

## **PARISH UPDATE - May 17, 2021**

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

#### **Fr. Mauricio Sanjines – New Appointment**

Our Associate Pastor *Fr. Mauricio Sanjines* has been appointed by Cardinal Collins as Associate Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga effective June 30, 2021. I wish to thank Fr. Mauricio for his two years of service here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, and wish him well in his new assignment! We hope to be able to gather in person to thank Fr. Mauricio on the weekend of June 5/6 before he heads off for vacation for the last three weeks of June.

Our new associate pastor will be *Fr. John Sutka*, currently associate pastor at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, who also lived with us at the rectory from March to August 2020 during the first wave of the pandemic. We look forward to welcoming Fr. John back to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish!

#### **India COVID-19 Relief**

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time. In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak. To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide.

#### **First Holy Communion Masses Delayed Until Late June & Confirmation Masses Postponed Until Fall 2021**

Due to the extension of the Province wide stay-at-home order until at least Wednesday June 2, we have delayed the celebration of First Holy Communion Masses to the end of June (Sunday June 20 and Sunday June 27), with the provision of moving these celebrations to the fall if necessary.

Our Confirmation preparation program will continue with a final virtual preparation session via Zoom on either Monday May 30 or Tuesday June 1.

We will, however, need to move the celebration of Confirmation Masses to the fall of 2021. All registered families in both our First Communion and Confirmation programmes have received an update email with details over the last few days.

Let us continue to pray for our candidates for First Communion and Confirmation in these challenging times.

### **Church Closed for Public Masses, Open for Private Prayer & For Weekend Communion Services Only**

During the current Province wide stay-at-home order extended to at least Wednesday June 2, 2021, there will be NO PUBLIC MASSES celebrated in the church. The Church will, however, remain open for private prayer weekdays 9:30 am to Noon, and for Confessions each Saturday 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are limited to a maximum of 10 people in the church at any given time (including priest and/or staff member).

### **Holy Communion Services Offered Each Saturday 4:45- 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.**

We are happy to offer Holy Communion Services each weekend until the church is open once again. Each service takes approximately 10 minutes and will be offered for only 8 parishioners (plus presider and usher for a maximum of 10 people allowed in the church). Please note that those in attendance must be willing to stand, appropriately distanced in the front of the sanctuary and will be asked to leave immediately following the final blessing.

These communion services must be reserved via Eventbrite (see link and instructions below), or by leaving a telephone message with the parish office (905) 820-1444 for either the Saturday 4:45 p.m. or Sunday 12:45 p.m. timeslots.

*For the weekends of May 22/23 and May 29/30...Eventbrite opens Tuesday May 18 at 9 a.m. and closes each Friday at Noon.*

Please register for communion service here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-ignatius-loyola-church-may-2021-communion-services-tickets-154465383119>

Please note that each communion service is limited to 8 people. Households may reserve 4 FREE tickets only.

Please do not enter the church if you have a temperature, feel ill even with mild symptoms, have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive person over the past 2 weeks or have a compromised immune system.

### **Additional Information:**

1. Please purchase your FREE tickets using a computer or iPad. Ticket orders placed using a Smart Phone have not been working.
2. Please be aware that your information will be stored outside of the Archdiocese of Toronto by Eventbrite.
3. Please be aware that it is STANDING ROOM ONLY. No chairs or pews will be available. You must be able to stand throughout the communion service. (Approximately 10 minutes)
4. If you are not longer able to attend/don't want your ticket, please cancel it through Eventbrite. Please do not call the parish office.
5. Please bring your printed ticket or show it on your cellphone. No ticket - no entry - no exceptions.
6. Mask wearing and social distancing protocols will be observed at all times.
7. Please arrive 5 minutes before your reserved time. Late comers will not be permitted entry.

### **Livestream of Sunday 9 a.m. Mass**

For those who cannot physically attend Mass, there are a number of virtual options available, including:

- Livestream of Sunday 9 a.m. mass through our parish website [www.st-ignatius-loyola.com](http://www.st-ignatius-loyola.com)
- [Livestreams from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica](#)
- [National Catholic Broadcasting Council](#)
- [Salt & Light Catholic Media](#)
- [EWTN](#)

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.*

## **ShareLife 2021: Living the Gospel by putting faith into action!**

*“ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That’s what we do with ShareLife.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins*

We are fortunate in the Catholic community to have *ShareLife*-funded agencies that reach out to the marginalized in our communities, especially during the pandemic. These agencies respect the values we hold dear as a Catholic community. As a pastor, it is reassuring to know I can refer those who come to me for guidance with difficult family issues to a Catholic Family Service agency that will be attentive to our beliefs and values as they help them.

These services are made possible through our generosity toward *ShareLife*. When you support these agencies, you are helping them to grow in response to the increased demand for service they face. This results in a positive impact on the lives of those who turn to them for help.

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another. One of the ways we do this is through our support of *ShareLife*. We express this love and care by supporting the work of *ShareLife*-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish’s *ShareLife* campaign. Thus far we have raised \$124,157 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 [sharelife.org](http://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 during this stay-at-home order 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](http://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.*