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STEWARDSHIP

All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

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:

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

Shepherds' Trust - Securities

The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of our retired clergy who have dedicated their lives to serving our family of faith. If you already donate to the Trust, consider the significant tax, cost and time savings of donating securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). Please call the parish office, the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 or visit

www.archtoronto.org/development

DO YOU WANT TO SERVE OR BE SERVED?

Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call:

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



And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

DARING WISDOM

Once upon a time, long, long ago, two men lived in an arid land. Nothing grew there except cactus, lizards and sand fleas. Growing weary of being so thirsty, they decided to travel to Niagara Falls. Upon their arrival, they discovered water thundering down in abundance. **Overjoyed at such a discovery, one of the men collected water in bottles and decided to come again every six months. The other man didn't go back, but built a house by the river.**

Which of the two men showed himself to be truly wise, wise in the ilk of a Solomon (Wis 7:7-11) or wise in the manner of a Jesus (Mk 10:17-30)? With which of these two men would you identify? Whose lead would you follow? Probably only a few of us would dare to admit that we might choose to go back to life in the desert and rely on the occasional visit to the river and the falls. **Would we dare risk our sure base of security? Would we chance the loss of everything?**

But this is precisely the choice put before would-be disciples by Jesus in today's Gospel. Represented by the man who ran up to Jesus to ask about a share in everlasting life, the disciples' choice is clear: **One could continue to remain at the status quo keeping the rules that had been one's guide since childhood, viz., not killing, not committing adultery, not stealing, not lying or defrauding and honouring one's parents.** There is a certain comfort level here and one that can be attained with a modicum of faithfulness and perseverance. After all, these are the rules of an honourable life and

there is obvious virtue and a certain wisdom in living one's life within these parameters.

Nevertheless, Jesus' word to the man who ran to him and to every would-be disciple cuts the willing listeners to the quick. Like a two-edged sword (Heb 4:12-13) that penetrates and divides soul and spirit, joint and marrow, the words of Jesus lay bare and expose the heart and mind of the disciple. While Jesus' words are always spoken in love (Mk 10:21), they are not without their challenge. **Come away from your comfort zone and from the satisfaction of your adeptness in keeping the law, Jesus says.** Come away from knowing what you are to do, when to do it and why. Come away from the safe harbour of familiar rules and obligations.

Let go of what you have stored against a rainy day, your secured savings. Let go of what makes you feel invulnerable and prepared to face any and all exigencies and emergencies. Come away challenges Jesus. Let go, he invites. Then come and follow me. **Attach yourself to me as if to a lifeboat on a stormy sea.**

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
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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.

