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COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

CONGRATULATIONS CARDINAL COLLINS

May 14th was the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop and the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate. Visit archtoronto.org to send a note to thank him for shepherding Canada's Catholic community.

AM I BEING CALLED?

The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact

Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto

416-968-0997

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www.vocationstoronto.ca

PAPAL VISIT TO CANADA

The Vatican formally announced that Pope Francis will travel to Canada from July 24-29, 2022. The historic visit, focused on Indigenous healing and reconciliation, will be the fourth papal journey to Canada and the first since Saint John Paul II's visit in 2002.

Pope Francis will have the opportunity to visit Indigenous Peoples here in their homeland, as he promised when he met them recently in Rome. We pray for the health of the Holy Father as we undertake the intensive planning for this historic visit."

On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis apologized for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system. The Holy Father expressed "sorrow and shame" for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture and spiritual values in the residential school system.

Given the vast landscape of Canada, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year old Pontiff, the Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will adopt only three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit. The locations will limit travel for the Holy Father while still allowing an opportunity for both intimate and public encounters, drawing on participation from all regions of the country.

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



Living Gospels

This Sunday, as we continue our look back at our beginnings, we are reminded that **the quality and character by which we are to be known and identified as Jesus' own is the love that we have for one another.** Love compelled Paul and Barnabas (Acts 14:21-27, first reading) to persevere in carrying the message of salvation to as many places and people as possible. Love is the atmosphere that pervades the Seer's vision (Rev. 21:1-5, second reading) of the new Jerusalem wherein the presence of God, who is Love, obviates all suffering, sorrow and pain. In today's gospel (Jn 13:31-33, 34-35), Jesus makes it clear that truly authentic Christian love must be more than mere words; love must become a way of life.

In order to affirm the absolute necessity of genuine love for living an authentically Christian life, Anglican Canon William Barcus, in an address delivered to a Nashville, TN, audience (1988), cited a 1944 photo essay published in *Life* magazine. The subject of the essay was the red foxes of Holmes County, Ohio. One Saturday about 600 men and women and their children got together and formed a big circle, five miles across. They all carried sticks and started walking into the woods and fields, yelling and baying to frighten the foxes out of their lairs. Inside this diminishing circle, the foxes ran to and fro, tired and frightened. A number of them were killed on the spot. **Finally as the circle grew smaller and smaller, down to a few yards, the**

remaining foxes went to the centre and lay down, for they didn't know what else to do. But the men and women knew what to do. They hit these dying wounded with their clubs until they were dead.

While his listeners dried their eyes, wet with sympathy, Barcus continued "I stand before you today, as one weary of running, as one wounded myself" (Barcus was suffering from AIDS and all the surrounding stigma).

"My people are being destroyed, and your people and all our people together... **not only by an illness like AIDS but by a darker illness called hatred...** The Christ, Jesus, the compassionate Lord of Life and Lord of more forgiveness and Lord of more hope is the one we have vowed to follow and be ultimately guided by. Sadly, too many of these sick have wondered if they had any alternative but to go to the centre of the circle and lie down and die. Where are you in the circle? Where are we? Where would Christ be?"

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.*

