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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.

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+, register to attend:

<https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Register2022>

ON STEWARDSHIP...

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from

God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits — the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!!

PRAY HOW TO USE YOUR TALENTS...

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact

Vocations at 416-968-0997

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:

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



Wedding Feast at Cana

Manifesting Unity & Identity

This Sunday's 1st reading (Is. 62:1-5) and gospel (Jn 2:1-12) invite us to manifest our identity by becoming aware of our spousal relationship with God. John the Evangelist and Isaiah make use of the ambiance of a wedding to communicate this message. **Israel's God was not content to participate in a creator – creature relationship; theirs was a God who invited creatures to be covenantal partners.** Theirs was not a political covenant like the one that was forged between Abimelech and Abraham (Gen. 21:23-32). Nor was theirs a covenant of commerce, much as the one established by Hiram and Solomon (1Kings 5:2ff). Even the covenant of friendship shared by Jonathan and David (1Sam 18:3; 23:18) could not compare to the relationship that Israel was privileged to know with God.

God invited Israel to enter into a spousal relationship founded on mutual love. "I will be yours, you will be mine" was the love-language of this relationship. Hosea was the first to describe the marriage of God and sinful mankind in terms of his own love for his adulterous wife, Gomer (Hosea 1-3). Yet, despite Gomer's weakness, seeming lack of

love and numerous infidelities Hosea loved her faithfully and enduringly. So also, insisted the prophet, does God love Israel, despite her sinfulness. More than a century later Jeremiah and Ezekiel following Hosea's lead described God's love in terms of spousal relationship. Isaiah also in today's 1st reading reminded his people that they were the delight of their divine spouse.

Against this vividly intimate backdrop, we should see Jesus making his ministerial "debut" at the wedding feast at Cana. Cana sets the scene for us to imagine God's enormous passion for mankind. Cana also sets the scene for each member of the praying assembly to examine their own fidelity to God's love. The reflection on Cana event affords married couples a chance to repair what may have been broken and to renew what may need to be strengthened in their relationships.

In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us strengthen the unity at the family level and manifest our Christian identity as the springboard for the unity of churches.

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
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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.*

