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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

HE WHO IS GREATEST
AMONG YOU SHALL BE YOUR
SERVANT; WHOEVER EXALTS
HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED,
AND WHOEVER HUMBLLES
HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED.

Matthew 23: 11-12

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
St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492
St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653
St. Charles—905-775-6762
St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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, November 6, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres *Special Intention for Ethan May +Orlando Soares +Jose Maltez & All Deceased Family Members +Damiano Sclafani *Special Intention for Odile Scott +All Deceased Ramos & Dias Family Members +All Deceased Moskal & Freskiw Family Members +Eliseo Centeno

TUESDAY, November 7, 9:00AM

+Saul Domingues & Maria de Oliveira

WEDNESDAY, November 8, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna

THURSDAY, November 9, 9:00AM

+Angelo Tarantino

FRIDAY, November 10, 7:00PM

+All Deceased Marques & Oliveira Family Members

SATURDAY, November 11, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 11, 5:00PM

+For the Souls of all Soldiers and Public Servants +Manuel da Silva +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +All Deceased Pinho Family Members +Augusta Barros & Joao Gomes Faria +Rosa Oliveira & Anna Catalano +David Harrison +Pedro Viana +Jose da Silva & Alberto Sacramento +Halina & Jan Woznica +Lidia Nunes +Gloria Rodrigues & Special Intention for Celestina May * Special Intention for Diana & David Rogers

SUNDAY, November 12, 8:00AM,

+Luis Pontes

SUNDAY, November 12, 10:00AM,

+Jose Francisco Marques & Maria Celeste Joaquina

SUNDAY, November 12, 12:00PM,

+Manuel Augusto Miranda & Fernanda Rola Miranda

SUNDAY, November 12, 4:30PM

El Sembrador *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 12, 6:30PM

*ProPopulo

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE- Lets start early!

These times have been challenging for everyone, some more than others. However, it has taught us how truly dependent and connected we are to one another. We are ONE family!

Advent is coming quickly, let us prepare our hearts in the anticipation of His coming by being the hands and feet of Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help to spread the message of Christ's HOPE this season by donating non-perishable items (such as: Pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, Cereal, Granola Bars, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Juice Boxes/1lt Juices, Soup, Peanut Butter, Rice Flour, Sugar, Tea, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Diapers and Baby wipes are just a few suggestions) to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the entrance of the Church when you come to Mass. Let us overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this upcoming season!

REFLECTION

[Matthew 23:1-3](#)

Sometimes people's words inspire us, but more often it is the witness they give with their actions that inspires. Additionally, when someone's words do not match up with their actions, they are seen as hypocrites. Jesus is very hard on the scribes and the Pharisees for this reason. "For they preach but they do not practice." They spoke about the Law of God, taught it in a detailed way, but they did not truly practice God's Law as it was intended to be practiced. Jesus goes on to give a list of the ways that these religious leaders failed to live the laws of God. They failed in their charity and encouragement of others, they did everything for public praise and for show, and they sought out honors and meaningless titles.

At the heart of Jesus' criticism of the scribes and Pharisees was their tendency to exalt themselves in the eyes of others. Jesus corrects this tendency by saying that "the greatest among you must be your servant," and that "whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Therefore, if you wish to be truly great and if you wish to be exalted by God, you must serve with the deepest humility.

Humility begins by seeing yourself in the light of truth. The humble soul seeks to discover this insight by using the eyes of Christ to look at their own soul. It would be truly humbling if we could see ourselves in the full light of the truth. But too often we take on a false image of ourselves and look at our lives through a lens of self-righteousness. We tend to quickly defend our actions, justifying the sins we commit and failing to acknowledge our weaknesses. What would you see if you looked at yourself with humility? One glaring thing you will see is your sin. Sometimes they are serious sins, and at other times less serious, but our lives are undoubtedly filled with sins and imperfections. If we are blind to those sins, then we lack the necessary humility we need to see ourselves in the light of truth.

The virtue of humility will also take us a step further than seeing our sins clearly. It will also help us to see our need for God's grace in order to change, to love, and to serve God and others. We cannot love by our own efforts. It is impossible. The love of charity is only possible when it is God Who lives in us and acts through us. God and God alone is able to work true charity through our actions. Knowing and believing this humble truth is the only way to open the door to that grace.

Reflect, today, upon the humility that you need in order to truly love. When you love others with the pure love of God, you will discover within yourself a need to serve. You will see others as objects of your love. You will discover a burning desire to help them, forgive them, be gentle and merciful to them, and to do all you can to help them discover the truth of their own lives so they will, in turn, humbly turn to God. Seek humility. Seek the truth. If you do, God will use you in powerful ways and will exalt you on high. Catholic News Agency2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 5, 2023

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP! – November 19, 2023

“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor”



(Tob 4:7) On the World Day of the Poor weekend, please think of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Holy Martyrs of Japan. Every dollar donated goes to helping people in our community and the need is greater than ever before. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and donations are tax deductible.

COME & SEE RETREAT WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT

On November 17 - 19th, 2023 – St Augustine’s Seminary The office of Vocations will be offering a weekend Discernment Retreat for single men 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30pm and end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. Meals and accommodations will be provided. Please Register at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, please contact vocations@archtoronto.org

2024 MISSALS

Missals for the 2024 liturgical year will be made available for purchase starting Saturday October 28, 2023, in the foyer after all weekend Masses for \$6.00 each. We kindly ask that you bring exact change to purchase the Missal.

PLEASE NOTE THE 2024 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in Our Book of Remembrance, after Mass, and place your “All Souls” offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar of the church.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS - FREE
Thursday November 9th and Thursday December 14th from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. All are welcome! We gather once a month to cover a different topic of Catholic theology. No registration necessary. For parents with young children who wish to attend this event, childcare is available. For more info email meneses@archtoronto.org

OFFERTORY BOXES - REMINDER

If you are new to our parish community, WELCOME to Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish! If you would like to register with our parish or would like to start using envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065.

HOLIDAY Market – Holy Trinity Catholic High School
Saturday November 25th and Sunday November 26th at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall. A “Mini Market” will occur from 6-8pm on Saturday evening after the 5:00pm Mass. Full Holiday Market will be Sunday from 10-3. VENDORS WANTED!!!

SACRAMENTS

Registration forms for **First Communion and Confirmation** have been delivered to our family of schools on Friday September 29, 2023. Registration forms are also available for pick up at the back of the Church, parish office and are available on our parish website for downloading. **Please ensure you attach a photocopy of your child’s baptism certificate with your completed registration form.** The completed registration forms and baptism certificate can be dropped off after any Mass, or at the parish office. We look forward to seeing you and your families at Mass and celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist. **PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR BOTH SACRAMENTS IS NOVEMBER 30, 2023.**

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. 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. This semester we will be diving deeper into each fruit of the Holy Spirit. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night is:

November 10 – Super Girl

November 24 - Spiderman

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 on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

Next Life Teen Night is November 17

*With the sign of the **Cross**, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword.*

– St. Martin of Tours

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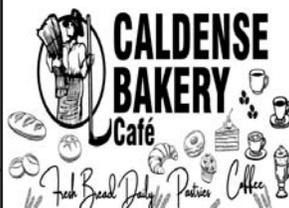


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