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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!

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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 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

St. Teresa of Calcutta—905-778-8653

St. Charles—905-775-6762

St. Jean de Brebeuf—905-775-8460

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Consolation and Hope

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

EDGE Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministers

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

Seniors Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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 27, 7:00 PM

+Arlindo Araujo Sr.

TUESDAY, September 28, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, September 29, 7:00PM

+ProPopulo

THURSDAY, September 30, 9:00PM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, October 1, 7:00PM

+Savariammal

SATURDAY, October 2, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, October 3, 5:00PM

+Mark Oliveira +Maria & Eugenio Arruda

+Lucy Pires +Jose Miranda +Victor Fernandes &

Parents +Francelino & Rita Viaes + Fr.

Knzimirz Brzozowski +Savariammal

SUNDAY, October 4, 8:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, October 4, 10:00AM

+Samantha Diogo

SUNDAY, October 4, 12:00PM

+Savariammal

SUNDAY, October 4, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Thursday September 30, is a day of reflection and prayer to honor the victims of the residential school system and celebrate the survivors. Please note, the parish office will be closed and will reopen on Friday October 1, 2021

AS WE PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" –

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Let us not forget to share the blessings we have been given.

This pandemic has been a challenging time for ALL families, some more than others. However, it has also taught us how truly dependent we are on one another. This thanksgiving, let us be the hands and feet Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help spread a message of HOPE this thanksgiving season by donating non-parishable items (such as: Pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, Cereal, Granola Bars, Crackers, Canned fruit, Baked beans, Juice boxes/1lt Juices, Soup, Peanut Butter, Rice, Flour, Sugar, Tea, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Size 6 Diapers and Baby Wipes) to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the entrance of the Church when you come to Mass. Let us overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this thanksgiving!

NOTE: The office will be closed on Monday October 11, 2021 for the Thanksgiving long weekend. A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

REFLECTION

Do you rejoice in the good that others do? Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1Corinthians 13:4,6).

Envy and jealousy, its counterpart, are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice – namely, our neighbour's good. The reason we may grieve over another's good is that somehow, we see that good as lessening our own value of excellence. Envy, therefore, is contrary to love.

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit purifies our heart and frees us from our disordered passions, such as envy, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. God's love purifies and frees us from all envy and jealousy-and it compels us to give generously, especially to those who lack what they need.

Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith.

God created us IN love FOR love. We are most free and happy when we love as he loves. The love and charitable help we show to our neighbor also expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant mercy and kindness of God towards us. Jesus declared that any kindness shown, and any help given to those in need, would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help.

Do you allow the love of Christ to transform your heart that you may treat your neighbour with loving-kindness and mercy? A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

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REMINDERS



I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 program is geared towards prospective adults and their sponsors. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who may be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 or email Fr. John directly at jpak@archtoronto.org

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

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

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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