



Guiding Light

JULY/AUGUST, 2025



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

| | | | 11:00 AM | 10:45 AM DHARAMA TALK (JAPANESE) | |
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| | | In Person | In Person & Zoom | In Person, ONLY | |
| JULY 12, 2025 (Sat) | OHAKAMAIRI | SCHEDULE PAGE 7 | | | |
| JULY 13, 2025 | HATSUBON & OBON SERVICE | 9:00 AM HATSUBON | 11:15 AM OBON SERVICE ENGLISH | 11:00 AM JAPANESE DHARMA TALK | |
| JULY 20, 2025 | SUMMER SERVICE | NONE | ENGLISH | NONE | |
| JULY 27, 2025 | SUMMER SERVICE | NONE | ENGLISH | NONE | |
| AUGUST 3, 2025 | MEMORIAL SERVICE (SHOTSUKI) | NONE | ENGLISH | JAPANESE | |
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| | | Kids' Sangha 10:30 AM | Will resume on September 7, 2025 | | |

ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS**JAPANESE SHOTSUKI SERVICES HAS CHANGED****10:45 AM- 11:00 AM DHARMA TALK IN JAPANESE****11:00 AM ENGLISH SHOTSUKI SERVICE****Makuragyo (Pillow-side) Service**

When families consider having a Pillow-side service (Makuragyo) they are encouraged to notify the Temple with advance notice. This offers the Temple members time to adjust their schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, the Temple member is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing away of the loved one. The family may prefer to have the service at an earlier time so that more family members can attend the service. Providing information, before a passing away, is important for

the Temple member too, not only to adjust their schedule but to prepare for the service. The early contact with the Temple member also provides an opportunity for them to offer information and answer questions the family may have. Please call the Temple at 416-534-4302 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as someone is available. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Board of Directors



SCOOPING, ONLY TO FIND I WAS BEING SCOOPED

At the end of May, I was on a short trip to Japan. The humidity and heat I felt there have now begun to make their way to Toronto as well—yes, it is already late June.

Looking back, June was full of meaningful encounters and events. One special experience was officiating an inter-faith wedding ceremony in cooperation with a Christian priest. The groom grew up attending our temple's Dharma School, and through that long-standing connection, I was invited to take part in this unique and heartfelt ceremony. I sincerely hope the couple will continue to respect each other's religion and live a life guided by the teachings of the Nembutsu.

On another day, Rev. Sugiura and I were invited to an event held at the Wutai Shan Buddhist Garden, a facility established by a Chinese Buddhist temple on the outskirts of Toronto. In recent years, the Buddhist College of Canada, located at the garden, has been strengthening its relationship with Emmanuel College—a graduate theological school affiliated with Victoria University at the University of Toronto. Though Emmanuel College is a Christian seminary, it is also one of the few institutions in Canada

offering graduate-level courses in Buddhist spiritual care. As someone who has an interest in chaplaincy, I've long wanted to explore these studies, and this event was part of that relationship.

June, then, was a month of engaging with new perspectives and building bridges across religions and cultures. But just as memorable for me was an event that took place right here at Toronto Buddhist Church—our annual Backyard BBQ. This year,



in addition to the usual food and festivities, we were treated to something special: Nagashi-Somen (flowing Somen noodles), thanks to a generous person who happened to own some bamboo.

While this activity is relatively common in Japan, bamboo is hard to come by here in Canada. For many of our members, this was their very first time experiencing it.

We split the bamboo lengthwise, connected the halves together, poured cold water down the trough, and sent chilled Somen noodles flowing along it. The goal is to catch the noodles with your chopsticks as they pass by. It's

a simple game, and yet—everyone gets completely absorbed in it.

In Nagashi-Somen, the noodles flow right in front of you, but unless you actively reach out to catch them at just the right mo

ment, they slip away. If you're not paying attention, the opportunity is gone. In this, I couldn't help but feel the deep message of impermanence.

As I watched everyone enjoying this summer tradition, I began to think of Amida Buddha's compassionate working.

Amida Buddha reaches us through the Name, Namo Amida Butsu, which flows to us at all times, in all places. With boundless compassion, Amida calls out to each of us:

“I will surely save you. No matter who you are, I will never abandon you.”

However, if we fail to notice that voice—if our hearts and minds are closed off to it—then we may find it passes us by. Often, we are too caught up in the demands of daily life, in our worries and our assumptions, to really hear the Amida Buddha's call.

Nagashi-Somen, of course, flows in intervals. But the working of Amida Buddha does not.

