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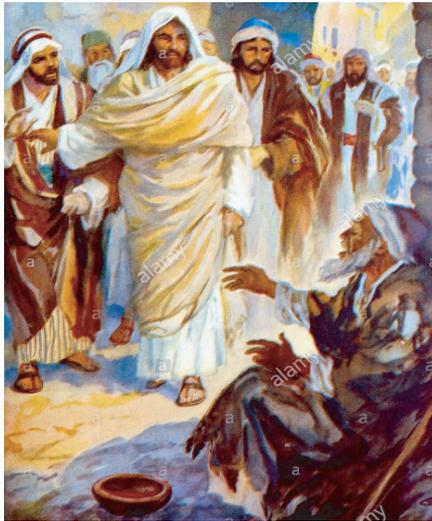
Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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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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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

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

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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, October 25, 7:00PM

+All Deceased Szabo Family Members +Augusto Balugas & Paulito Martins *Special Intention for Lori Henry

TUESDAY, October 26, 9:00AM

+ Antonio Martins & Clare Gomes

WEDNESDAY, October 27, 7:00PM

+Luis Pontes

THURSDAY, October 28, 9:00AM

*Special Intentions of Carolina Santana

FRIDAY, October 29, 7:00PM

+Katherine Novogradecz

SATURDAY, October 30, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 30, 5:00PM

+Jose Miranda +All deceased Benvenuto Family Members +Rosa Oliveira +Miguel Gomes & Abilio Soares

SUNDAY, October 31, 8:00AM

+Augusto de Jesus Domingues & Family

SUNDAY, October 31, 10:00AM

+ Deolinda de Jesus Oliveira

SUNDAY, October 31, 12:00PM

+Roberto Furlan

SUNDAY, October 31, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

PROOF OF VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR MASS

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

ADORATION CHAPEL

We are happy to announce that our Adoration Chapel open for prayer, Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION

Adoration and Benediction will follow the after the 7:00pm Mass on the First Friday of every month.

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

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

REFLECTION

Have you ever encountered a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could not pass up? Such a moment came for a blind and destitute man, named Bartimaeus. He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. He knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no opportunity of making direct contact with the *Son of David*, a clear reference and title for the Messiah.

It took a lot of courage and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town. Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man, he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus.

This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his conversations and his audience. Jesus showed that action was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready to respond to his need, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more.

Why did Jesus put a question to Bartimaeus – "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus wanted to draw out of him a personal response of faith and trust in his power to heal and make whole. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the *eyes of faith* and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize the Lord Jesus with "*eyes of faith*" as your merciful Lord and healer? Ask the Lord Jesus to strengthen your faith that you may draw near to him and receive his grace and mercy.

REMINDERS

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

All Saints Day: Mass will be celebrated on Monday November 1, 2021, at 9:00am and again at 7:00pm.

All Souls Day: reminds us of our own mortality, that the love of each of us is limited and we need to be ready to meet our Lord when he calls us home. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and for our beloved dead. Through our prayers, may they find eternal rest. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday November 2, 2021, at 9:00am and again at 7:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE 2022 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2021

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. A memorial box will be made available to you. You are welcome to drop off the names of your loved ones in an envelope marked "All Souls" which will be made available at the entrance of the church when you come to Mass. If you however are not yet comfortable with coming to Mass and still wish to add a name or names, please contact the parish office for alternate arrangements.



Each year we welcome into the Church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). It is a ministry for people who wish to inquire about becoming full members of our faith community. This program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 or email Fr. John directly at jpak@archtoronto.org

REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

Please join us in a Mass celebration for the faithful departed the first Friday of every month at Holy Martyrs of Japan cemetery at 11:00am, weather permitting, with the alternative to celebrate the Mass at the Church. All are welcome.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2022

To our CURRENT Grade 2's and Grade 7's: Registration for the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation will be taking place in January of 2022 with celebrations scheduled sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter. Please continue to attend Mass, watch livestream and visit our website for further communication.

FIRST COMMUNION FOR 2021

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, will be open on October 18, 2021, until November 15, 2021. 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 Mass. Registration Forms will be accepted until November 15 2021. **Communion Celebrations for this group will be taking place around the end of November.**

CONFIRMATION FOR 2021

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 will be open on October 18, 2021, until November 15, 2021. 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. Registration Forms will be accepted until November 15 2021. **Confirmation Celebrations for this group will be taking place in December 2021.**

We look forward to coming together once again to celebrate these Sacraments with you and your families.

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