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MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sadly, it is not possible for our parish to remain open at this time in a way that is safe and able to control the restricted number of people permitted in the building.

While I recognize it is not a substitute for attending Mass in person, I encourage you to view online/livestream/televised Masses. A full list is available at www.archtoronto.org.

So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you. We also ask that you find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us.

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves through the parish website.

We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION MARCH

**Intention for evangelization -
Sacrament of reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

By appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm 416-393-5243

Holy Cross 416-393-5242

Canadian Martyrs 416-393-5251

St. John XXIII 416-429-4000



The Transfiguration

Jesus Effect

In 1999 a book came out with the title, **“The Nicholas Effect: A Boy’s Gift to the World”**. In that book, author Reg Green was narrating the wonderful effect his son Nicholas aged 7 could make in the world. While the whole family set out from California to Italy to spend their holidays there, there was never a thought that they would have to face a big crisis in life. Armed thieves, attempting to take the family’s car and valuables, waited in ambush in the Italian countryside. As the car passed, thieves sprayed a shower of bullets at the vehicle. Although the family was able to escape, some of the bullets had hit the young boy, while he slept in the back seat. A short time later, the child was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

The boy’s family arranged that all of their son’s vital organs be donated. As a result, the lives of eight Italians were forever changed. For some it meant being able to see again; for others death was postponed because a young vital organ had replaced an aged, defective one. Because organ donation was such a rarity in Italy, the gift of life was all the more remarkable. Following the lead of the Green family, countless numbers of Italians and others world-wide began to donate the organs of deceased loved ones so that others might live.

The story of the young boy and the aftermath of his death remind us of another time and place and the death of another son, whose dying brought life to so many. **It is the life-giving death of the other son, viz., Jesus, which is the focus of our scripture readings for today.**

The moving narrative of Abraham and Isaac that comprises today’s first reading (Genesis) has been understood as an Old Testament type or prefiguration of God’s willingness to offer Jesus as a sacrifice for human sin. Paul, in the second reading (Romans 8:31-34) reminds us that God’s love has no limits. God has given the greatest gift of all to the world in the handing over of Jesus. In today’s gospel (Mk 9:2-10), the transfiguration scene features a voice speaking from an overshadowing cloud. Identifying Jesus as God’s beloved son, the voice further asks the disciples to listen to him. **As the gospel is proclaimed today, the voice instructs believers to listen to the words and works of Jesus, and to find therein the message of life and salvation.**

31st Annual Ordinandi (virtual) Dinner - Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Each year thousands have gathered to meet and honour our ordinandi from St. Augustine’s Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary who, with God’s grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in that year. This year, due to the pandemic, this event will be held online. This gives everyone the opportunity to join in.

There is no cost to join & view this event.

Share this unique opportunity to meet these fine men and hear about their unique faith journeys that led them to this most noble commitment.

The event is sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada and the six Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

On **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 7pm** go to the Archdiocese of Toronto YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/archtoronto>



Resources during the pandemic

Visit www.archtoronto.org/ for links daily masses including:

1. **Daily Mass from Loretto Abbey** (also broadcast on TV)
2. **Daily Mass, Rosary and Regina Caeli with Cardinal Collins** live from St. Michael's <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live> **Cathedral Basilica**
7:30am Mon.-Sat.
10:00am Sunday
3. **ASL Mass Livestream** from the International Catholic Deaf Association, Canadian Section
4. Covid-19 resources: www.archtoronto.org/covid19

Spiritual Communion

During the pandemic we are unable to physically take part in communion. Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Alphonsus Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
 I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope's prayer to Virgin Mary for protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