It never stops. It has always been flowing—unceasingly, eternally—whether we notice it or not. It is the unwavering, ever-present Vow that manifests as the Name, Namo Amida Butsu, calling to us in this very moment.

And it is because of this working that we are finally able to realize:

“This has been flowing for me all along.”

What we thought we were scooping up with our own hands—was, in truth, already being handed to us by the Buddha's compassion.

That hand we reached out with? Perhaps it was moved not by our own strength, but by the very working of the Vow.

The Primal Vow of Amida is not saying, “Work hard and attain enlightenment on your own.”

Rather, it says:

“You are fine just as you are. I will surely help you. Please, entrust yourself to me.”

This unwavering wish flows into our lives through the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu. And before we know it, the voice that once called to us from beyond becomes our own voice—spoken from within.

When we are touched by deep gratitude, that single phrase naturally arises from our lips: **“Namo Amida Butsu.”**

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Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of August

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month to remember and honour those who have passed away in that month regardless of year.

Usually, mail reminders are sent out to the next of kin but due to changing circumstances we have not always been able to reach families and hope that by publishing the names of those who have passed, we can still reach and remind families and dear friends of the month of their loved ones honouring. Below is our listing of our members and supporters who have passed away during the month of **August**. All are invited and welcome to attend.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ANDREONE, Jo Anne Yasuko | ITO, Mitsujiro | NABETA, Matsuichi | SUMIYA, Mits |
| ARIZA, Darrell Patrick | ITO, Mitsuyoshi | NAGAO, Kazuko Betty | SUYAMA, Larry Kenji |
| ASA, Mitsuko | ITO, Peter Shizuma | NAKABAYASHI, Hiroshi | TAKANO, Denji |
| AZUMA, Sano | ITO, Zenya | NAKAGAWA, Miyoko | TAKASAKI, Matsue |
| BABA, Teruko | IWATA, Hiromu | NAKAMURA, Ginpachi | TAKEDA, Augusta |
| BABA, Tejiro | KAJI, Jiro | NAKANISHI, Kenichiro | TAKEDA, Kumasaburo |
| BANDO, Mark | KAKINOKI, John Mashiro | NAKATSU, Yoshiharu | TAKEHISA, Michiko |
| BANDO, Sada | KAWABATA, Masao | NARUSE, Kimi | TANAKA, Mitsuo |
| CHIJIWA, Yoko | KAWAGUCHI, Kameo | NASU, Kaoru | TANAKA, Nobby Nobuyoshi |
| EBATA, Matsuko Betty | KISHIBE, Tokichi | NATSUHARA, Kichi | TANAKA, Jinya |
| EBATA, Joe Ryota | KITAMURA, Masaru | NISHIMOTO, Harumi | TANAKA, Mine |
| EBISUZAKI, Hide | KOBAYASHI, Mikiko | NISHIMURA, Albert Masatoshi | TANAKA, Tatsuya |
| EGUCHI, Shizu | KOBAYASHI, Shigeno | NISHIMURA, Eitaro | TANAKA, Yoshiko |
| FUJITA, George Sadaji | KOBAYASHI, Teruya | OHASHI, Giichi | TATEBE, Kazuo |
| FUJITA, Hikosaku | KOBAYASHI, Tokujiro | OHASHI, Ross Shozo | TERASHITA, Allen Akitoshi |
| FUJITA, Kii | KOBAYASHI, Yoko | OKAZAKI, Robert | TOKUYAMA, Fumie |
| FUKUMORI, Hatsuno | KONDO, Harry Shota | OMOTO, Sada | TOYAMA, Akiko |
| FUKUMOTO, Umechiyo | KONDO, Kimiko | OTAGURO, Sumiye | TSUJI, Gerry Kazuo |
| FURUKAWA, Gentaro | KONDO, Shigeo | SAITO, Fred Ichiro | TSURUDA, Kikuye |
| FURUYA, Minoru | KONISHI, Fujiko | SAKAI, Nobuko Jean | TSUSHIMA, Ayako |
| GYOTOKU, Unta | KOSHIBA, Hiroshi | SAKURA, Hikotaro | URA, Taneshiro |
| HAKKAKU, Kiyo | KUROYAMA, Sannosuke | SATO, Akira Mooney | UYENAKA, Masayuki |
| HAMAMOTO, Yoshio | KUSHIDA, Takashi | SATO, Keiko | WAKISAKA, Minoru |
| HARA, Kiyoji | MATSUDA, Shizuka | SATO, Sadamu | WATANABE, Tsuneharu |
| HARA, Kimie | MATSUMOTO, Shizuko | SHIGA, Teruji Terry | WATARI, Gentaro |
| HIDAKA, Kathy Ling Fai Ling | MATSUYAMA, Hikohei | SHIKATANI, Hisaya | YAMAMOTO, Etsu |
| HIGUCHI, Hisakichi | MILLARD, Mayuko | SHIKATANI, Ino | YOKOTA, Kenji Bernie |
| HIKIDA, Kikue | MITSUKI, Yukio | SHIKATANI, Yohei | YONEMURA, Kaoru |
| HIROSE, Fumiko | MIYAGAWA, George Kiichiro | SHIMONO, Shiroemon | YOSHIDA, Howard Kaoru |
| HORI, Yoshio | MIYANISHI, Yoshie Minnie | SHIN, Yeda | YOSHIKAWA, Hatsue |
| HOSAKI, George Kazuki | MIYAUCHI, Shozo Bob | SHINYA, Shinji Jack | YOSHIKAWA, Toshiko |
| IKEBATA, Masao | MIZUYABU, Reiko | SHINMOTO, Hisayo | |
| IMAI, Jiro | MORI, Misako | SHIOZAKI, Douglas Masato | |
| INOUE, Bruce Keigo | MORI, Shozo | SHIRAISHI, Isamu | |
| ITO, Akitaro | MOTOTSUNE, Marie Satsuko | SHOJI, Tsunehiro Tony | |
| ITO, Eiko | MUKAI, Takeno | SHOJI, Genji Gene | |
| ITO, Lily Yuriko | MURAI, Ben Tsutomu | SUEFUJI, Sachio | |
| | MURATA, Hanae | SUMIDA, Yoshinari | |

