

HOME PAGE UPDATE- April 19, 2021

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

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

We received the following update from Cardinal Collins last Friday:

*Late this afternoon, the provincial government announced further restrictions in an attempt to minimize the transmission of Covid-19, given the alarming increase in new cases over the past 10 days. The new measures have a direct impact on places of worship as part of an extended stay-at-home order, which will be in place until at least May 20, 2021.*

*As you are likely aware, the number of new cases, especially in Toronto, Peel and York, have increased dramatically. While I firmly believe we offer an essential "service" and have demonstrated our ability to welcome the faithful safely given our stringent WorshipSafe measures, we must also recognize the serious nature of the current situation.*

Cardinal Collins has also released a video encouraging the faithful who are eligible to receive a vaccination to do so as soon as possible -it can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJywnj9aRyc&t=16s>

To learn more about the ethics of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, you can read the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement here: <http://bit.ly/CatholicsAndTheVaccine>

There will be NO PUBLIC MASSES celebrated during this time. The Church will remain open for private prayer weekdays 9:30 am to Noon, and for Confessions each Saturday 4:00 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 Resuming Each Saturday 4:30 - 6:15 p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m.**

We are happy to offer Holy Communion Services beginning April 24/25 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:

**Saturdays** (following Confessions 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at 4:30 p.m. (for telephone reservations), 4:45 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

**Sundays** (following the Livestream mass at 9:00 a.m.) at 10:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. 12 Noon, 12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m., and 12:45 p.m. (for telephone reservations)

***For the weekends of April 24/25 and May 1/2...Eventbrite opens Tuesday April 20 at 9:00 a.m. and closes each Friday at Noon***

If you know of a parishioner who does not have a computer and therefore is not able to register through Eventbrite, please let them know that they may register by calling the parish office at 905-820-1444.

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.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-ignatius-loyola-church-aprilmay-2021-communion-services-tickets-151364075023>

**Livestream of Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass**

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

- Livestream of Sunday 9:00 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 sharing our blessings***

Thanks to generous donors like you, *ShareLife* agencies helped 150,000 people locally last year. Your gift:

- enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies
- ensured nearly 7,000 seniors received dignified care
- facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto
- helped nearly 1,900 young pregnant/parenting women and their babies receive loving support
- invested in our Church's future by supporting 54 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the current academic year.

We thank Arthur Peters, Executive Director, who spoke at all masses this past weekend, April 17/18. Arthur expressed his gratitude for the generosity that our parish has shown towards our sisters and brothers in need through the parish *ShareLife* campaign. You can view Arthur's address at <https://youtu.be/sb5AbcZNgp8>.

The goal for the 2021 *ShareLife* Campaign is \$13.8 million and our parish goal for this year is \$234,600. We have raised \$44,584 to date.

*"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins*

This year we are encouraging you to give at [sharelife.org](https://sharelife.org), where you can make a one-time or monthly gift by credit card and designate it to our parish's campaign. Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your *ShareLife* contribution over the course of a year.

Using a green *ShareLife* envelope, found at the doors of the church or available from the parish office, simply fill out the form on the envelope and include a void cheque. Submit it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact *ShareLife* at [slife@archtoronto.org](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving.

## First Holy Communion Celebrations Delayed

Due to the stay-at-home order in place for the next four weeks, we have postponed our First Communion Celebrations planned for late April and early May. Our new tentative dates (which will be confirmed in early May) are Sunday May 30 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and Sunday June 6 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., with rehearsals on either Tuesday May 25 at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday May 26 at 7:00 p.m. An e-mail has been sent to all registered families advising them of this unfortunate delay. Please continue to pray for our First Communion candidates and their families!

## 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.*

