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COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

BE MY WITNESSES

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact

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EMPOWERED TO BE HIS WITNESSES...

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.



Ascension Prayer

God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope. This we pray in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Pope's June prayer intention: For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

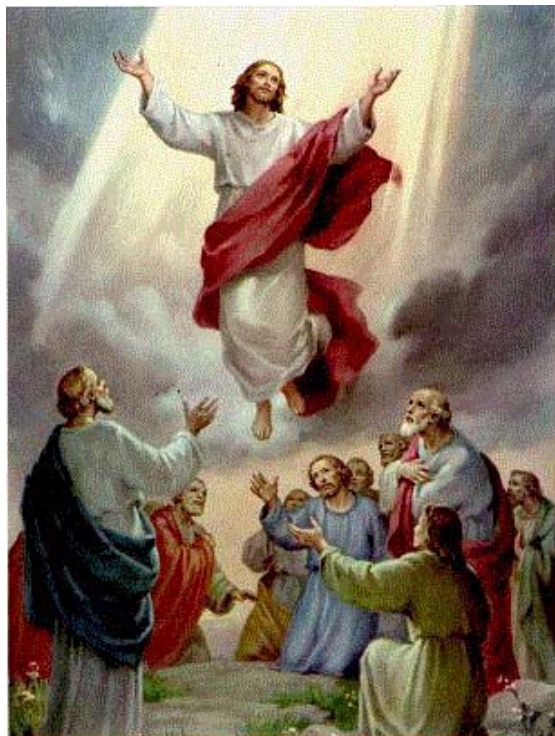
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

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



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Jesus' Continuing Mission

Two versions of Jesus' ascension are set before the praying assembly today, in the text from Acts (1:1-11) and in the Gospel (Lk. 24:46-53). Both include the essential kerygma; **both include the promise of the Spirit as the powerful and ever-present enabler of Jesus' continuing mission through the church.** Both include the statement that Jesus was taken up from earth to heaven and both include the charge of the risen Jesus that his own should be witnesses of who he was and what he did before the world. However, they serve two different functions. The Gospel version of Jesus' return to glory functions as a doxology that concludes the Lucan telling of the Good News, and the Acts account serves to introduce the mission of the church.

Notice also, that while the Gospel recounts the ascension of Jesus on Easter Sunday evening, Luke, in Acts, has chosen to separate the ascension from the resurrection by a period of 40 days. **This enables Luke to establish his own historical-theological framework,** with its post-Easter instruction of the apostles stretched over a 40-day period.

What did the disciples learn from the risen Jesus

during their special time with him? Did the reality of his resurrection take hold of them? Did they begin to perceive him as truly alive? Did they come to realize that the Jesus who died on the cross was the same Jesus who rose and appeared among them? **Were they becoming cognizant of their place in God's plan of salvation and the responsibilities they would assume after Jesus' returning to glory?**

After the disciples had spent so much time with the risen Jesus, their question to him about the restoration of the rule of Israel (Acts 1:6) may seem imperceptive. It may be, however, that Luke included the question to renew in his readers the hope for the kingdom. Without quashing their hopes, the risen Jesus reminded his own that the exact time was not theirs to know. Rather, **their job was to witness to his truth, work that could be empowered and directed by the Spirit.** Luke ably recounted that work in Acts so as to inspire future generations to continue to do as their ancestors had done - to bring the good news to every heart!

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.*

