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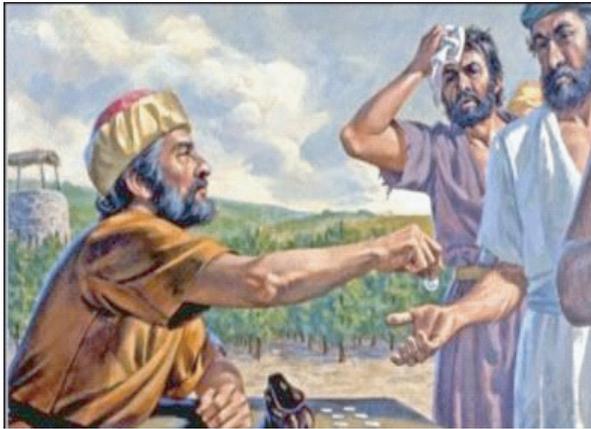
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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
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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, September 25, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Romanko Sakac +Maria de Jesus Carreiro
+Lucas Kang & Regina Han +For All Deceased Karpienia
Family Members +Fatima Teixeira +Maria Michalski

TUESDAY, September 26, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, September 27, 7:00PM

+Deolinda Oliveira

THURSDAY, September 28, 9:00AM

+Michael & Gabriela Mongillo

◆FRIDAY, September 29, *9:00AM

+Christopher Macdonell

SATURDAY, September 30, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 30, 5:00PM

+David Harrison +Manuel Da Silva +Maria de
Jesus Carreiro +Santiago Adaikalamuthu
+Antonio Gammicchia +Firmino Santos &
Manuel Laranjeiro +Abilio Soares & Jose Maltez
+Jose Azevedo & Manuel Mesquita +Manuel
Pereira & Jose Miranda +Antonio Pinto &
Antonio Morais

SUNDAY, October 1, 8:00AM,

+Carlos Marques & Grandparents

SUNDAY, October 1, 10:00AM,

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 1, 12:00PM,

+Santiago Adaikalamuthu

SUNDAY, October 1, 4:30PM

El Sembrador *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 1, 6:30PM

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo

◆*Please note Mass time Change*

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The need to support our community food bank especially during this most difficult time of insecurity, is essential and needed more than ever. We invite our parish community to drop off non-perishable food items in the crate at the back of the Church to help support our local food bank this thanksgiving.

RENEW Toronto – Young Adult Conference

Young Adults ages 19-39 are invited to the Young Adult Conference taking place on Saturday November 4, 2023, at Canada Christian College in Whitby. The conference will include keynotes, workshops, music, Confession, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration. Early bird Registration closes on September 29th and regular price registration closes on October 13. For more information, please visit www.renewtoronto.org

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY– October 6, 2023, at 11:00am

In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held at the Church. Mass Intentions can be booked through the parish office.

REFLECTION

Is life always fair? It would seem not. We have all experienced situations in life when we felt as though we were cheated. From an earthly perspective, it is true that life is not always fair. But we ought not live by an earthly perspective. We are called to live according to the divine perspective. From that perspective, everything is fair in the end, and true justice is meted out to everyone.

When we consider the question of whether or not life is fair, we should always begin with the Son of God. Jesus was certainly not treated fairly. He was perfect in every way. Yet we all know what happened to Him. He was falsely accused, dishonestly judged, brutally abused, and murdered on a cross.

Jesus' life, along with ours, must not be evaluated from the perspective of earthly justice. Each of us has a moral responsibility to act in justice as a minimum requirement. But we are also called to exceed earthly justice and live by the new standard of supernatural grace. From that perspective, Jesus' suffering and death was not tragic; it was glorious. His Cross was not an instrument of injustice, it was His throne upon which He established His new Kingdom. Once grace enters the picture, all apparent injustice is turned upside down and must be looked at from a different perspective.

The parable we read today presents to us the scenario in which God has chosen to bestow His grace and mercy in abundance to all who turn to Him. We can never earn the right to His mercy. Nothing we can do will ever give us the right to the gift of eternal salvation. Therefore, this parable especially challenges us to look at Heaven and the life of grace on earth from the perspective of "gift." All is a gift from God. Whether we convert at the end of our lives, after living sinful lives, or whether we have spent our whole lives serving the will of God, all is a gift in the end, all is grace. Those who have dedicated their entire lives to the love of God, will, as a result, take on the perspective of the mind and heart of God. Even the most hardened sinner who has been the source of much hurt in life is a candidate for the fullness of God's grace if they repent. This must be our desire. We must be like the landowner in this parable who rejoices when laborers show up in the last hour and then lavishes a full day's wages upon them. Not only is this fair from the divine perspective, it must become our personal desire as we labor through life.

If you find that you have jealousy, or judge others from the perspective of earthly justice, work to eliminate that perspective so that your heart's deepest desire is to see God bestow the fullness of mercy upon everyone in this world when they turn to Him with a contrite heart. Catholic News Agency2021



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on October 6, 2023, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 24, 2023

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – September 30, 2023

A Special Mass will be held on October 1, 2023, at 12:30pm at St. Anne's parish in Toronto, home of the Native People's Mission – all are welcome! The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the weekend of September 30 / October 1, 2023, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. Envelopes for this special collection are also available at the entrance of the church. For more information or to donate online visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

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. 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are looking for volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider journeying with our children from kindergarten to Grade 2 in breaking open the word of God at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. High school students are welcome to assist with adult leaders.

Community Service hours will be granted. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065, or email:

[holymartyrs of japan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martyrs of japan@archtoronto.org)

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Thursday October 12th 7pm-8:30pm

All are invited to our Faith and Fellowship evenings, where we cover a different topic of Catholic theology.

This is a free event, and no registration is necessary.

For parents with young children, our large meeting room is available for childcare. For more information, please email emeneses@archtoronto.org

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PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

September 28, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

More Information to Follow

ShareLife

Archbishop Leo invites you to join ShareLife's fight against hunger. "It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right. Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SACRAMENTS

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2024 season will be made available sometime in September. Please stay connected with us. We invite you to come celebrate Mass with us on Sundays, and be sure to visit our website, and online bulletin for up-to-date information on the sacraments.

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. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8. *More information on dates and registration to follow.*

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. *More information on dates to follow.*

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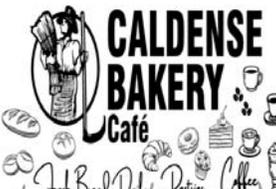
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