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COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

Thank you for your support of the Shepherds' Trust special collection done last week. Many parishioners showed an interest in helping support the retired priests.

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

Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was created by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He created it to fix the way people were living like Jesus Christ didn't exist. The feast proclaims how Jesus Christ is royalty above people, communities, nations, and governments.

The feast establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men:

- 1) Christ is God and holds high power over everything;
- 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He made us His by His blood and now we belong to Him;
- 3) Christ is Head of the Church,
- 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as his special possession and dominion.

We also learn that Christ's kingdom is for everybody who wants to be with Him, and it's endless. Most importantly, Christ's kingdom is not of this world.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

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"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The last Sunday of the liturgical year is always celebrated as the Solemnity of Christ The King. How do the worldly monarchs prepare us for understanding the kingship of Jesus Christ? Unfortunately for the most part, they do not. Jesus' kingship is exercised in a manner that has rarely been reflected in other rulers, be they kings, queens, tsars, sheiks, presidents, prime ministers, or even bishops and popes. Many of these would enforce their ownership and strongly assert their power and authority. **Jesus invites free acceptance of himself and his care.** Many of these would rule for their own interests and purposes, but Jesus exercises his power as protection, his authority as service. Earthly sovereigns may force conformity to their will upon their subjects; Jesus, as king, invites those whom he has called to be friends, brothers and sisters to be transformed by his dominion.

Acceptance of Jesus' sovereignty will entail a daily, deliberate and lifelong willingness to be transformed by Him. This will involve a transformation by his words, by his mind, by his will and by his heart. His words were truthful; his mind was fully intent on God and goodness; his will was conformed to God's will; his heart was

warm with welcome for all, full of forgiveness and compelled by compassion. **The transformation of believers by the power and kingship of Jesus Christ is far from complete.** Indeed, as we limp along toward the goal of establishing Jesus' dominion in all people and places, discouragement may set in and paralysis may ensue. As German theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg once observed, our present world with its wars, injustices and brutalities, demonstrates the gap between itself and kingship of Christ.

Our King, Jesus, achieved his kingship, his victory and his glory through suffering, humiliation and death. While humiliation and suffering aspects of Jesus' kingship will be featured in today's gospel (Jn 18:33-37), the glorious victory of Jesus is anticipated in today's first reading (Dan. 7:13-14). In today's second reading (Rev. 1:5-8) the author of Revelation will transpose this description to the risen Jesus.

God's kingdom, in Jesus, has not yet come in all its fullness. We can maintain hope because of faith in our king and the coming kingdom.

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.*