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of September

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| AMEMORI, Rinzo Jon | INAMOTO, Allan Yukio | MATSUBA, Kenneth Brian Yukio | OHASHI, Shizuko |
| ASADA, Mitsuru | INAMOTO, William Akira | MATSUOKA, Haruno | OHASHI, Noboru |
| AYUKAWA, Robert Noboru | ISHIDA, Yoshiro | MITSUKI, Shige | OHASHI, Uta |
| AZUMA, Ikichi | ITO, Dick Hideki | MIYASAKI, Nobu | OMOTO, Paul |
| BABA, Hisaye | ITO, Mitsuyoshi | MIYAZAKI, Mitsue | ONAMI, Paul Seiju |
| BABA, Tatsuo | ITO, Suga | MIYAZAKI, Shinzo | ONO, Isao |
| EBATA, Genei | IWASAKI, Suye | MORI, Kinu | OTAGURO, Sumiye |
| EBATA, Shio | IWASHITA, Motaro | MORIMOTO, Ikunosuke | PULS, Ron |
| EDAMURA, John Hideo | KAMADA, Masu | MORIMOTO, Takeo | RUMBLE, Mary Yoshie |
| EJIMA, Hatsujiro | KATO, Katsujiro | MORISHITA, Harold Hiroshi | SAITO, Sally Shizue |
| FUKUDA, Hisako | KAWAMOTO, Chujiro | MORISHITA, Kamekichi | SAKAUYE, Kazuo |
| FUJII, Rinnosuke | KIKUCHI, Kamematsu | MORIYAMA, Raymond | SAWAYAMA, Aya |
| FUJII, Jean Misako | KIKUTA, Tatsuo | MURAKAMI, Itoku | SEKIMOTO, Yasuko |
| FUJINO, Iwajiro | KISHIMOTO, Seikichi | MURANAKA, Kenneth Kenichi | SEKO, Shigeo |
| FUJINO, Shizue | KISHIMOTO, Yo | MURATA, Matsutaro | SHIBATA, Yoshikazu |
| FUJIOKA, Yonesaku | KITAURA, Yoshifumi | NAKAGAWA, Katsujiro | SHIMONO, Sakino |
| FUKAKUSA, Mariko | KIYONAGA, Chiyoko May | NAKAGAWA, Margaret Fumiko | SHIOMI, Masayoshi |
| FUKUDA, Hisako | KIYONAGA, Don Kitaji | NAKAHARA, Genichiro | SHIN, Zentaro |
| FUKUMA, Hirotsuke | KIYONAGA, Kiheiji | NAKATSU, Kichinosuke | SHINYA, Shinsuke |
| FUKUSHIMA, Shizue Sue | KOBAYASHI, Kenichiro | NAKATSU, Tsunekichi | SHIOMI, Masayoshi |
| GIGA, Fujiko | KOBAYASHI, Kiyoshi | NAKAUCHI, Seki | SHIRAISHI, Robert Bob Shigeo |
| HALLISCHUK, Joanne Yoshiko | KODAMA, Isamu | NISHI, Yukari Lolly | SHOJI, Yoshiko Mary |
| HARADA, Chiyono | KOKURA, Mitsu | NISHIJIMA, William Shigetada | TAHARA, Mamoru Mum |
| HARRIS, Morgan Thomas | KONDO, Tadao Ted | NISHIKAWA, Takako Molly | TAHARA, Noboru |
| HATANAKA, Sueko | KONDO, Yuki | NISHIKAWA, Taro | OMOTO, Paul |
| HAYASHI, Gibson | KONISHI, Helen Haruye | NISHIMURA, Alyce Asano | ONAMI, Paul Seiju |
| HAYASHI, Doreen Akemi | KOSHIDA, Thomas Yoichi | NISHIMURA, Yutaka Glenn | ONO, Isao |
| HIGA, Matsu | KOYAMA, Katsuko | NISHINO, Richard Susumu | OTAGURO, Sumiye |
| HIKIDA, Tsunekichi | KUMABE, Masayuki | NISHIYAMA, Catherine Hisako | PULS, Ron |
| HONKAWA, Kyuhachi | KURAHASHI, Satoru Sam | NISHIZAWA, Elizabeth Matsue | RUMBLE, Mary Yoshie |
| HORII, Yoshiko | KUROYAMA, Iwao | NISHIZAKI, Marion Kiku | SAITO, Sally Shizue |
| HUANG, Chan Nuan Po | KUSHIDA, Imaji | NISHIZEKI, Hisako | SAKAUYE, Kazuo |
| ICHII, Miyo | KUSHIDA, Shirley Sachiko | NOMURA, Lucy Toshiko | SAWAYAMA, Aya |
| ICHII, Seinojo | LEBA, Thanh | NOZOE, James Akira | SEKIMOTO, Yasuko |
| ICHII, Tokumatsu | MA, Junko | OHARA, Kinosuke | SEKO, Shigeo |
| IGARASHI, Toyono | MAEHARA, Jiro | | SHIBATA, Yoshikazu |
| IKEBATA, Natsue | MAEHARA, Mutsuko | | SHIMONO, Sakino |
| INAMOTO, Kishi | MAEKAWA, Iwajiro | | SHIOMI, Masayoshi |
| INAMOTO, Yoshi | MASUDA, Suyekichi | | SHIN, Zentaro |

