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COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November the "Book of Remembrance" will be placed on the altar for all masses to remember the souls of those written in the book.

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

The Shepherds' Trust

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

For many of our retired shepherds, this means "lending a hand" to accommodate their special needs so that they continue to live with dignity.

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese this weekend of November 13/14.

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**



“they will see ‘The Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.”

END OF THE WORLD?

The last few Sundays of each liturgical year invite our attention to the last things: the end of the world, death and judgment, reward and retribution. **The intended purpose of this focus on the end time is to prepare us for the final reckoning and to make us more attentive to the ways of God here and now.** Still some of us engage in undue worry and speculation as to the exact time, place and circumstances of the end.

In 960, Bernard, a visionary in Germany, announced that the world would end on Good Friday in 992. A century later, an astronomer named John of Toledo calculated that a major calamity would destroy the earth in September of 1186. A group of London astrologers speculated that the world would end by a flood in February 1524. The German astrologer and mathematician Johannes Soeffler supported that view and specified the date of destruction by flood as February 20, 1524. As a result, Count von Laggelheim ordered a three-story ark to be constructed for his family. **When the rain began to fall on February 20, a panicky crowd trampled the Count to death while attempting to board his ark.** The world did not end.

Charles Long of Pasadena, California, wrote a 70,000- word tract outlining the details of the

end of the world which was to happen at 5.33 p.m. on Sept. 21, 1945. But nothing happened. Even when the year 2000 turned us to a new millennium people were readying for “TEOTWAWKI” or “The end of the world as we know it”. **It seems that we human beings have a propensity for end-of-the world prophecies even when these are disproved time and time again.** Let us learn the lesson given in today’s gospel, (Mk.13:24-32): “As for the exact day or hour of the end-time, no one knows it.”

Useless worry and speculation must give way to careful preparedness. That preparedness, as is given in the first reading from Daniel (12:1-3), consists in living wisely and justly in all we are, in all we do. That preparedness, according to Hebrews author (2nd reading, Heb.10:11-14,18), also consists in trusting the power of Jesus’ saving sacrifice to forgive sins and to sanctify sinners. Victorious over sin and death, Jesus has gone on to God and to glory; there he waits to call us home at a time and in a place we do not know. No one knows. Hope and trust must wipe out worry; faith and fortitude must blot out fear. The attention that might have been given to the false predictors of the end must instead be given over to the words and wisdom of God.

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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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.*

