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COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

We are reviewing the recently updated provincial guidelines and will publish any updates affecting mass times to our website.

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

SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME!

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call

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



"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."

SIGHT & INSIGHT

"God has not called me to be successful. He has called me to be faithful" (Mother Teresa). This inspirational quote was printed on a memento when Mother Teresa died on September 5th 1997. May her mediation give us sight and insight in all our life situations.

Today's gospel (Mk. 10:46-52) brings before us Bartimaeus, a blind man, so as to make us aware of our blindness. Jesus asked of Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" With no hesitation whatsoever, the reply came back, "I want to see". This blind man challenges us to take our place beside him and make his request our own; **"I want to see!"**.

Some may be tempted to advise, "Be careful what you wish (pray) for". *When believers open themselves in faith to the power of God, new sight and insight will surely come* – and so also will come responsibilities and challenges, all of which will make demands on our time and talent and treasure. Therefore, real courage is needed to allow the prayer of Bartimaeus to find its voice in our lives: "I want to see!".

In an excellent essay on the experience of Bartimaeus William J. Bausch suggests that those who have both daring and courage to pray, "I want to see", should be prepared to see three things. First, we would want to see that **the most**

important thing in life is relationships. Many of us sacrifice our relationships for careers, jobs, entertainment, power, success and the like. We don't spend time together; we don't eat together... and for what?

Another sight or insight that might be granted us when we pray, "I want to see", is *the ability to recognize those we may otherwise have "overlooked"*: e.g., the poor, the hungry, the downtrodden, etc. We may have deemed it easier not to see a problem that needs attention, e.g., gambling, drugs, alcohol, sex addiction, etc.

A third realm of sight and insight that might come into clearer focus if we pray, sincerely, "I want to see" is the manner in which God's love can and should be perceived in our lives. God's love can be evidenced in the kindness of strangers, in the support of family and friends, in the beauties and wonders of the universe. For those who would see, *the manifestation of God are everywhere, in everyone, in everything, in you, in me.*

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.*

