# We welcome you to

# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:00am

#### **CONFESSIONS**

1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Please contact us one month or more in advance.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

#### **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.

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Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

**EDGE Youth Ministry** 

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador

**Knights of Columbus** 

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#### **CULTURAL GROUPS**

Divino Espirito Santo

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

# NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish Office or in the gathering space at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

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## **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

#### MONDAY, October 28, 7:00PM

+Cesar Francisco & Antonio Francisco +Helen Ilona Szabo +Antonio Talarico +Maria Leonisa Pontillas \*Special Intention for Vanessa & Leslie \*Special Intention In Thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Simon

## TUESDAY, October 29, 8:30AM

+Noah Artymko

#### WEDNESDAY, October 30, 7:00PM

+Jennifer & Sandra DaSilva

#### THURSDAY, October 31, 8:30AM

+Nick Gasko & Susan Gasko

#### FRIDAY, November 1, 7:00PM

+All Saints

#### SATURDAY, November 2, 9:00AM

+All Faithful Departed

#### SATURDAY, November 2, 5:00PM

- +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Antonio Alberto Rocha
- +Arlindo Araujo +Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario
- +Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana +Maria Clara Gomes
- +Carlos Bento & Joaquim Afonso +Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira +Vincenzo Catania +All Deceased Members of the Rak Family +Antonella Vernola & Special Intention for the Vernola Family +All Souls

#### SUNDAY, November 3, 8:30 AM

+ProPopulo

#### SUNDAY November 3, 10:00AM

+Celeste Joaquina & Jose Marques

#### SUNDAY, November 3, 11:30AM

+Antonio Julio Diogo

#### SUNDAY, November 3, 6:30PM

+Joe & Fernando Pereira

# Friday November 1 (begins at 7:00pm) to Sunday November 3, 2019 (ends at 1:30pm) at

St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at <a href="www.vocationstoronto.ca">www.vocationstoronto.ca</a> Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact the office of vocations at 416 968 0997 email: <a href="wocations@archtoronto.org">wocations@archtoronto.org</a>.

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## REFLECTION

"I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbour. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help.

God hears the prayer of the humble. Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbour closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favor. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"?

Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulations, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised: but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. Ture humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL**

"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament, and I find hardly anyone who strives, according to My desire, to allay this thirst by making Me some return of love." – Words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **REMINDERS**

#### **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

On Friday November 1, 2019, all Saints Day, there will be a Mass at 8:30am and one at 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour.

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. As we gather, let us pray in hope and confidence for one another and our beloved dead. Through our prayers may they find eternal rest. There will be a Mass held on Saturday November 2, 2019 at 12:00pm at our cemetery on 9<sup>th</sup> line.

#### **NEW PARISHIONER – OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering Envelopes If you are new to the community, Welcome to Holy Martyrs of Japan! If you would like to register, please feel free to pick up a

Sunday Offering box and/or complete a registration form located in the narthex of the Church on the credenza. You can either drop off your completed form at the office, or include it with your first envelope offering. Pre-Authorization and Offering Envelopes will also be made available to you. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database 905 775 2065.

# **PARISH EVENTS**



#### **COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on Sunday October 27, 2019. Please come and support our Knights and their mission.

#### **CWL BAZAAR**

The Catholic Women's League will be hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3 from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Lunch is available to purchase on Saturday Only. Donations of baked goods, crafts, books, knitwear, items for the gift baskets and new and used items are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Church hall on Fri November 1 between 1-5pm. Please NO used clothing. For further information call Cecilia 416-710-3155 or Tina 905 775 4386.

## **SACRAMENTS**

#### **COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS**

Information packages regarding each of these Sacraments was distributed at each of the parent meetings held earlier this month. Families who did not attend the parent meeting are encouraged to pick up these sacrament information packages and registration forms after Saturday evening or Sunday Masses from the clergy. The packages will assist and instruct you in moving ahead to the celebration of these Sacraments. All registration forms, (Communion – yellow, Confirmation – green) are to be completed and submitted directly to Fr. Joshua or Fr. Mani after any of the Saturday evening or Sunday Masses before the deadline of December 15, 2019.

#### **IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES TO KNOW:**

**November 5** -Early Bird Alpha Youth Registration /Confirmation Registration Form and Sacramental Preparation offering envelope is due

**December 15** -ALL Confirmation and Alpha Youth Registration Forms are Due (green forms)

**January 9** -Alpha Youth first session 6:00pm -7:45pm Parish Hall

**February 1 or 2** (must attend one) -Enrollment Masses (blue forms)

**March 10** -Reconciliation 7:00pm – 9:00pm Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge is a youth ministry program designed to help youth learn more about their Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Come have fun, meet friends and play games in faith and fellowship. Monday Nights in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

Oct 28 - Bunco Baby Nov 4 - Museum

Nov 11 -Emojis

LIFE TEEN
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12 are invited to gather and enjoy the gift of friendship with food and fun while growing in faith and virtue. Beginning Sunday September 29 at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall. The theme, "A Healthy Meal"

Oct 27 - No Life Night

Nov 3 -Toward the Broken

Nov10 -Wii® Love Jesus



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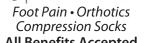


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