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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.**

ON STEWARDSHIP

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season — assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

YOU HAVE A VOCATION!

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, contact

416-968-0997 email

vocations@vocations.ca

www.vocationstoronto.ca

COUNTDOWN TO LENT... Lent starts Wed. March 2

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.

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



Trust In God

"In God We Trust; all others must pay cash!"

this sign, hanging over the cash register in a store, always brings a smile to the passers-by. Jeremiah, in today's 1st Reading (Jer. 17:5-8) makes a similar point, namely, **there is a blessedness that comes to those who trust in God**; however, those who put their trust in anyone or anything other than God will find that blessedness eludes them. This theme of trust is presented in today's gospel (Lk. 6:17, 20-26) in a more challenging form with its series of woes on the rich, the full (or satisfied), the joyful and the well-liked.

Jesus promised that the poor would possess the kingdom, the hungry would be filled, the weeping would laugh and the hated, insulted and ostracized would have a heavenly reward. By the same token, the rich, full, laughing and those who are well thought of will know: need, hunger, grief and rejection.

No doubt, Jesus' contemporaries were shocked at His contrasting pronouncements of blessings and woes. According to popular belief, those who enjoyed an abundance of this world's goods were thought to be blessed by God, whereas those who suffered from the lack of material possessions were considered cursed; their condition was regarded as just punishment for sin. Although our knowledge as to the reasons for the economic circumstances of the poor and the wealthy has altered and

developed, nevertheless Jesus' radical statements have not become any easier to accept or understand. They challenge our trust in the truth of the good news.

We, for our part, who long to be among the blessed, are to cultivate a trust in the mercy of God, who will answer our hunger with satisfaction, our sorrowing with joy, our rejection by the world with a loving welcome and our poverty with a place.

**Lord Jesus,
help us to have perfect trust in your wisdom
and providence.**

AMEN +

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: Sirach 27.4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58

Gospel: Luke 6.39-45

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.

