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- how to support your parish priest
- spiritual resources
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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.

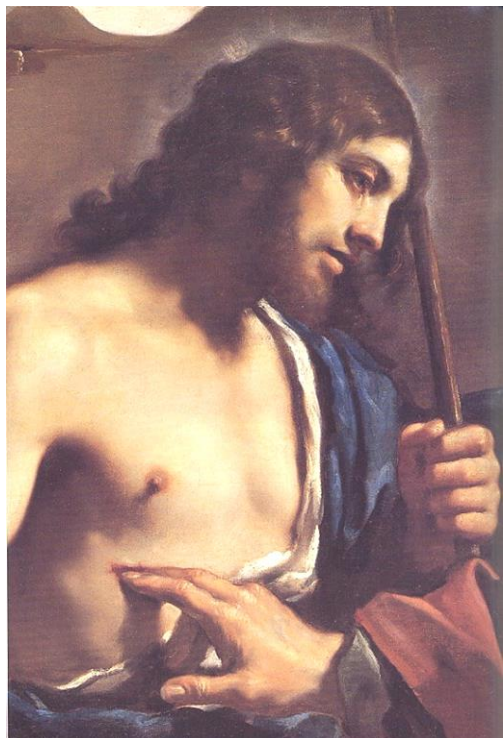
For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

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...

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.



The Gifts of Easter

Jesus transformed the greatest tragedy in life into Easter Power and the speciality of that power is that it is communicable. Have we experienced this communicable power in our lives? Have we succeeded in communicating it to others through the gifts we received?

The gifts of Easter, viz redemption, forgiveness, reconciliation and renewal, were present in the early Christians. This is attested by Luke in today's first reading (Acts 4:32-35). Changed by the Christ-event, those first believers "stood out" from the unchanged masses! They maintained a holy and healthy unity among themselves despite the differences. Distinctions as regards gender, race, ethnic background, socio-economic status and means of livelihood had formerly been causes of friction and separation among them. But Easter changed everything. To allow divisiveness again to cloud the union that should characterize the community of believers is to reject the gifts of Easter and

to bear counter witness to the saving cross of Christ.

That cross, says John in today's 2nd reading (1John 5:1-6) has made us children of God and assures us of the love of God for each of us. That cross, says theologian Alistair McGrath, is at the heart of Easter's gift. Through the cross, through Easter's gifts, everything has changed.

In order to enable us to accept Easter's changes within ourselves, within others, and in order to sustain our faith and maintain a ministry and a lifestyle consonant with those changes, today's gospel (Jn 20:19-31) reminds us that we have also been gifted with the Holy Spirit. That spirit promotes peace when others would clamour for war; that spirit enables faith to grow beyond doubt (as in the case of Thomas) and empowers those into whom it is breathed to forgive and be forgiven rather than to remain in our sins. That Spirit and the reality of the Christ Event we call Easter can change the world. Are the changes and gifts of Easter evidenced in me? In you?

ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community

Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday

The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million. "Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Next weekend, April 18, is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

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.*