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of September, continued

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| SHINYA, Shinsuke | TAKANO, Shizue | TEHARA, Kazuko | UCHIDA, Minoru |
| SHIOMI, Masayoshi | TAKATA, Ichiro | TERAKAWA, Sadako | URA, Tomoye |
| SHIRAIISHI, Robert Bob | TAKATA, Morikichi | TOHANA, Shigeo | WAKISAKA, Takashi |
| Shigeo | TAKEMURA, Soichiro James | TOJI, Toku | WAKISAKA, Yasuo |
| SHOJI, Yoshiko Mary | TAKISHITA, Isami | TOKUYAMA, Akira | WATADA, Chisato |
| TAHARA, Mamoru Mum | TANAKA, Chiyo | TSUJI, Allan Takeru | YAKO, Tokuzo |
| TAHARA, Noboru | TANAKA, Kisa | TSUJI, Shinichi Fred | YAMASHITA, Suwa |
| TAJIMA, Takakazu | TANAKA, Saburo | TSUJI, Tsuru | YONEKURA, Sumiye |
| TAKAHASHI, George | TATEBE, Kazutaro | TSUKADA, Masao | YOSHIDA, Hideo |
| Yoshikazu | TATEISHI, Tsugeko | TSUKAMOTO, Hana | YU, Song Shing and Hsieh Wei |
| TAKAHASHI, Torao Tote | TEHARA, Joe Heijiro | TSURUDA, Shuzo | |

OBITUARIES

The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individual(s) who have passed away.

