

Various courses



+ Bible study class

Saturday Course (1st & 3rd Sat) from 2:00 pm
Thursday Course (2nd & 4th Thu) From 10:00 am
(Contents are the same for both days)

Believers or Non-believers can participate regardless of church affiliation.

+ Introductory course

It is a course for baptism applicants.
If you are interested please consult the priest for detailed information.

Liturgical Year

+ Fixed Holidays

Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nov 2 All Soul's Day
Dec 25 Christmas Day

+ Movable Feast

April Easter
June First Communion
Dec The Holy Family

St. Patrick's Church Events

Jan New Adult Blessing Ceremony
Feb Parishioners General Assembly
Mar St. Patrick's Day
Aug Church School Camp
Sept International Mass
Oct Church Bazaar
Nov Shichi-Go-San Blessing Ceremony
A Joint Grave Visit
Dec Christmas Celebration



Christmas Manger

St. Patrick's Kindergarten

It was established in Oct. 1949 by the St. Columban Association, and childcare practice has been handled by Sisters of "Shofaiyu no Osanaki Iezusu Shudokai" which has a long tradition and excellent achievement in early childhood education. Newly constructed in March 1967, in April 1984 the establishment was changed from the religious corporation St. Columban to Religious Corporation of Archdiocese of Tokyo.



Kindergarten

Access



Seibu Ikebukuro Line
"Shiinamachi Station North Exit" 5 minutes walk

Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line/Fukutoshin Line
5 minutes walk from Exit 4 of Kanamecho Station



St. Patrick's Church

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Welcome to St. Patrick's Church

Toshima Church was established in 1948 by the missionary of the St. Columban Ireland Association, and in June 1956 the present church was consecrated. "St. Patrick" on stained glass window is set in front of the church as the Patron Saint of Toshima church. Since April 2003, the in-charge priest moved from the missionary of the St. Columban Association and the church became a Parish of Archdiocese of Tokyo.



Altar with a canopy



Church Tower

Saint Patrick



St. Patrick's Statue

Saint Patrick is the Apostle and patron saint of Ireland. Born in Scotland in 389 and died in about 461 years. He was a Christian missionary given credited with converting Ireland to Christianity. The holiday is March 17th, celebrated internationally, and we celebrate St. Patrick, a patron saint in our church. The small three-leaf Shamrock was the tool reputedly used by Saint Patrick to illustrate the Holy Trinity. This statue was donated by the Ambassador of Ireland.

Priest's Foreword

Welcome to Catholic Toshima Church

Our Church is dedicated to God. Anyone who wish to pray is welcome even Non-Catholics. Believers in far away places can come and visit the church as well.

And for those who do not even hold the faith of Christ, the church is always open as a place of encounter with God, for those who have worries and sufferings and those who are unable to find the meaning and purpose of their lives. Jesus awaits you to come to Him. Of course, as part of a community, the church warmly welcomes you.



Fr. Noboru Tanaka
Parish Priest

Mass Schedules

The Mass is the central liturgical service of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome in the church regardless of faith or denomination. It takes about 1 hour on Sundays and about 30 minutes on weekdays.

Sunday 9:30 AM (Japanese)
12:00 Noon (English)

Weekdays 7:30 AM (Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat.)

The English Mass started in January 1989 in Toshima church. It is offered every Sunday with cooperating priest, Father John Joseph Puthenkalam, a Jesuit priest. Foreigners from 10 countries are coming to join the mass.

The Church

Toshima church was constructed and designed by the Architect Antonin Raymond. He was born in Czech Republic. He came to Japan in 1919 and employed with Frank Lloyd Wright, and worked together on the Imperial Hotel. He spent a long time in Japan, where he achieved many of his works. The art and architecture of Toshima church are the concrete walled structure in a folded plate configuration, set of stained glass windows lining the walls, bringing light, color and beauty. The bench, equipment fittings, door knobs of the church etc are designed by Noemi.



Antonin Raymond (1888-1976)
Noemi Raymond (1889-1980)
(Couple)



Statue of the Virgin Mary



Sculptured by
Yasutake Funakoshi
(1912-2002)

Yasutake Funakoshi was born in Iwate Prefecture in 1912 and aspired to Rodin to be a sculptor. The statue is made out of a mixture of marble and sandstone, but since 1950, a unique style has been established for works of religious themes supported by Catholic faith. One of the works representing Japanese sculptures after the war is the 26 martyr monument built in Nagasaki City. The statue of Mary was erected in Toshima church in 1959.

