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COVID-19 UPDATE:

The parish is open at full capacity now.
Mass schedule is on the website

ON STEWARDSHIP

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

PROCLAIM JESUS

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact:

email.vocations@vocations.ca

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Palm Sunday

There will be a blessing of palms at all masses.



ShareLife agencies need our support

The LA Centre for Active Living is a ShareLife-funded that agency that helps seniors. Here's how your support of ShareLife is enabling their lifesaving work:

"This pandemic has had a big impact on the world, revealing new needs in our communities, and it through ShareLife's support that we have been able to provide prepared meals and pantry goods every week to our members through our food delivery program. Your support is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough!"

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

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:

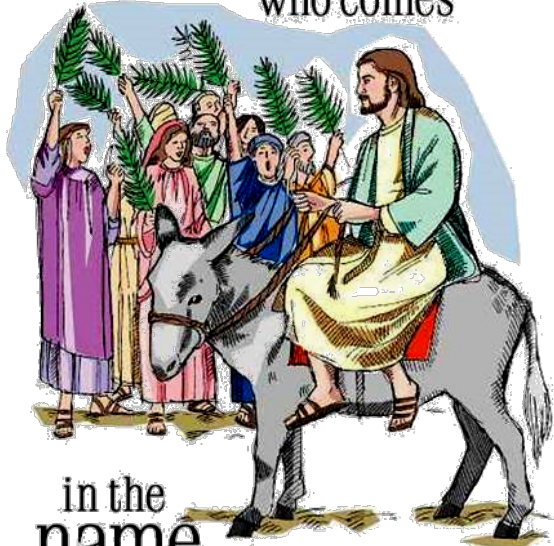
St. Anselm 416-393-5243

Holy Cross 416-393-5242

Canadian Martyrs 416-393-5251

St. John XXIII 416-429-4000

“Blessed is the king
who comes



in the
name
of the Lord!”

BEYOND WEEPING

On this Palm Sunday, we begin the week called “Holy”. Our intent during this week is to remember the suffering and death of Jesus. Those sufferings were borne in fidelity to God and with total reliance on God’s help (Is. 50:4-7, 1st reading). Those sufferings were embraced with a humility that accepted not only the human condition but also the position of a slave and even a disgraceful death on the cross (Phil. 2:6-11, 2nd reading). Those sufferings were made all the more burdensome by the incomprehension of sleeping friends, by the denial of a chosen disciple, by the betrayal of another, by rejection of authorities and the mockery of the crowds (Lk 22:14 - 23:56, Gospel). **Our interest in the sufferings of Jesus must never be primarily intellectual and speculative; they should always be practical.** It should become a way of life for us. It should renew our sensitivity to the sufferings of others.

Jesus walked the way of the cross in Jerusalem “once and for all”. But **the way of the cross continues to be walked by more than 150 million street children throughout the world.** A good number of them are forced into the streets to eke out a meagre living for their

families. School is out of question for these young labourers who invariably become victims of violence, sexual exploitation and abject neglect. Thousands of them live in sewers or under bridges.

According to the administrators of Human Rights Watch, Brazil’s street children are victimized by the nation’s Police force, which in one day alone, executed 27 children in a church in Rio. In Colombia, the HRW estimates that at least six innocent children die per day at the hands of law enforcement officials. **As long as these situations persist, the way of the cross continues for Jesus’ least ones.**

In today’s gospel we find women being moved to tears at the sight of Jesus carrying the cross. Jesus’ words to them continue to speak their challenge to us: **“Do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and your children”.** Today, this gracious gift of Jesus, “once-for-all” sacrifice prompts us to move beyond mere weeping to devoted work for the relief and well-being of his least ones. Let us be their companions, care takers and defenders along the way.

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.*

