

We welcome you to

# 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

## The Greatest Commandments:

Love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, all your soul,  
and with all your mind and  
love thy neighbor as thyself.

Matthew 22 37:38

### 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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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 30, 7:00PM**

+Mary Gres +Margaret Dudo +Marian Yanek +Tibor & Alojzia Sakac +Giovanni Panacci +Joao Veloso +Maria de Jesus Carreiro +Maria Helena Lopes

**TUESDAY, October 31, 9:00AM**

+Antonio Mirassol & Family

**WEDNESDAY, November 1, 7:00PM**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

\*ProPopulo

**THURSDAY, November 2, 9:00AM & 7:00PM**

**ALL SOULS DAY**

+All The Faithful Departed

**FRIDAY, November 3, 7:00PM**

+Samantha Diogo

**SATURDAY, November 4, 9:00AM- First Saturday**

+All Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, November 4, 5:00PM**

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Manuel Da Silva

+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Romanko

Sakac +Lidia Nunes +Carlos Bento & Euclides

Pinho +Silvina Vieira & Manuel Pereira +David

Harrison +Pedro Viana +Joao Semiao +Peggy &

Charles Langley

**SUNDAY, November 5, 8:00AM,**

\*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, November 5, 10:00AM,**

+Luis Pontes

**SUNDAY, November 5, 12:00PM,**

+Manuel Da Silva

**SUNDAY, November 5, 4:30PM**

**El Sembrador**

+All Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, November 5, 6:30PM**

+Lidia Nunes



## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Saturdays at 5pm Mass.**

Children's choir is resuming. Students in grades 3-8 are welcome to join starting Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Children are to meet in the downstairs rehearsal room for some fun warm ups and to review the music at 4:30pm sharp (but 4pm on the first Saturdays of the month for additional coaching). To register or for additional information please email Jenn at hmjchoirs@gmail.com

## **HOLIDAY Market – Holy Trinity Catholic High School**

Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."* [Matthew 22:37-40](#)

If you were to make a list like this that began with your deepest desire, what would come first? We might all know what should come first, but if you were to honestly examine the desires of your heart right now, what would be on the top of that list?

Ideally, the first and greatest desire of our souls would be the two greatest commandments. Is that the deepest desire of your heart?

God must be the single and exclusive object of our love. The glorious nature of our love of God is such that the more love we offer to God, the more we have to give away to others. When we give our love to God, He does not take it away from us and keep it for Himself in a selfish way as if He is jealous and possessive. Instead, loving God transforms our ability to love in such a way that we have even more than we started with. We are limited creatures and we are limited in our ability to love. God is infinite and His love is infinite in nature. Therefore, when we give our limited love to God, we receive back from Him His infinite love. This love is then able to overflow from our lives and can be distributed without reserve.

So back to our original question: Do you love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind? If you do, then it means that every part of who you are is caught up in the mind and will of God. It means that you continuously seek to understand God and all that He has revealed to you. It means that you seek to comprehend His perfect will for you every day of your life. It means that you choose only that which God wills and that you do so with passion, zeal and fervor. It means that you are continuously attentive to God, respond to His gentle promptings of grace, and are led by Him every moment of every day of your life. That is a high calling! But it is the calling you have been given. Then, and only then, will you be loving yourself with the love of God by opening yourself to His outpouring of love, and only then will you be able to act as an instrument of God's love to those around you.

Reflect, today, upon the high and definitive calling you have been given to love God with every fiber of your being. Your love must become all-consuming. It must be total and without hesitation. It will require the complete sacrifice of your life, the full purging of your sins, the denunciation of all selfishness and a heart that is open to the infinite power of God's transforming touch. Because God commanded this, it is possible. It is possible to become a great saint. Shoot for nothing less. Never give up on this high calling and know that it is the only way to the fulfillment in life that you deeply desire. Catholic News Agency2021

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 29, 2023



## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

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

## CEMETERY PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ON ALL SOULS DAY

Come join us in prayer at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery (2952, 9<sup>th</sup> Line, Bradford) for all the faithful departed on **Thursday November 2, 2023, at 3:00pm.**

## 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.

## ALL SAINTS DAY

**Wednesday November 1, 2023, All Saints Day, there will be a Mass 7:00pm**

## ALL SOULS DAY

**Thursday November 2, 2023, All Souls Day, there will be a Mass at 9:00am and 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. 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 Thursday November 2, 2023, at 9:00am and 7:00pm. We will also be having Prayers at Holy Martyrs Cemetery on 9<sup>th</sup> line at 3:00pm.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:meneses@archtoronto.org)



## BAZAAR! BAZAAR!

Hosted By: Catholic Women's League  
Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> &

Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> 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: 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!  
**1<sup>st</sup> Life Teen Night is November 3**

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