*If we have missed any names, please notify the Temple office so that we may update our records. Thank You
In Gassho*

Toronto Buddhist Church - A Jodo Shinshu Temple

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| <i>Mrs. Teruko (Terrie) Nishikawa</i> | <i>95 yrs</i> | <i>May, 21, 2025</i> |
| <i>Mr. Ikuo (Ike) Shiozaki</i> | <i>94 yrs</i> | <i>May 29, 2025</i> |
| <i>Mr. Masuo (Mas) Takano</i> | <i>81 yrs</i> | <i>June 22, 2025</i> |
| <i>Ms. Kei Yano</i> | <i>77 yrs</i> | <i>June 23, 2025</i> |

SCOOPING, ONLY TO FIND I WAS BEING SCOOPED UP (continued from page 3)

Looking back, I feel June was a month full of meaningful encounters—like flowing noodles, fleeting but profound. Let us take time now and then to pause, listen closely, and realize: “Ah, today too, I am being called by Amida Buddha.” Even if we forget, the flow never stops.

Now, as we enter July, the time for Obon has come.

It is a sacred opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us, and to reflect on our own lives under the light of Amida’s great compassion.

After Obon, our Sunday Services at TBC will shift to our shorter Summer Service format. This year, I plan to share Dharma messages exploring the theme of hell.

The word “hell” may sound frightening, but in Buddhism, it refers to more than just a distant realm.

It reveals something about the suffering and confusion we already experience in this life—and the path of liberation that unfolds even there.

It’s not someone else’s story. It’s a mirror showing us our own reality, here and now.

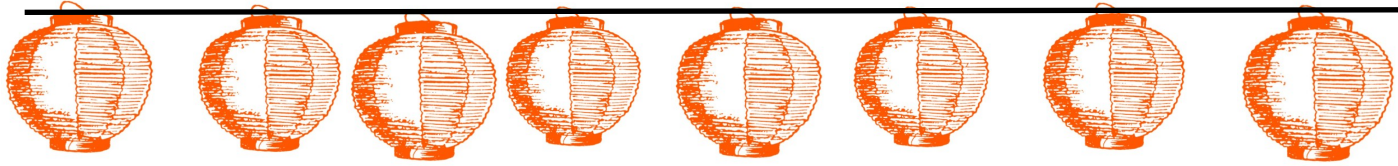
As the summer heat deepens, please take care of yourselves—and may your days be accompanied by the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Kensho Hashimoto

HAKAMAIRI Saturday, July 12, 2025

| <u>CEMETERY</u> | <u>CENTRAL SERVICE LOCATION</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>SERVICE LEADER</u> |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Elgin Mills Cemetery | Section 2/8 | 11:30 am | Dennis Madokoro |
| Glen Oaks Cemetery | Last Supper Mausoleum | 10:15 am | Jeff Wilson Sensei |
| Glendale Cemetery | TBA | 9:30 am | John Nishikawa |
| Highland Memorial Gardens | Mausoleum near parking lot | 9:30 am | Dennis Madokoro |
| Meadowvale Cemetery | Parking lot near entrance | 11:30 am | Jeff Wilson Sensei |
| Mt. Pleasant Cemetery | Section 51, sundial near Bayview | 10:30 am | Rev. Kanaya |
| Park Lawn Cemetery | Outside mausoleum | 11:30 am | Rev. Sugiura |
| Pine Hills Cemetery | Section 7 | 9:30 am | Rev. Hashimoto |
| Pine Ridge Memorial | TBA | 12:00 pm | Pauline Knude |
| Prospect Cemetery | Mausoleum of Last Supper near St. Clair Ave | 10:15 am | Rev. Sugiura |
| Resthaven Memorial Gardens | Circle Garden | 10:30 am | Rev. Hashimoto |
| Salem U.C. | TBA | 11:00 am | Pauline Knude |
| Sanctuary North and South | Meet at the parking lot on the south side | 9:00 am | Susan Ebisuzaki |
| Spring Creek Cemetery | Clarkson Rd at back of cemetery, big tree | 9:30 am | Jeff Wilson Sensei |
| | | | 519-954-0659 |
| St. James Cemetery | TBA | 9:30 am | Rev. Kanaya |
| Toronto Necropolis | Memorial east side closest to DVP | 9:00 am | Rev. Kanaya |
| York Memorial Cemetery | Cemetery pond west of Senlac | 9:00 am | Rev. Sugiura |



OBON 2025

On Obon Sunday, July 13, the first service of the day at 9:00 AM is for Hatsubon Families. All those who have lost a family member in the past year, attend Hatsubon (First Obon) memorial service to honour and respect their loved one. Please find below the names of individuals who will be remembered with a hanging Chochin (lantern) in the Hondo.

Please accept our apologies if we have missed any names off our list of loved ones who have passed away during this period.

