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- Links to watch daily mass
- 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

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to the alarming number of new COVID-19 cases in the past two weeks the provincial government has extended the stay at home order until at least May 20, 2021.

We will once again have to cancel masses as of Monday until the restrictions on indoor gathers are lifted again. We will keep you all in our prayers.



Touch Me and see

The Gifts of Easter

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Divine Mercy giving importance to the scriptural readings. This Sunday's readings also remind us of the redemptive mercies of the Lord. The redemptive power of the resurrection and the response that enables the believers to appropriate it, viz., repentance form part of the two aspects of this mercy.

In the first reading from Acts (3:13-15, 17-19), Luke presents Peter preaching to his Jewish brothers and sisters the good news that God's gracious offer of salvation did not expire on the cross. On the contrary, the power of Jesus' resurrection reaches into the past, present and future with its redemptive mercies. Even though many of them had not availed themselves of those mercies prior to Jesus' resurrection, Peter assured his fellow Jews that they could still do so. **All that would be necessary for them to know the redemptive power of Jesus-risen was an act of repentance.** Do this, says Luke through Peter, "so that your sins may be wiped away!"

The second reading (1 John 2:1-5) assures the repentant that the risen Jesus continues to act as our intercessor. Through the saving sacrifice

of himself, he has redeemed us of our sins. This redemption is not ours exclusively but it is for the sins of the whole world as well. This is the real miracle of the resurrection. In spite of the evil, ugliness and pain of the world, at the centre of this world's reality is the Divine Lover, keeping watch over all. **In spite of our failures, our rejection of love, our pettiness, our destructiveness, our violence, God loves us and continues to reach out to us and to offer us the redemptive power of resurrection.**

That same power is celebrated in today's gospel (Lk 24:35-48) wherein the risen Lord appears to his own and commissions them to "preach penance for the remission of sins to all the nations." When Cleopas and his friend told of their Emmaus experience to the Eleven and their companions, and when the Eleven and the others shared with the Emmaus travellers their own experience of the risen Jesus, a community was born and a mission was inaugurated - all through the power of the resurrection. **All of this has come about to proclaim together to all people that death does not have the last word, that hope is real and God is alive.**

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."
 - Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Today 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.

