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COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

Marriage Sunday February 12/13, 2022

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who nurture marriage ministries - marriage preparation, enrichment, etc. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday". In 2022, **Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 12/13, 2022.**

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+, register to attend:

<https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Register2022>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

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.

ON STEWARDSHIP...

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

BE NOT AFRAID...

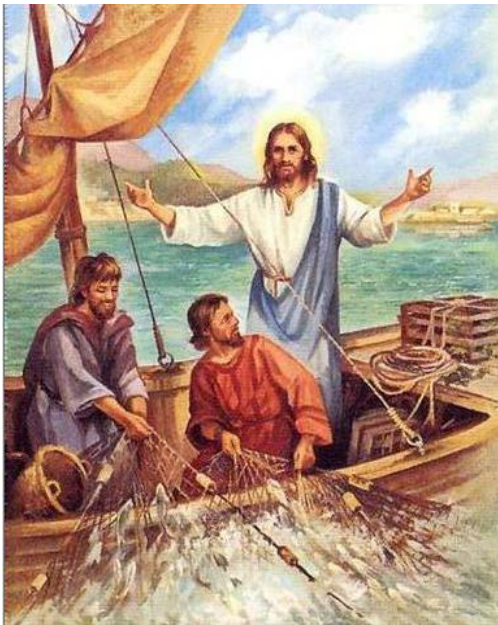
Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you, contact:

Vocations at 416-968-0997
[email vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)
www.vocationstoronto.ca

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



**"Come follow me." Jesus said
"and I will make you fishers of men"**

Call To Service

God's call comes to us in different ways. Few among us have probably experienced **a summons to ministry as dramatic as that of Isaiah** (1st Reading Is 6:1-2,3-8), or **as decisive as that of Peter, James and John** (Lk 5:1-11). Few of us can boast of seeing seraphim or hearing distinctive voices. Few of us were offered the sign of a great catch of fish as a portent of our future success. Recall Paul's encounter on the road to Damascus. The flash of light, the commanding voice, his ensuing blindness and cure mark Paul's call as extraordinary. Also extraordinary was the call of Augustine (354-430), Francis of Assisi (1182-1266), Joan of Arc (1412-1431) and the like.

Although the voices and visions that moved these remarkable men and women to do remarkable things for Christ and the church are indeed inspiring, most of us cannot claim a similar experience. **Nevertheless and despite the lack of drama, our calls to service are nonetheless real and compelling.** For many of us, the call to ministry comes in a rather conventional manner, as through the voice and direction of a pastor, spiritual guide or friend. Some among us are moved to service

through the example of others.

Today's liturgy places before us a challenge. **Whether the call is conventional or unconventional, can we see it as a call from God?** For example, take the pathetic situation of the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Can we take the inner urge to reach out to them as a call from God? Can we recognize the face of hunger and offer bread? Can we relieve the thirsty with water, the needy with a share of our substance, the lonely with a few hours of our time and attention, the sorrowful with an offer of our sympathy and a sharing in our joy, the sick with the support of our care, and the dying with the comfort of our presence and caring?

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 FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26

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](https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/liveCathedralBasilica)
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.*

