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COVID-19 UPDATE:

The parish is open with limited masses and restricted to about 80 people.

ON STEWARDSHIP

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

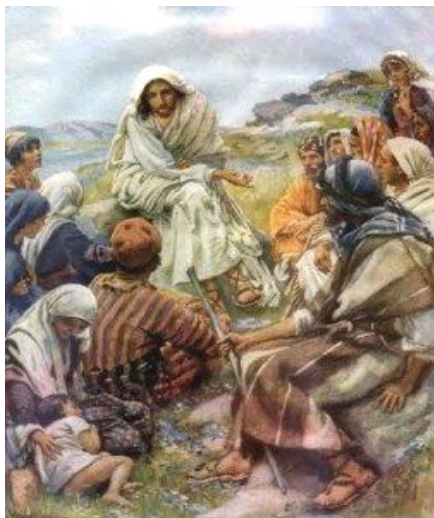
LORD I AM NOT WORTHY

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not; nobody is! Still, God calls and God promises that His grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon anyone who accepts the call to a Church vocation. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call,

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



“Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.”

Accentuate the Positive

The readings of this Sunday present us with several challenges. The first reading and the gospel remind us that God's Spirit is not confined to our church or even to Christianity. **The Spirit of God can be bestowed on whomever God chooses.** Moses' contemporaries (Num 11:25-29) did not understand this; they wanted Eldad and Medad to be stopped. Jesus' disciples (Mk 9:38-48) suffered from a similar parochialism. Those to whom the second reading (James 5:1-6) was addressed seemed to have stifled the Spirit by giving themselves over to passing things of the world. Hence the harsh condemnation of the rich who mistreat the poor. The gospel also raises the issue of scandal, a topic that hits far too close to home now-a-days.

The natural impulse might well be to take the harsh tone in our self examination and evaluation of others this weekend. **Certainly there is room for prophetic voices that call us to account. Some might challenge our continuing negative attitudes toward Christians of other denominations, as well as our view of Jews and Muslims and other non-Christian believers. Others might condemn our lack of efforts to correct injustice in our society and to help the poor truly both at home and around the world.** All of them would have solid ground on which to stand.

The deeper question, though, is whether this stance of condemnation is the most effective. Perhaps we will catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. **Certainly a more positive approach is more conducive to celebration.** So we should consider how we can lift up this weekend some of the

positive efforts in the community to combat the evils noted in the readings.

Who is doing good work in our community to combat injustice? **Who is working for peace day in and day out?** Who is truly serving the poor? Who works to foster ecumenical activities and understanding? Who is devoted to the care of children?

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*

PSALM 19

***The precepts of the Lord
gladden the heart.***

Readings:

1st Reading: Numbers 11.25-29

2nd reading: James 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