Gassho, Toronto Buddhist Church– A Jodo Shinshu Temple



HATSUBON

July 2024 to July 2025

KUMABE, Mrs. Misako Jean
SUEFUJI, Mr. Sachio Yukio
SHIMODA, Mr. Leonard Taichi
SERA, Mrs. Etsuko
UYEYAMA, Mrs. Chizuko
SUMIYA, Mr. Michiyoshi Mits
NISHIZEKI, Mrs. Hisako
OHASHI, Mrs. Yoshiko
KITAURA, Mr. Yoshifumi
ITO, Mrs. Eiko
YAMASHITA, Mr. Masuo
ONAMI, Mr. Paul Seiju
HORII, Mrs. Yoshiko
OHASHI, Mr. Noboru
IWAGASE, Mr. Isamu
HAMA, Mrs. Satoko
SHIRAISHI, Mrs. Mary Taeko
MURAKAMI, Mrs. Shirley Shizue
KONDO, Mrs. Yuki
SHIN, Mrs. Teruko
HASHIMOTO, Mrs. Kiyomi Kay
SUEFUJI, Mrs. Sachiko
TSUSHIMA, Mr. George
KONO, Miss Fumi
OSATO, Mrs. Fumiko Florence

FUJIMOTO, Mr. Shiro Jon
TANAKA, Mr. Tsugio
URA, Mrs. Betty Masaye
NAKAI, Mr. Seiji
KIYONAGA, Mrs. Eiko
NISHIMURA, Mrs. Keiko
LEBEDYNSKY, Mr. Andrew Yo
TEHARA, Mr. Michael
SHIOZAKI, Mr. Ikuo
NISHIKAWA, Mrs. Teruko

**** PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW
 TIME CHANGES ****

Hatsubon Service 9:00 am
Obon (Japanese) 1:00 am
Obon (English) 11:15 am



OBON WEEKEND

Sat., July 12, and Sun., July 13 2025

Our Guest Speaker for Obon weekend, will be Rev. Patricia Kanaya. Please join us as we welcome her.

At the JCCC on **Saturday, July 12th** there will be the **Obon Odori Festival** (Japanese Folk Dancing) performance from **7:00 PM**. The **Natsu Matsuri** will begin at **5:00 PM**

Please visit the JCCC and TBC websites for full details.

www.jccc.on.ca

www.tbc.on.ca

Hope to see you there !!



For the Generations to Come



Headline: What World Will Our Children and Grandchildren Inherit?

Body: Our choices today will profoundly impact the lives of our children and grandchildren. Learn about the urgent need for climate action to secure a healthy planet for future generations.

Call to Action: Invest in their future. **Attend our talk by Ray Nakano on Sunday, July 20th at 1 pm** at the Toronto Buddhist Church, 1011 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto. Please contact Ray at raymondnakano@gmail.com if you have any questions.

MAY/JUNE THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Donna Nakano and Sandra Izukawa for playing the organ at this month's service
- ◆ Naomi Knude, Christine Yamada, Myra Takasaki for helping Susan with tea toban after service
- ◆ Grace Taguchi, Naomi Tsuji Tamaki for arranging the flowers for the naijin
- ◆ Donna Nakano for bringing the obuppan
- ◆ Ross Yoshida, Brian Huynh and Ken Shigeishi for making sure we have a Zoom service.
- ◆ Les Tanaka for mowing the lawn make sure the Temple always looks neat
- ◆ Grace Taguchi and Sachiko Murai-Cameron for looking after the gardens
- ◆ Joanne Kataoka, Grace Taguchi for getting the cabins ready for rental. You make it possible for us to rent.
- ◆ Glenn Yoshida, Michael Tamaki, Les Tanaka for maintaining the cabins and getting it ready for renters.
- ◆ To those who have been delivering bentos to our seniors and to Myra for organizing everything
- ◆ To Elaine Takahashi for making all the bentos for the seniors in the program
- ◆ To everyone who helped get the Temple ready for the installation of the new flooring in the social hall and office. It was a huge task moving all the furniture. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!
- ◆ To all the volunteers who are always at the Temple to help out every day, week or month.
- ◆ To all those who have been volunteering at the funerals and memorials that have occurred.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please let the office know if you are available to volunteer or fill out the volunteer application on our website, tbc@tbc.on.ca. Let's have some new people to thank.

We hope that you will join our new format toban group. Call the office or email Naomi Tsuji Tamaki at ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com with your questions or to join the group.



Have you applied for your 2025 TBC membership?

Some may say, "Well, what's in it for me?"

