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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
St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653
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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, October 16, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Lorenzina Furlan +David Verdadeiro & Maria Albertina +Fatima Teixeira +Zita da Rosa

TUESDAY, October 17, 9:00AM

+Sandra da Silva

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for the Marques Family

THURSDAY, October 19, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

FRIDAY, October 20, 7:00PM

+Cecile Santos & Irene Rozbiewski

SATURDAY, October 21, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 21, 5:00PM

+Joe & Annita Natale +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues

& Maria Faria +Arlindo Araujo +Abilio Soares

& Joao Soares +Ida & Luigi Moro +Jose

Rodrigues +David Harrison +Jose Miranda &

Manuel Pereira +Pedro Viana +Victor Fernandes

& Parents +Frank Gammicchia +Manuel

Laranjeiro

SUNDAY, October 22, 8:00AM,

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 22, 10:00AM,

+Albert Charles Garel

SUNDAY, October 22, 12:00PM,

+Manuel Da Silva

SUNDAY, October 22, 4:30PM

El Sembrador

+Alma Angel Hurtado & Special Intention for Leo

Alejandro Sandoval

SUNDAY, October 22, 6:30PM

+Ana Fernandes



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on November 3, 2023, at
7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS on Friday November 3, 2023,

Due to All Souls Day Thursday November 2, there will be
No Requiem Mass on Friday November 3 2023.

VOCATIONS

Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest,
deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr,
Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of
Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email:
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.

REFLECTION

Matthew 22:1-3

In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these “invited guests” refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today.

When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus’ invitation? To answer that question properly, we must “read” the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast “into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth” because he doesn’t have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God. Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything

ANNOUNCEMENTS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 15, 2023

necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others. Catholic News Agency 2021



OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 21st, 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
A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

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, would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** We would be happy to provide you with another box number if necessary. If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity. holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org



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BAZAAR! BAZAAR!

Hosted By: Catholic Women's League

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 4th &

Sunday November 5th 9:30am to 1:00pm

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall

*Baked goods, Gift Baskets, New and Used Treasures, Plants and much more! Lunch- Saturday Only
Come and check us out!*

ALL SAINTS COSTUME PARTY

Please join us on SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023, after the 5:00pm Mass for an All Saints Costume Party! Come dressed as your favorite saint and celebrate! See posters at the back of the church for more details.

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 October 27- Saints & Superhero's

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!
1st Life Teen Night is November 3

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