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WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 9 am only

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SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY 5:00 pm English

SUNDAY 9:30 am English

11:00 am Italiano

12:30 pm English

2:00 pm Espanol

7:00 pm English

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.

Sábado a las 4pm u siempre para citas.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - BAUTIZOS

Please contact the office as soon as possible or 3 months in advance.

Llamar a la oficina por lo menos 3 meses antes de la fecha del Bautizo, para entrevistarse y reunirse con los padres y padrinos.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - BODAS

Please contact the office one year in advance and prior to making all other arrangements.

Llame a la oficina 1 año antes de la fecha estimada para la boda y antes de reservar el Salón.

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Please call the office and press ext 3

SICK CALLS

Please notify the Parish Office for visits or Communion visitations to the sick.

CATECHISM & RCIA

For the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) please contact the office & press ext 4.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome you to our Parish Community and invite you / your family to introduce yourself to the priests and REGISTER as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Le damos la Bienvenida a nuestra comunidad parroquial y lo invitamos a ud y su familia a presentarse con los Sacerdotes y a que se registre lo mas pronto posible. Los formatos de registro estan disponibles en la oficina parroquial

PARISH REGISTRATION (Print Clearly and Completely)

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CORRECTIONS: Please circle/fill out and (Place in collection basket or office)

NEW PARISHIONER

NEW ENVELOPES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MOVING OUT OF PARISH

Sun. March 22, 2020 (4TH of Lent, Year A)

MASS: Schedule & Intentions	
Saturday March 21:	
5:00 pm	NO MASS
Sunday March 22: 4th of Lent	
9:30 am	NO MASS
11:00am	LIVESTREAM
12:30pm	LIVESTREAM
2:00 pm	LIVESTREAM
7:00 pm	NO MASS
Monday March 23: St. Turibius of Mongrovejo	
9:00 am	LIVESTREAM
Tuesday March 24:	
9:00 am	LIVESTREAM
Wed March 25: Annunciation of the Lord	
9:00 am	LIVESTREAM
7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thursday March 26:	
9:00 am	LIVESTREAM
Friday March 27:	
9:00 am	LIVESTREAM
9:30-11:30am & 5-6:45pm	
7:00 pm	NO MASS
7:30-8:15pm	LIVESTREAM
Saturday March 28:	
9:00 am	LIVESTREAM

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2020

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (Cor 5:20)

God’s passionate will to dialogue with his children

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favorable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God’s unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, “turning of God against himself” (Deus Caritas Est, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48). (Lent-4)



TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at :416-968-0997.



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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 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 is 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.

Baptism – At this time, communal celebrations of Baptism are not allowed. Individual Baptism is allowed with immediate family and following the regulations established by the health authorities.

RCIA – I dispense the catechumens from the scrutiny's. Information will be sent out later on the Triduum and reception into the Church.

First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation will be postponed for the duration of the emergency.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are not allowed at this time. All those who wish to receive the sacrament should contact a priest. The sacrament is to be celebrated not in a confessional but rather in another location, where confidentiality may be ensured and where the distance required by the health officials can be maintained.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound should continue as much as possible. As previously communicated, visiting clergy and volunteers should take direction from the health care facility. Parishes should also take care to contact the homebound and vulnerable.

Funerals – During this emergency, there will be no vigils or wake services. The Rite of Committal will take place with the immediate family at the cemetery. There will be no funeral Mass at this time, but we encourage the celebration of a funeral Mass at a later date when it is possible.

Parish Meetings and Events are cancelled at this time.

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