E- NEWSLETTER/ HOME PAGE UPDATE - Monday June 28, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Tim...

Ontario Step 2 – Church Capacity Increased

As part of Stage 2 of the Province of Ontario Reopening Plan, churches will be permitted 25% capacity for religious services (including baptisms and weddings) beginning on Wednesday June 30. Here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, we remain limited to 15% capacity as earlier announced in Step 1 (due to social distancing requirements/ pew arrangement in our church and hall), and so we will simply continue with this capacity for both church and hall. Please note that funerals are limited to 75 people in total (rather than 25% capacity) as directed by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

Canada Day Mass 9:00 a.m.

Please join us for mass on Canada Day July 1 at 9:00 a.m. Church doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the church will be open until 10:00 a.m.

First Friday and First Saturday Masses

Please join us for mass on Friday July 2 at 9:00 a.m. (followed by a Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) and on Saturday July 3 at 9:00 a.m. (followed by the praying of the rosary)

While the Parish Offices remain closed, the church will remain open for private prayer Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. until Noon.

Confessions will continue to be offered each Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Livestream of Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

For those not comfortable or able to return to mass quite yet we continue to encourage you to view the livestream of our Sunday 9 a.m. Mass via our parish website www.st-ignatius-loyola.com.

At communion time we invite you to join in the following prayer:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Refurbished Baptismal Font

Our new baptismal font is now in place, re-created from the red and white marble of the old font and designed to match the existing ambo, altar and tabernacle in dimension and colour. The new baptismal bowl (in the font) is made from hammered copper, with beautifully inscribed images of the alpha and omega and the Chi Rho image of Christ. We thank York Marble and Tile for an excellent job, and also the parishioner who funded this re-furnishment project. You can view the attached photos of the new font here:





ShareLife 2021: ShareLife agencies are there for you, too!

Please remember that *ShareLife* organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a *ShareLife* funded agency, please visit www.sharelife.org and click on the "Need Help?" button.

When you support *ShareLife*, you also help clients at more than 40 agencies, including Rosalie Hall, founded by the Misericordia Sisters in 1914. The agency appreciates your support. Jane Kenny is the agency's Executive Director and she says, "ShareLife donors make a difference every day in helping meet the needs of the most vulnerable young moms and children utilizing our agency. Thank you, you are helping change young families' lives!"

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. Thus far we have raised almost \$150,000 toward our goal of \$234,600. Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, you are invited to reflect on your ability to help those in need and make a sacrificial gift to help those who turn to our agencies for help.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving is a convenient way to spread your *ShareLife* contribution throughout the year. You can learn more about PAG at www.sharelife.org. However, you give, whatever you give, thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

Your Financial Support is Appreciated

Thank you once again for your generosity and support of our parish community and *ShareLife* as we return to church, especially by placing your envelope in the offertory basket before mass or mailing in your donations, or donating via Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG forms available through parish website) or by credit card, or single or monthly donations through the "Donate Now" button at www.archtoronto.org

Please join us at the end of each mass in praying the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