One could remind us of the following entitlements. You can:

1. Attend special Temple activities free of charge or at rates not available to non-members;
2. Take advantage of free notarial services offered by one of our Temple members; and,
3. Have a real say on important matters affecting the direction of the Temple, including the election of the President and the Directors, and the approval of budgets.

*TBC will be there for you but
needs assistance*

Supporting the Temple provides you with something that you can't tangibly quantify and put a price on. It's actually something you do for yourself and for our community. That is, your support is your affirmation of the Jodo Shinshu way of life and to support and spread the Dharma. This is what it's really about.

Please make that commitment for 2025. The Temple needs your support to continue to thrive, and it will with your support.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

(valid Jan 1 - Dec 31)

- To be recognized as a Temple member, please complete the application form as early as possible at the start of each year
- Membership card will be sent once your signed application and membership fee or your promise to pay the total fee have been received
- Please note membership this year is a minimum of \$160.00

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

- Issued to all members 77 years of age & over
- Honourary Members do not need to pay any annual membership fees, although all donations are always welcome
- If already an Honourary member simply fill out a membership form each year to confirm your wish to continue Honourary Membership

Can't make it to the Temple?

You can submit your application and membership fee online at **tbc.on.ca**

TBC Annual Picnic 2025
Saturday, August 16th, 11am - 5pm

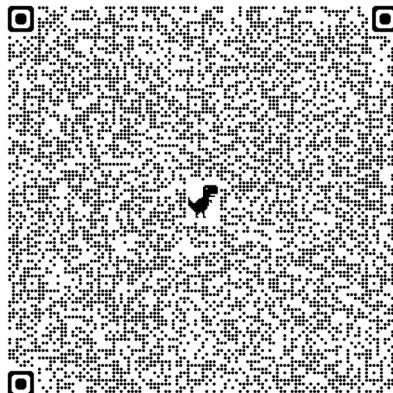
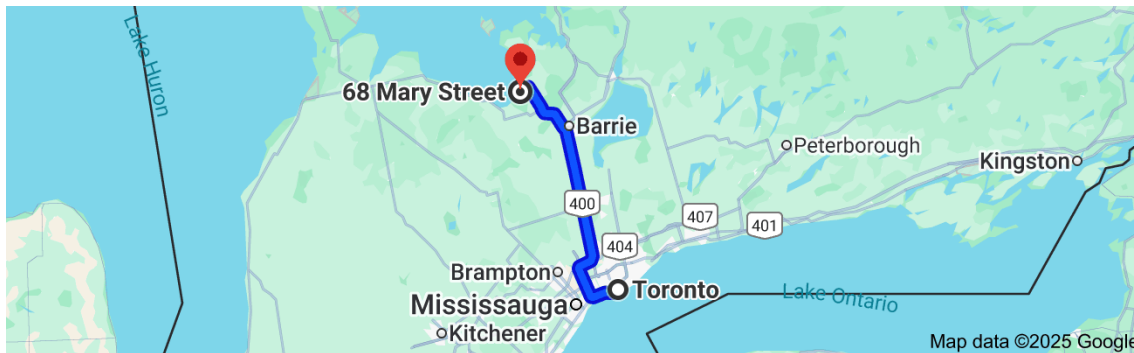
Last year the TBC held the first annual picnic since pre COVID at the Wasaga Lumbini site with games, swimming, great conversation and a barbeque. This year it will be again held at Lumbini on Sat., Aug., 16th.

Please bring lawn chairs and a dish for the communal table. Hot dogs, sausages and hamburgers will be provided.



Free parking is limited, so please carpool with family or friends. If you intend to join please let the office know at 416-534-4302. We need to have a rough idea of what to buy for the barbeque.

Address: 68 Mary Street Wasaga Beach



DIRECTIONS

2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

In the case of couples, please complete information for each applicant individually.

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| Applicant | Renewal () New () | Mr. () Mrs. () Ms. () |
| Last Name: _____ | | Birthdate: dd/mm/yy: _____ |
| First Name: _____ | | Email: _____ |
| Address: _____ | | Phone: _____ |
| City: _____ | | Signature: _____ |
| Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____ | | |
| <p>I promise to pay \$_____ as my Membership Fee for 2025 and am enclosing the amount of \$_____ on account of such fee. I will pay the balance of my Membership Fee, if any, by May 31, 2025. By signing this Membership Application, I hereby adopt the vows below.</p> | | |
| Signature _____ Date _____ | | |
| I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me - English Only _____ English/Japanese _____ | | |

NEW MEMBER PLEASE SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF.

