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INVITED TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS...

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love, contact:

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact:

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ON STEWARDSHIP...

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.



Archbishop Collins has designated the weekend of February 11-12 as **Marriage Sunday** in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: **www.archtoronto.org/marriage**

**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

The Ten Commandments

And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God...

- i** Thou shalt have no other gods before me
- ii** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
- iii** Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
- iv** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy
- v** Honour thy father and thy mother
- vi** Thou shalt not kill
- vii** Thou shalt not commit adultery
- viii** Thou shalt not steal
- ix** Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour
- x** Thou shalt not covet

EXODUS XX

People Of Faith, Hope And Love

God summons us to a radical way of living. We are called to be more than just moral: God invites us to be virtuous. We become virtuous by habitually choosing to do good. Naturally, we are not perfect, but God call us to reflect on how we live and to understand what has gone right and wrong for us. Such reflection can lead us to insight that will help us to live better – be virtuous – in the future. Therefore, by reflecting on our experiences in the light of our faith, we grow in wisdom.

Sirach (1st reading 15:15-20) affirms that God knows every human action; Paul reminds us that God has many riches for those who love him; and Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel (5:17-37), says that he has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the Prophets. What we see clearly in the readings today is that there are repercussions, consequences – good or bad – for all our actions. Our challenge is to avoid

the opportunities that do harm and to choose what directs us to God.

Sirach, the Psalmist, Paul and Jesus embraced this way of life; they are examples of how it is possible for us to become virtuous and wise. If we take to heart their messages from the readings this Sunday, we too, like them, will be true beacons of virtue – people of faith, hope and love.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT



Ash Wednesday is coming! Lent begins next week on Wednesday **February 22**. The ashes that will be used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branched blessed and distributed on Passion Sunday.

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart and prayer.

Penance - Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Fasting - Fasting is the minimal obligatory practice we do during the Season of Lent. All persons over 14 years of age are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. All persons 18-59 are obliged to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals may be light. Other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

Confession - Many Catholics go to confession during Advent and Lent to help renew themselves. Going to confession during Lent is an excellent way to prepare for Easter and get off to a fresh beginning.