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**[archtoronto.org/covid19](http://archtoronto.org/covid19)**

- **Links to watch daily mass**
- **how to support your parish priest**
- **spiritual resources**
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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.*

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!

### **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.

## **LET'S REOPEN HOUSES OF WORSHIP, SAFELY**

Throughout the pandemic, most places of worship have adhered to government direction on COVID restrictions, limiting gathering sizes. As the province begins to reopen, we are calling on the Ford government to take a fair and equitable approach to the return to worship.

Cardinal Collins invites everyone to send a letter to their MPP to share their thoughts. To send a letter that's already composed go to:

<https://www.aplacetoworship.ca/>

You can adjust the letter as you desire before sending.

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION MARCH**

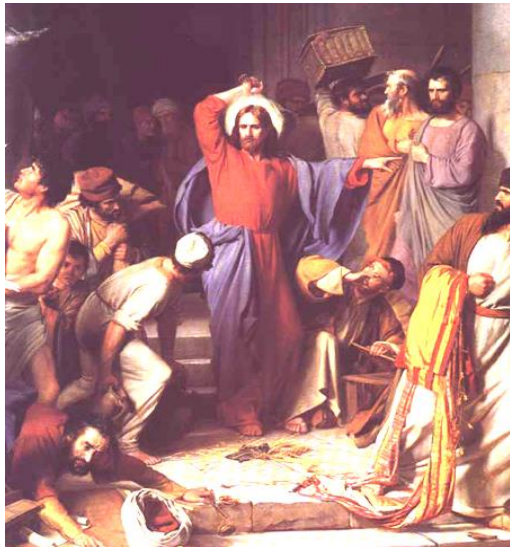
### **Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation**

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

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](http://www.tcdsb.org).

Schools in the area:

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| St. Anselm       | 416-393-5243 |
| Holy Cross       | 416-393-5242 |
| Canadian Martyrs | 416-393-5251 |
| St. John XXIII   | 416-429-4000 |



**“Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”**

## Sunday Mass and Sacrificial Offering

In today’s Gospel (Jn 2:13-25) we see Jesus cleansing the temple driving out those who made his Father’s house a market place. This event should prompt us to check the motives behind our Sunday worship. Have we come to church to fulfill an obligation, to ask God for something, to complain to God? Or, **have we come to our Father’s house: First, to give praise and glory to our God, the Father?** Second, to meet Jesus in the community of believers, the readings of Scriptures, and the sacrificial meal of the Lord’s supper? Third, because there is in us a spiritual hunger and thirst that only God’s spirit can fill.

**When our motives behind Sunday worship are purified, our offering during mass makes sense.** It can then be rightly called ‘sacrificial offering’ because it is based on the understanding of the sacrificial element in Jesus’ offering of himself and then we add our own sacrifice to that offering, something like the widow’s offering of her ‘two coins’, not from her abundance, but from her sustenance.

Sacrificial offering at St. Edith Stein church is unique, because we don’t have a church building of our own. We are like Jesus who didn’t have a place to lay his head. We can be proud of resembling Jesus who gave importance to relationships rather than to rituals. Our church is a church of relationships.

Thanks to the intimacy with God through your sacrificial offering, the needs of our church are met. **Even in difficult financial times you were generous enough to support our parish.**

Each Lent we take up three Sharelife collections to support the many ShareLife agencies (which you can see detailed on page two of the bulletin). We are sometimes asked "How much should I give to ShareLife"? Rather than mentioning a specific amount, it's suggested - for those who are working - donating one day's pay or one hour's pay for each week of Lent. Some, of course, already give more than this, but one day's pay is a good place to start. One day's pay amounts to less than half of 1% of annual income.

**The needs of the agencies supported by ShareLife continue even through the pandemic. If you would like to donate to ShareLife online go to [Sharelife.org](http://Sharelife.org) and click on DONATE. Select your parish and the amount. A tax receipt will be issued online.**

### 31st Annual Ordinandi (virtual) Dinner Watch on YouTube

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 was held online. This gives everyone the opportunity to join in an learn more about this year’s Ordinandi class.

You can watch the event again (both the Youth event and virtual Ordinandi dinner. Go to the Archdiocese of Toronto YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/archtoronto>



## Resources during the pandemic

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/](http://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/liveCathedral 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](http://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.*

