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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...

The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members — the personal responsibility of each one of us.

We all are stewards of the Church."

THE BODY OF CHRIST...

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact:

Vocations at 416-968-0997

[email vocations@vocations.ca](mailto: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



"Today, this scripture has been fulfilled"

Be Strong and United

This week's readings invite us to face the future united and strong. Reading the word of God and interpreting it for life are the best means to meet this challenge.

In the 1st reading (Nehemiah 8:1-4,5-6,8-10) we find the emphasis on the power of the word of God to: (1) make God's will known; (2) touch and change human hearts; (3) rally the people to be renewed in their resolve to listen to God's will. As Ezra read and interpreted the law for the people, their mood noticeably shifted from one of attentive affirmation and adoration to one of sorrow and weeping. **As God's word is read, the word reveals not only God's goodness and love but also the failures and sinfulness of the one who listens.** Nevertheless, Ezra did not permit the people to wallow in regret. Rather, he encouraged them to dwell not on their sinful selves but in the redeeming and liberating word of God, and so to replace their regretting with rejoicing.

In the Gospel, (Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21), Jesus, like Ezra, reads aloud and interprets the word of God for his contemporaries in Nazareth. He declared that the words he read were being fulfilled. **His words, the words of Isaiah, were the words of good news, healing and liberation from every form of enslavement such as sin, injustice,**

slavery, poverty, illness, oppression. Jesus did not merely promise "pie in the sky when you die"; on the contrary he demanded that through the sharing of the rich with the poor, there be daily bread on the table, here and now.

In today's second reading (1Cor. 12:12-30) Paul provides the praying assembly with the motivation for all their efforts at liberation – we are one body; we share one baptism; we are all given to drink of the same Spirit; we, though many, are one; we, though with different social status, different ethnicity, different gifts, different functions, are all one body in Christ. **It is this very oneness that must move us to action,** for when one of the members of the body of Christ suffers, all are affected. Therefore, each one of us is responsible for the freedom and dignity of all of us.

Let us hope that the word of God, which we hear expounded today, might move us to an evolution from regret and repentance to a joyful realization and celebration of the healing, liberating mercies of God.

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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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.

