

We welcome you to

Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Pastor: Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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 the parish office or Father John.

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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CULTURAL GROUPS

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, September 20, 7:00 PM
+Rosa Spada +Teodoro Paletta

TUESDAY, September 21, 9:00AM
+Kenny Quinn

WEDNESDAY, September 22, 7:00PM
+Roberto Furlan

THURSDAY, September 23, 9:00PM
+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, September 24, 7:00PM
+Luis Pontes

SATURDAY, September 25, 9:00AM
+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 25, 5:00PM
+John de Re +All Deceased Santana Family
Members +Frank Gammicchia +Jose Miranda
+Perpetua Barroso +Aporino & Bina Janeiro
+Halina Woznica & Powel Polaczek

SUNDAY, September 26, 8:00AM
+Maria & Dennis Faria

SUNDAY, September 26, 10:00AM
+Mary Kohar & Special Intention for Caroline Yesanko

SUNDAY, September 26, 12:00PM
+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 26, 6:30PM
+Jose Fernandes



COMING SOON!

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

As you know, the red Sanctuary lamp burns near the Tabernacle to remind us of Jesus' presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar. We hope to set up Sanctuary Lamp Intentions whereby parishioners may request for special prayer intentions to be added to the light of the candle and brought to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Intentions will be made for both the Tabernacle candle in the Sanctuary, and for each of the candles which adorn our Lord in the adoration chapel and will burn for one week. We hope to provide you with additional details and information in the upcoming weeks.

REFLECTION

Whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. We have heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. But do we give our full allegiance and mold our lives according to it? Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit and to inspire within you a reverence for his word and a readiness to obey it.

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" who others admire rather than a "nobody"?

Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants.

What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart—who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28) Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). Let us empty ourselves of everything that stands in the way—pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, to be filled with God's own glory power and love.

REMINDERS

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

To pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, please contact the office.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

ADORATION CHAPEL

We are happy to announce that our Adoration Chapel open once again for prayer, Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm. "We can pray anywhere," Cardinal Collins writes, "but there is no more fitting place to pray on earth than in the sacramental presence of the Lord. There we are profoundly struck with the awesome mystery of God's grace."

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION

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

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

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.

ALPHA



Holy Martyrs of Japan will begin our next Online Alpha course on Tuesday September 28 at 7:00pm. Alpha gives you a chance to discuss life, your faith and why we are all here, in an open, respectful environment. Over 24 million people have attended Alpha worldwide! If you have any questions, or would like to register, please email us at: alpha.hmoj@gmail.com

SHARELIFE

2021 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

ShareLife agencies are there for you, too

Please remember that ShareLife organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit sharelife.org and click on the "Need Help?" button.

For those who are able, please give to ShareLife through the parish office or sharelife.org.

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

To all communion candidates and families who have registered and chosen dates for the 2021 First Holy Communion Sacrament: On July 15, 2021 an email was sent out to those families only, who registered for Communion on-line and booked June dates that were recently postponed due to Covid. An Email was sent along with an Eventbrite invitation to book NEW dates for August. Please be sure to book your new date. Registration for these August dates will be open until July 30, 2021 at 9:00am.

Once these Sacraments are completed (Communion and Confirmation for 2021) we hope to move right into the next group, those awaiting to receive the Sacrament of Communion. More information on how we will proceed with this process will follow. Announcements regarding the celebration of future First Reconciliation and Communion will be made at Mass. By coming to Mass, or watching livestream, this will be the first point of communication. As well, please visit our website and our on-line bulletin for additional resources and updates on the Sacrament. We look forward to coming together once again to celebrate this Sacrament with you and your families.

CONFIRMATION

To all Confirmation candidates and families who have registered and chosen their October dates for the 2021 Confirmation Sacrament: We are going to keep our current Confirmation dates in October; however, many experts are predicting the rise in numbers of covid Cases from September onwards. Therefore, we would like to offer these families the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament in August, should there be another lockdown and cancellation this fall. This is a voluntary sign up, you can keep your October dates as booked if you wish. If you choose to change your date, these August dates will be open for booking until July 30, 2021 at 9:00am dates.

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

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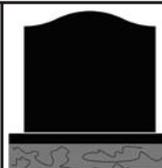
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