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*From the Desk of Fr. Tim...*

**Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic...**

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. † Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. †

**COVID-19 Update from Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, March 16, 2020...**

"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.

We will review our emergency provisions regularly in accord with the requirements of the public health officials and we will provide updates at: [www.archtoronto.org/covid19](http://www.archtoronto.org/covid19)."

In summary...

**Baptism** – Communal celebrations of Baptism are not allowed. Individual Baptism is allowed with immediate family and following the regulations established by the health authorities.

**RCIA** – The catechumens are dispensed from the scrutinies. More information will be communicated soon.

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Those who wish to receive the sacrament should contact a priest. The sacrament will not be celebrated in the confessional but in the sanctuary. Confidentiality will be ensured, and social distancing will be maintained.

**Visits to the Sick and Homebound** - We will take direction from the health care facility. Our Pastoral Care team will contact the homebound and vulnerable by telephone on a regular basis.

**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 when it becomes possible.

**Parish Meetings and Events** are cancelled at this time.

***From the Desk of Fr. Tim...continued...***

**COVID-19 Continued...**

The Parish Office will remain open at our regular times, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Office hours may change going forward so please call the office with specific inquiries, 905-820-1444 or check our website:

<http://www.st-ignatius-loyola.com/index.htm>

The church will remain open for personal prayer during our regular hours. These hours may change so please visit the parish website for updates: <http://www.st-ignatius-loyola.com/index.htm> .

**For Your Consideration during Lent 2020...**

**\*Reconciliation/Confession** on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*Consider donating to the *ShareLife* 2020 campaign this year.

**\*Lenten Day of Confessions** – Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 -11:30 a.m., 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

***ShareLife* 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, March 28/29 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's goal of \$234,000.

You may contribute to our parish campaign by cash, cheque, credit card or pre-authorized giving. Please give what you can give to help others. Your donations will gladly be accepted in the parish office.

**Nurture Life, Oppose Death on Demand by contacting Your Member of Parliament!**

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Cardinal Collins has asked that we visit [www.helptheliving.ca](http://www.helptheliving.ca) to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. More information at: [www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia](http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia) .

**Congratulations Evelia Raphael!**

We congratulate our parishioner and altar server, Evelia Raphael (Grade 12 student at Loyola Catholic Secondary School) on winning the annual Friar's Student Writing Contest in *The Catholic Register*. Students were asked to write a 500-word essay on Acts 28:2 (“*They showed us unusual kindness*”). Read Evelia's essay: <http://www.catholicregister.org/ysn/ysn-news/item/31217-friars-writing-contest-brings-out-students-best> .

**Holy Week Schedule 2020 (Tentative)**

**Palm Sunday Masses, April 4/5:** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon.

**Holy Week Daily Masses:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Week Confessions:** Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.,

Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 8 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Holy Thursday, April 9:** No 9:00 a.m. mass. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

**Good Friday, April 10:** 10:30 a.m. Children's celebration of the Passion. 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. the Passion of the Lord. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross by the EDGE Youth Ministry.

**Holy Saturday, April 11:** No 9:00 a.m. mass. 11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Easter Food (parish hall). No 5:00 p.m. mass. 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil.

**Easter Sunday, April 12:** Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon.

**Monday, April 13:** Please be advised that there is no 9:00 a.m. mass. The parish office will also be closed.

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