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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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**Pastor:** Fr. John Pak jpak@archtoronto.org  
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**Deacons:** Deacon David Langley  
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



## St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

El Sembrador Spanish Mass 4th Saturday: 7:00pm

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 8:30am 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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St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

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### MINISTERS

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Nancy Mora

### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

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

### 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 26, 7:00PM**

+ProPopulo

**TUESDAY, September 27, 9:00AM**

+Arlindo Araujo Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, September 28, 7:00PM**

+Francisco Paixao

**THURSDAY, September 29, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**FRIDAY, September 30, 9:00AM - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, October 1, 9:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, October 1, 5:00PM**

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario +Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana +All Deceased Members of Santana & Nazario Families +Elain Parris +Joao Domingues +Jose Augusto Ferreira +Santiago Adaikalamuthu \*Special Intentions for Helio Sousa

**SUNDAY, October 2, 8:00AM**

+Maria Santos Rosete & Manuel Cruz Conceicao

**SUNDAY, October 2, 10:00AM**

+ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, October 2, 12:00PM**

+Lucy Pires Dantas

**SUNDAY, October 2, 6:30PM**

+Mark Oliveira & Fred Oliveira



- **We have returned to 100% Capacity**
- **Masks are voluntary but highly recommended**
- **No registration required to attend Mass**

**Please note that we will continue with hand sanitization practices, along with cleaning procedures for extra precaution.**

## MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CEMETERY

Please join us in a Mass celebration at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at the Church. Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

## VOCATIONS

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Please note the office will be closed for staff day of Reflection and Education and Mass will be at 9:00am

# REFLECTION

*“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.” Luke 16:19-21*

From one perspective, Lazarus was existing in a very undesirable state. He was poor, starving, and miserable. He was covered with sores that dogs would lick. This is very descriptive language used by Jesus and it’s helpful to do your best to imagine this miserable physical state that Lazarus was in.

The key to this story is that even though Lazarus was in a miserable physical condition, his soul was in the hands of God. We know that to be true, because we are told that when he died, he was “carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham” (Luke 16:22).

This story provides us all with an opportunity to look at what is most important in life. The rich man had all he wanted in this life but clearly lacked charity on account of the fact that he ignored the physical needs of Lazarus. For that reason, the rich man was spiritually impoverished, whereas Lazarus was spiritually prosperous.

When you can keep your eyes on what is most important in life, spiritual wealth, it will make the many other hardships you endure less burdensome. Perhaps you will never be in the same physical condition as Lazarus, but you may encounter other great pains and hardships in life. When this happens, the tendency may be to become fixated upon those sufferings and to take your eyes off your interior union with God.

Reflect, today, upon how you would deal with living like Lazarus. Reflect upon what your own “sores” are in life. They may be varied in type, degree and number from those of other people’s sufferings, but they will be encountered in your life. As you identify your suffering, turn your eyes from it to the presence of God in your soul, and allow His presence to fill you with the riches of His grace. Catholic News Agency 2021

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

*“Our age needs to rediscover the fruitfulness of silence, in order to overcome the dissipation of sounds, images and chatter that too often prevent the voice of God from being heard” - St. John Paul II*

**“Could you not spend one hour with me?”**

## PARISH NEWS



### OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

LIVE MUSIC/FOOD/RAFFLE PRIZES/ CASH BAR

Doors open at 6:00pm

Tickets: Adults \$25.00 Youth (under 18) \$15.00 or \$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 24, 2022 or can be purchased in person from the parish office until October 16 2022.

Volunteers are needed to help make Oktoberfest a great success! We cannot do this without your help. We are looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations, and cleaning. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or email: [youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com](mailto:youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com)

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the Archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has developed a financial campaign to support ongoing healing and reconciliation efforts. In response to those who have expressed a desire to contribute, the Healing and Reconciliation fund has been established. **Our First annual collection will take place on the weekend of October 1, 2022. Donations can be made online by visiting [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org) and clicking the “donate” tab, by phone 416 934 3411 or through the use of our “Special Collection for Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation” offering envelopes which will be made available on October 1, 2022. Our funding will support Indigenous partners, organizations, and communities in our archdiocese and beyond.**

We recognize the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come. Additional information and resources can be found by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools](http://www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools).

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

*“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one”* – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The need to support our community food bank especially during this most difficult time of insecurity, is essential and needed more than ever. Let us not forget to share the blessings we have been given. Let’s overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this thanksgiving! For anyone wishing to contribute, we invite our parish community to drop off your food items in the crate at the back of the Church.

### RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference 2022 Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00am to 9:30pm Canada Christian College (300 Water St., Whitby) Doors open at 9:00am Social ends at 11:00pm

RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults aged 19-39 with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community. **To register please visit: [www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org) If you have any questions, contact [youngadult@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org). The registration deadline is October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC

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 evening program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. John, or the Parish Office at 905 775 2065.

## 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.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

### FOR MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASS, BLESSING OF A MILESTONE WEDDING

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