

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

On March 10th, the Archdiocese of Toronto issued another memo to update parishes on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, accessible online at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/media-centre/news-archive/chancery-news/coronavirus-update--march-10-2020>

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace – a simple bow, nod or “peace be with you” to your neighbour is appropriate.

Our Lady of Lourdes will also continue to ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

We also encourage everyone to continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

For those who are unable to attend Mass, *Daily TV Mass* broadcasts a Mass every day on both TV and YouTube (www.dailytvmass.com).

In addition to the Archdiocese’s guidance, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish wishes to encourage you to prayerfully consider receiving communion in the hand instead of on the tongue during this time.

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus. We will continue to keep you updated.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Way of the Cross | Fridays throughout Lent, 7pm in the Church | A devotion to focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ - this is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Jesus throughout Lent. Come and pray the Way of the Cross with us and invite a friend.

Lenten Penance Service | Wed, March 18 at 7pm in the Church | Join us for our communal celebration of

the Sacrament of Penance. There will be individual opportunities for Confession with one of the many priests present. All are invited to experience the joy that is God’s Mercy.

Lenten Parish Mission with Michael Swan | *Theme: Written on My Heart* | March 23, 24, and 25 at 7pm

April 9 – **Holy Thursday** – 7:30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Adoration until Midnight

April 10 – **Good Friday**
9:30am - Way of the Cross
11:00am - Children's Service
3:00pm - Lord's Passion

April 11 – **Easter Vigil** – 8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil followed by Easter Bread Party

April 12 – **Easter Sunday** – Masses at 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 5pm (Tamil), 7pm

Archdiocese Refugee Sponsorship Program for Family Members of Parishioners

The Office for Refugees is launching a program to assist parishioners who would like to sponsor a family member overseas who is a refugee. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office (416-924-6257 or info@lourdes.to) to schedule a meeting prior to March 31. The Office for Refugees will look to the sponsoring family to provide the necessary funds for sponsorship. A separate program is available to assist non-parishioners and friends of parishioners.

ShareLife

ShareLife Pancake Breakfast | We invite you to join the parish’s Annual ShareLife Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22 from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Cost: \$5.00

About ShareLife: Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago. We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation. This year’s ShareLife Sunday collection is March 29th.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10pm Gil & PAZ Capili + [Daughter]
 5:15pm Joaquin Arango + [Margarita]

Tuesday, March 17

8:00am Special Intention [Helen O'Brien]
 12:10pm LOURDES BANAANG + [Sonia Banaag]
 5:15pm PATRICIA BORJA's Intention [Patricia]

Wednesday, March 18

8:00am David Sequeira + [Anonymous]
 12:10pm PT Thomas + [Mary Phillip]
 5:15pm Thanksgiving to St. Joseph [Joseph Kaposi]

Thursday, March 19

8:00am Bienvenido Gaceta + [Gigi]
 12:10pm Special Intention [Anonymous]
 5:15pm Nadur Balatero + [Cora Balatero]

Friday, March 20

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10pm JEANNY SHAMMAS + [Faris Shammas]
 5:15pm LUCILLE GONZALEZ + [Mario Portoraro]

Saturday, March 21

8:00am Angel Tarampi + [Tarampi Family]
 12:10pm Alex Rodriguez + [Mel & Lynn Verastigue]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Victoria Cayaban, Mutya Iswara
 Richie Corcuera, Elizabeth Pailanan
 Cathleen Flynn, Imee Olmo, Hanna Zakhem*

The **Catholic Women's League** would like to sincerely thank the Parish for its support of the Spring Sale, which was a great success and raised \$1,800. The CWL wishes to express its deep appreciation and gratitude to those who helped, those who donated items, those who purchased items and raffle tickets, for the unfailing support of the Our Lady of Lourdes community, and most importantly, our gracious Heavenly Father, who brought us beautiful weather and made things possible. To God be all the glory!

Development & Peace Way of the Cross | Monday, March 16, at **6:30pm** in the Church | A Way of the Cross evening in solidarity with the defenders of the Amazon people and lands, organized by the Parish's chapter of Development & Peace. All are welcome.

Encountering Hope: Engaging Homelessness, Spirituality, and Pastoral Care in Toronto
 Saturday, March 21, 2020, 9:30am to 12:30pm | Regis College, 100 Wellesley St W, Toronto | Learn about the challenges of homelessness and addiction recovery in Toronto through the lens of Ignatian spirituality. Info/register at regiscollege.ca/event/isp-symposium

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

After discussion at the Parish's Liturgy Committee, it was decided that we will begin saying the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the end of each Sunday Mass. We wanted to notify everyone about the new practice by putting an announcement in the bulletin, along with the prayer. Some facts on the prayer include:

- It was introduced by Pope Leo XIII at the end of the 19th century
- The prayer reminds us of the stark seriousness of the daily battle against evil in all its forms
- Moreover it is a prayer that is a joyful and serene expression of trust in the power of God. – in the face of sin and darkness, we remain rooted in joyful hope.
- Parishes throughout the diocese have been asked by the Cardinal Collins to pray it in order to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness in this world and that the Church itself be purified; Pope Francis has also recommended this prayer
- We will say the prayer together at the end of each Sunday Mass following the dismissal but before the final hymn.
- As a Parish we will begin this practice on the **5th Sunday of Lent – March 29**

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and the snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Beauty from Our Faith

"There is only one thing to do during the brief day, or rather, night of this life: Love Jesus with all the strength of your heart and save souls for Him, so that He may be loved!"

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Corrections/updates? Email bulletin@lourdes.to