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A PRAYER FOR A LONG LIFE

The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

See Psalm 128

COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

CAMPUS CONNECT

For students in university and college, Campus Ministry is waiting for you. Grow in your faith, experience fellowship and use your gifts to serve others. Register your contact info at <http://www.chaplaincyconnect.ca> and someone will contact you to help you find your Catholic home on campus!

THE GIFTS OF PROPHECY

Matrimony - a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to 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



"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

THE GARDEN OF MARRIAGE

The readings of this week focus on the **foundational relationship of all families**: the partnership between a husband and a wife.

The first reading from Genesis (2:18-24) presents God's search of "suitable partnership" for Adam. This Genesis creation story presents the interesting notion that it takes two attempts to find "suitable partnership" for man. God begins the process of finding a partner for Adam with the animal kingdom. This seems like a logical place to find a partnership for Adam since both man and "the wild animals and various birds" were created out of the same substance: "out of the ground" (compare Gen. 2:7 and 2:19). And in Adam *naming* the animals, he would know them intimately (This speaks to the widespread ancient belief that naming something gives you intimate knowledge of that which you name.) Curiously, "none proved to be suitable partners for man". So God attempts to find suitable partnership for Adam by using another strategy. And this one proves effective: **God finds suitable partnership for Adam not out of ground from which he himself was created but rather through Adam's own body.** God puts man to sleep and builds from his "side" (a more accurate translation than "rib") a new creation. It is the sharing of flesh and bone that united man and woman. Now the man *names* this new creation "woman" and together they find "suitable partnership" in their 'clinging' to one another.

As the Genesis story tells us, the process of God searching and finding suitable partnership for man was not without its challenges. It took hard work and tenacity even by God himself. Perhaps this is why Jesus is so insistent in today's Gospel reading (Mk 10:2-16) that **"what God has joined together, no human being must separate"**. Jesus insisted that not only prohibition of husband divorcing his wife but also a wife divorcing her husband.

The second reading (Heb 2:9-11) connects to this notion of partnership between man and woman in a profound way. But here it is not partnership between man and woman in terms of flesh and bone; here it is partnership between the human and the divine in terms of suffering and death. **Hebrews teaches us that in Jesus' suffering and death the human and the divine have found "suitable partnership"**.

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*

Readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18, 24

2nd reading: Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

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.*

