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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

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841  
St. Marie of the Incarnation—905-775-3492  
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**Ministry to Migrant Workers:**  
Nancy Mora

## 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, October 2, 7:00PM**

+Mark Oliveira & Fred Oliveira + Mary Gres +Fatima Teixeira +Maria de Jesus Carreiro +Lucy Dantas

**TUESDAY, October 3, 9:00AM**

+Maria Rosete & Manuel Conceicao Junior

**WEDNESDAY, October 4, 7:00PM**

+Samantha Diogo

**THURSDAY, October 5, 9:00AM**

+Manuel da Silva

**FRIDAY, October 6, 7:00PM**

+Romanko Sakac

**SATURDAY, October 7, 9:00AM – First Saturday**

+All Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, October 7, 5:00PM**

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Antonio Santana &

Maria Sousa +Christopher Macdonell +Zaccaria

Favero +Benedito Da Silva & Albina Barbosa

+Rosa Oliveira +David Harrison +Pedro Viana

+Manuel Da Silva +Idalina Moniz & Manuel

Vieira

**SUNDAY, October 8, 8:00AM,**

\*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, October 8, 10:00AM,**

+Joao Pereira

**SUNDAY, October 8, 12:00PM,**

+Deolinda Oliveira & All Deceased Family Members

**SUNDAY, October 8, 4:30PM**

**El Sembrador**

\*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, October 8, 6:30PM**

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## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR HOPE

We all have much to be thankful for! Let us share our blessings with one another. This thanksgiving many will be reaching out to our food bank for help. Let us respond to this need. You can feed HOPE this thanksgiving to those most vulnerable in our community. Thanks to the rising food prices, and inflation, food banks are having a most difficult time keeping up with an increased demand. When food is placed into the hands of those in need, struggling with hunger, a profound change takes place. HOPE is restored! Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with FOOD, LOVE and HOPE this thanksgiving! We invite our parish community to drop off non-perishable food items in the crate at the back of the Church to help support our local food bank this thanksgiving!

## THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!!

**Monday October 9, 2023**

Mass will be at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day, and the parish office will be closed for the day.

# REFLECTION

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go." [Matthew 21:28-30](#)*

This parable presents a message of great hope to those who find it difficult to follow the will of God. The first son, the one who said he would not obey the father but then changed his mind, refers to those who have initially rejected the will of God but then repented and turned back to Him. The second son represents those who claim to be faithful followers of the will of God, but are not. This second son presents us with a very dangerous trap we can fall into. He represents the interior disposition of the chief priests and elders of the people. They said one thing but did another. They acted as if they were righteous but were not. When we look at these two sons, we must humbly strive to be like the first one. We must begin by acknowledging that we have refused to obey the will of God in many ways throughout our lives. God has invited us to serve Him, and we have said "no." Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God. When we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not. This second son represents a very dangerous interior disposition that we must avoid with all of our might. It is the sin of impenitence, a sin against the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous because this type of self-righteousness keeps a person from truly serving the will of God. They believe their own lie and see no need to repent.

Which of these two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven. Catholic News Agency2021

## FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8:30pm

All are invited to our Faith and Fellowship evenings, where we cover a different topic of Catholic theology.

Format: Fellowship, video presentation, group discussions. This is a free event, and no registration is necessary.

For parents with young children, our large meeting room is available for childcare and activities to give parents the opportunity to participate. For more information, please email [emeneses@archtoronto.org](mailto:emeneses@archtoronto.org)



## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on October 6, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass



**ROSARY RALLY**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2023,**  
**AT 12 NOON IN THE CHURCH**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## BLESSING OF PETS - October 4, 2023 – 6:00pm

On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi there will be a blessing of pets in the parking lot under the canopy. We kindly ask for donations of pet food to the Bradford Food Bank.

## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – September 30, 2023

A Special Mass will be held on October 1, 2023, at 12:30pm at St. Anne's parish in Toronto, home of the Native People's Mission – all are welcome! The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the weekend of September 30 / October 1, 2023, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. Envelopes for this special collection are also available at the entrance of the church. For more information or to donate online visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)

## OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

LIVE MUSIC/FOOD/RAFFLE PRIZES/ CASH BAR  
Doors Open At 6:00pm

**Tickets: Adults \$25.00 Youth (under 18) \$15.00**  
**Tickets are \$30.00 at the door if available (children under 2 free)** Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in the church foyer starting September 23, 2023, or can be purchased in person from the parish office until October 15, 2023.

Volunteers are needed to help make Oktoberfest a great success! We cannot do this without your help. We are looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations, and cleaning. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email: [youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com)

**A Parish Youth Fundraising Event**

## ShareLife

### Ensure No One Goes Hungry this Thanksgiving!

We all feel it: the rising cost of living is hurting families, forcing many to seek food assistance for the first time. Through our parish's support, ShareLife is committing over \$500,000 to support food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese.

CWL cordially invites...

## MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, GRANDMOTHERS, LADIES OF THE PARISH

for a  
LUNCHEON TEA

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm in the  
Parish Hall

Enjoy lunch, sweets, tea and  
fellowship

Cost: \$5.00/person at the door



## SACRAMENTS

Registration forms for **First Communion and Confirmation** have been delivered to our family of schools on Friday September 29, 2023. Registration forms will also be made available for pick up at the back of the Church, parish office and will be 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.

## 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.  
*More information on dates and registration to follow.*

## 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.

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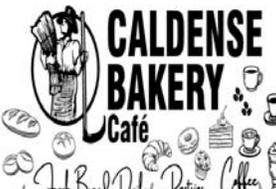
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