion candidates currently in grades 3,4,5 and 6 who have NOT yet received First Communion:

If you wish to celebrate First Communion, registration for the Sacrament for this group, opened on October 18, 2021, until February 7, 2022, at 12 Midnight for online registration. During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022. **Communion Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

To all Confirmation candidates currently in grades 8-12 who have NOT yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Registration for this Sacrament for this group opened on October 18, 2021, until February 7, 2022, at 12 Midnight for online registrations. During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Confirmation, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Mass before February 7, 2022. **Confirmation Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

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