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A REAL SIGN OF UNITY

Receiving Eucharist is a real sign of unity in our Church. God nourishes us with the "Bread from Heaven" if we have ordained priests to celebrate the Liturgy. If you feel the inclination towards a Church vocation, call

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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:

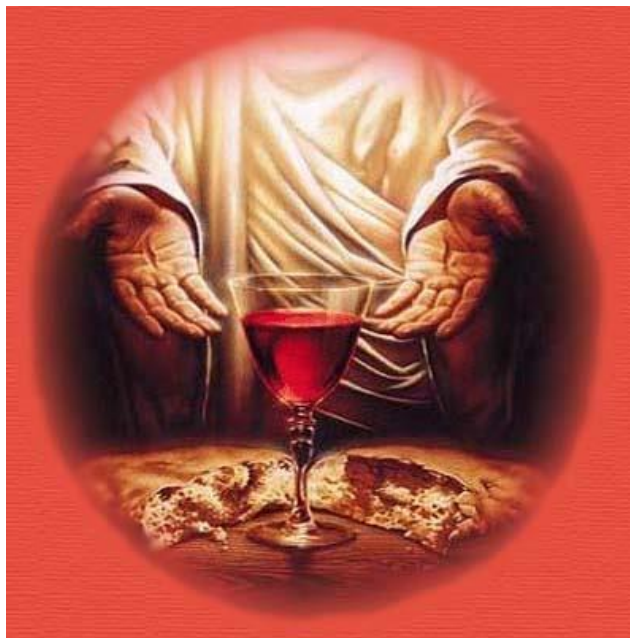
Masses are cancelled until further notice.

Visit: archtoronto.org/covid19 for

- Links to watch daily mass
- how to support your parish priest
- spiritual resources
- public health resources

CORPUS CHRISTI

This feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated after Trinity Sunday to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This feast was originally celebrated on Maundy Thursday. This day, however, was in Holy Week, a season of sadness, during which the minds of the faithful are expected to be occupied with thoughts of the Lord's Passion. Moreover, so many other functions took place on this day that the principal event was almost lost sight of. This is mentioned as the chief reason for the introduction of the new feast day. In Canada and the United States this is celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. In some other countries it's celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.



expressing the relationship. Through the covenant of Sinai, referred in today's 1st reading from Exodus (24:3-8), God initiated a relationship with the chosen people: "I will take you as my own people and you shall have me as your God!" (Ex.6:7). As part of ratification, the blood of the sacrificed animals was sprinkled on both the altar (which represented God) and people.

In today's second reading, the Hebrews author compares the Sinai Covenant, sealed with the blood of goats and bulls with the new and everlasting covenant forged by Jesus, who, as both high priest and perfect sacrifice, has sealed it with His own blood. That this covenant was being initiated for us is clearly enunciated in today's gospel (Mk 14:12-16, 22-26). **Each time we gather to remember and to celebrate Jesus' saving sacrifice we become, once again, true companions of the Lord.** From the Latin words *cum* and *panis*, companions are those who share bread together.

Covenantal Companions

Mass is both sacrifice and meal. On this solemnity of body and blood of Christ we remember those two aspects in festive mode. The sacrifice is the broken body of Jesus given in death on the cross. The meal is the blessed, broken and shared Eucharist of the body and blood of the Lord. **It is through this sacrifice and meal that new and eternal covenant between God and humankind was sealed and ratified.** The covenant is the everlasting bond of the love by which all are united to God in Jesus Christ.

Though we can see various types of covenantal agreements throughout the Jewish and Christian scriptures, most were structured on the same basic pattern, i.e., two or more parties would bind themselves to a ritual agreement, the terms of which would be spoken or written. Oaths were sworn and curses were agreed upon and accepted. **Then the covenant was sealed, often with the sacrifice of an animal that was cut or split in two (hence the expression, to cut a covenant).** Both of the contractual parties then walked between the animal halves, each agreeing that a similar consequence should befall the one who would breach the covenant. A meal would be shared, for our ancestral brothers and sisters in the faith believed that those who ate together were bound as partners and protectors of one another for life.

Covenant also serves as an apt vehicle for

Prayer In Time Of COVID

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, strength to family members, friends, relatives, clergy and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Robert Kasun CSB
Auxiliary Bishop Central Region
Archdiocese of Toronto

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.

