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COVID-19 UPDATE:

The parish is open with full capacity now. Masses schedule is on the website



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ON STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

GOD WELCOMES US HOME...

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, contact:

Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.

email vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocationstoronto.ca

- 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:

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| St. Anselm | 416-393-5243 |
| Holy Cross | 416-393-5242 |
| Canadian Martyrs | 416-393-5251 |
| St. John XXIII | 416-429-4000 |



“Father I have sinned”

THE FORGIVING FATHER

Imagining ourselves to be on a journey, we should think of God waiting for us at our destination. **God sees us “while we are still a long way off.”** In case we may not see our God coming toward us, provisions are made for huge billboards to alert us to the divine presence and salvific event. One reads: “There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Lk 15:10). Another invites: “I will heal your defection; I will love you freely - come back to me”.(Hosea 4:5)

Deeply moved at the sight of us coming home in need of forgiveness, our God grabs us before we can speak our sins and embraces us with a love that forgives, affirms and reinstates the relationship that we have broken. **This loving forgiveness is illustrated in a touching way in today’s gospel (Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32)in the parable of the prodigal come home.**

“A man had two sons”. So the parable begins, and, with that announcement, we are invited to determine which son we identify with most. Will we throw in our lot with the son who knew himself to be a sinner- who humbled himself, admitted his sin and came home to find the open arms of his forgiving father? **Or will we stand in sympathy with the older son and allow the love that has been lavished on us to be**

overshadowed by anger and resentment?

Surely the Pharisees and the Scribes took offence at what they would have perceived as flagrant injustice. The tax collectors and sinners regarded it to be too good to be true. Jesus’ parable of forgiveness wounded the sense of fairness of the professional keepers and interpreters of the law. We can almost hear them murmuring, “Yes, let the prodigal return, but to bread and water, not fatted calf; in sack cloth, not a new robe; wearing ashes , not a new ring; in tears, not in merriment; kneeling, not dancing”. (Fred Craddock, “Luke” 1990) But this is precisely the point of Jesus’ parable. God’s grace and forgiveness are lavish, not limited, and these are offered to repentant sinners. **We for our part, must follow the lead of the prodigal and “come to our senses”(v.17) and recognize our sinfulness.** Then we will discover that our God is already running out to meet us to reinstate us as beloved sons and daughters.

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*

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.*