As a member of Toronto Buddhist Church, I:

1. Recognize and accept that our Temple is based on the Jodo Shinshu Pure Land Teachings;
2. Vow to strive to live a life of gratitude and to do my best to care for the welfare of society; and
3. Vow to observe and uphold the Charter and By-laws of the Temple.

トロント仏教会の護持会員として、次の通り誓約いたします。

- 1、お寺を浄土真宗のみ教えに従う人々が集うところとします。
- 2、報恩感謝の生活を送り、自他ともに心豊かに生きることのできる社会の実現に貢献します。
- 3、会則を厳守します。

Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The Individual Membership Fee for 2025 is a minimum of \$160. However, the Temple welcomes and will be grateful for any amount over and above this minimum fee.

A tax receipt will be issued for the total Membership amount paid.

Please do not use Offering envelopes to pay membership fees. Instead, please insert them in separate plain envelopes clearly marked "For Membership". Please make any cheques payable to *Toronto Buddhist Church*.

A SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLYING. PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR 'MEMBERSHIP ONLY'. PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE WITH DONATIONS.

How to donate to the Toronto Buddhist Church

The business of spreading the Shin Buddhist teachings to our sangha and beyond continues. Forwarding a financial donation will help prepare TBC to welcome everyone to the temple and continue to provide Zoom to those who cannot attend in person.

There are 3 ways to donate to TBC from home:

- **Cheque:** mail to 1011 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto, ON, M3H 2T7
- **E-transfer (is now auto-deposit):** use email address darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca
- **online donation via PayPal:** follow directions on www.TBC.ca "Make a Donation" page

Please include the purpose of your donation, as well as, your **full name, mailing address, email address, and phone number. This is particularly important if you're donating by cheque or e-transfer.** This helps ensure you will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. Detailed information can also be found on the TBC website: www.tbc.on.ca.

Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

Gassho



DRIVERS NEEDED

Project Dana drivers are needed during July and August, as our regular drivers are on holidays. If you can spare 2 hours of your day from 12 noon until 2 o'clock to drive 3 bento to Momiji Healthcare Centre or 3 bentos to Scarborough. (McCowan and the 401) We need your help. We reimburse your gas mileage. We have successfully delivered 244 bentos from January to June 2025. The seniors enjoy our catered bentos as well as a short visit to make the day a little brighter for them.

Please contact the Temple if you can help.

Thank you ☐ Myra Takasaki



ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

TAKE YOURSELF OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Friday, July 18 @ 7:07 pm. Toronto Buddhist Church has purchased 50 tickets.

The church is subsidizing the tickets, so it will only be **\$20 / ticket**. Anyone 77 years or older can go for free, but you must let the office know you want a ticket and **payment must be received to reserve a seat**.

Pay by cheque, credit card or e-transfer (darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca) to confirm your ticket(s).

Call 416-534-4302 or email tbc@tbc.on.ca to request tickets. **They are digital tickets so you must be able to receive the ticket on your cell phone.**

Section: 520—Seats will be assigned

Toronto Blue Jays vs. San Francisco Giants

Free Giveaway for the first 15,000 people.

BRING JUST ONE THING

It's a new year and the rising prices of all foodstuffs continue to escalate and make family decisions difficult as to where their funds should be spent. Instead of a food drive, we encourage everyone who comes to the temple for either services or classes, to bring one non-perishable item from their cupboard; once or every time you attend Temple or whenever you think of it. This will be a year long project. Hopefully, this is less burdensome than donating a bag of food occasionally. Of course, we will also welcome bags of food if that is better for you. There will be a box in the lobby for donations. Food banks and neighbourhood pantries will benefit from your donations year round.

Please do not include food that is close to or past its 'best before date'.

Thank you for your generosity and for thinking of the less fortunate.

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Camp Lumbini 2025

Calling All Youth Ages 8-15!

**Join us this summer, Sunday, July 27th - Saturday, August 2nd,
for an overnight Buddhist camp!**



- A fun, youth bonding experience!
- Buddhist themes implemented through the activities during the week.
- Buddhist camp held in the Temple cottages in Wasaga Beach.

Youth Ages 16+ are counselors and can receive volunteer hours.

Children under the age of 8 may join us on Friday August 1st for a one day camp experience.

For more information please contact Abigail Kataoka abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com

DO YOU HAVE PERENNIALS YOU NO LONGER WANT IN YOUR GARDEN?

The Temple is looking for perennials to plant around the building and the parking lot. If you are thinking of thinning out your garden, please bring them into the Temple or call the office at

416-534-4302 and we will gladly pick them up.

