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- Links to watch daily mass
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WorshipSafe

Health & Safety Protocols

Please check the website as we update our mass times throughout the pandemic.

This week's mass times are:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM,
Sunday: 8:30 AM,
11:30 AM,
Wed. & Fri. 5:00pm

Admittance on a first come basis and limited to the first 24 people.

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.

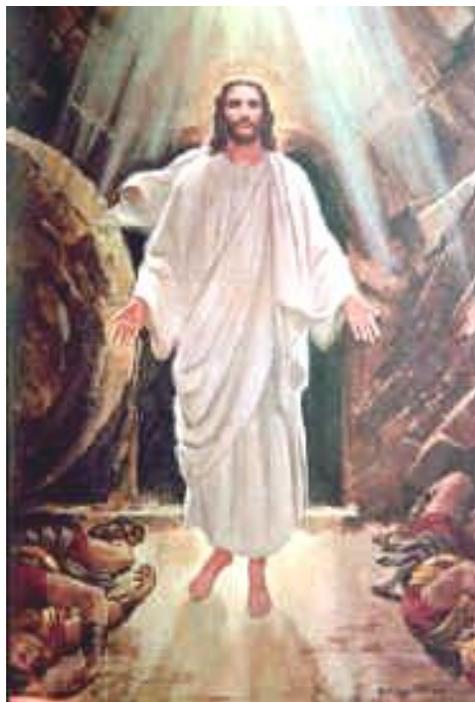
Schools in the area:

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

ON STEWARDSHIP...

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

See Colossians 3:2



Jesus lives! Joy abounds!

The grave becomes a holy place of communion and remembrance because of the person and the event we celebrate today: **Jesus, alive, sprung from death to live forever.**

Before Christ's coming, however, it was the custom in pagan Tuscany for tombs to face west, as death meant the closing of life's day and the passing into eternal night. After the Christ event, it became the custom among Tuscan converts to have their tombs facing east because Easter had come with all its promise, bringing life and light to all. **At the heart of this change of attitude and tomb direction is the joy that the Christ-event has unleashed in the world.**

A similarly vivid contrast can be found in the catacombs. In one chamber that dates back to the time of Julius Caesar (100-44 B.C.), the tombs are marked with pagan signs depicting gloom and hopelessness. Nearby is a chamber where those who lived within the century after Julius Caesar's assassination are buried. These were the Christian martyrs who were burned or crucified or torn asunder by the wild beasts. But in this chamber and others like it there

are no derogatory remarks or bitter complaints. Here, there is no gloom. **On the contrary, paintings and carvings of lilies adorn the tombs, testifying to a belief in immortality.** The inscriptions express a serene and authentic joy, and the entire chamber seems decked out as if for a marriage rather than a funeral. A spirit pervades the place: it is gladness that excludes all enduring sorrow.

What accounts for the difference among these burial chambers? It is the conscious presence of the Living Christ whom God raised up on the third day, who was seen by countless witnesses, who ate and drank with his own after he rose from the dead (Acts 10:34, 36-43, 1st reading). Joy and hope and peace are the signs of Christian faith because Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified is raised; no longer does the tomb encase him. **He lives and so shall we who believe in him live forever** (Mk 16:1-8, Gospel). Therefore the signs that celebrate our faith are signs of triumph, signs of light, signs of life. These are the signs by which others will know to whom we belong. Jesus lives! Joy abounds!

ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community

This year we are encouraging you to give at sharelife.org, where you can make a one-time or monthly gift by credit card and designate it to our parish's campaign. Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year.

Using a green ShareLife envelope, available from the parish office, simply fill out the form on the envelope and include a void cheque. Submit it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

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 and Rosary 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

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. When viewing mass online say this prayer at the time of communion.

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.

