

Fourth Sunday of Lent

FRIDAY EVENING MASS & THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday evening stations of the cross will be cancelled until further notice - parishioners are welcome to come to the church and pray at any time during the day.

WRITING PROGRAM



As part of the Ministry with Maturing Adults program we are beginning a new initiative called the "Life Story Programme".

The participants will be guided in reflecting on each decade of life. From their reflections, they will write particular stories that have significance for them.

One need not be a skilled writer to be part of this program. The group sessions give direction and support to the project.

The facilitator for the program is Sister Mary Rose Marrin CSJ. It will be held here at the parish on Wednesdays beginning April 15th to June 3rd from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. The cost is \$20 to cover the workbook. Registration is necessary.

Please contact Sandra at 905-727-4594 or sandra@ourladyofgrace.com to register

CONFESSION DURING LENT

We will have an evening of confessions on Wednesday, April 1st at 7 p.m. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to take advantage of this time with visiting priests to celebrate Reconciliation as part of your Lenten devotion.

There is of course confession every Saturday from 4 to 4:30 p.m., except on April 11th. There will also be confessions after all of the services on Good Friday.

PLAYGROUP

Tuesday morning playgroup for pre-schoolers and their caregivers will be cancelled until further notice.

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth group meetings will be suspended until further notice.

ShareLife

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020

How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Next Sunday, March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

Our Parish goal this year is \$150,000

CUSTODIAL POSITION - LAST CALL

With the move to the renovated church, Pedro Zucca will be retiring as custodian. We are in search of his replacement.

The position being offered is for 20 flexible hours a week with a generous benefits package. The successful candidate will be responsible for cleaning all parish space and the maintenance of the grounds. This includes grass in the summer and keeping sidewalks and entrances clear of ice and snow in the winter.

A complete description of the job is available at the entrances of the church on the blue sheets. Please take them to share with people you know who may be looking for employment or additional employment.

It is worth noting at this time that Trinity Anglican is also looking for a part-time custodian. Those that may want more information should contact that church directly at 905-727-6101.

This may prove to be an opportunity for full time employment - both parishes will work independently of each other.

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EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER SENT TO ALL PARISHES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO FROM CARDINAL COLLINS

My dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

I wish to provide you with a further update on our response as a Christian community to the COVID-19 situation which is evolving rapidly. Today, the Premier of Ontario has declared a state of emergency. Once again in the history of our archdiocese we are in the midst of an epidemic. I am deeply grateful for the priests, deacons and lay pastoral workers of the archdiocese who have acted in this emergency with such loving pastoral care. We are called to ensure that this continues even more in the time ahead. For example, I encourage all pastors to organize the members of their parish to assist those who are isolated and vulnerable, especially the elderly, while always following the directions of the health authorities.

For the duration of this health emergency, I decree that the following be implemented in all parishes, missions and chaplaincies throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Mass – In view of the requirements of the Government of Ontario, during this medical emergency, beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, I instruct that all public Masses be cancelled, both during the week and on the weekend. Churches will be available for individual private prayer.

The priests of the archdiocese will celebrate Mass every day privately for the intentions of the people.

The faithful will be able to watch, [via livestream](#), a Mass which will be celebrated every day at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, which will be followed by the Angelus and the Rosary. I will personally celebrate this Mass as much as is possible. This Mass, Rosary and Angelus will also be available on the [Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube channel](#) for those who cannot join at 7:30 a.m. These Masses and prayers will be offered for the intentions of everyone as we go through these trying times.

In addition, Mass will be broadcast daily on [Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation](#), [VisionTV \(Daily TV Mass\)](#) and [EWTN](#).

So many of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world are deprived of the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, for many reasons. Due to this health emergency we also will now experience

their suffering. Perhaps this sacrifice will help us to cherish more profoundly the great gift of the Holy Eucharist. There is no substitute for personally participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the source and summit of our life in Christ, and we pray for the time when this may be universally available once more.

It is important to follow carefully the provisions of the health authorities, but it also essential that our spiritual life be enhanced and strengthened all the more during this crisis. At this time, when we are reminded of the brevity of life and of our own mortality, we are called to go deeper to our spiritual foundations. I encourage all people who remain at home and who are cut off from regular social interaction to engage in prayer – to pray the Rosary, to read the Scriptures and to offer prayers for those who are suffering the most in this crisis. We should also pray for the health care workers and others who are engaged in fighting this pandemic on the frontlines.

While it is a painful moment in the life of the Church to take these extreme measures, we pray that they will aid in combating the pandemic that has affected so many in our own community and around the world.

Once again, we pray for those suffering and for those who are caring for the sick. We are facing many trials during our Lenten journey this year. We take these to prayer, and look for opportunities to be the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter. May God continue to bless you.

In Christ,
Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

CONTACT YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT New Euthanasia Legislation Introduced in Canada

Legislation that would expand access to euthanasia in our country has been introduced by the federal government. Among the alarming changes are amendments to expand euthanasia to those without a terminal illness, including those with disabilities.

Every life has value - visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia.