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From the Desk of Fr Tim...

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, across the country, Canadians will be observing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The ongoing journey to healing and reconciliation has a particular relevance for Catholics throughout Canada given the church's involvement in operating many residential schools and recognizing the suffering and intergenerational trauma that remains for many survivors to this day. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools and commit to working for truth and reconciliation in the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. All are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins for a virtual prayer service on September 30 at 10:00 a.m. through the St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica livestream at: https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/. In addition, spiritual and educational resources relating to Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation accessed here: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Capacity Limits - Church and Hall- Sunday 10:30 a.m. and Noon Masses

For the past few weeks, we have been at capacity in both the church (approximately 110 people) and parish hall (60 people) at both the *Sunday 10:30 a.m. and Noon masses*. To avoid disappointment, it might be best to try to come at one of the other masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. or Sunday 7:45 a.m. or Sunday 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your co-operation...it is great to see more of you back at Mass!

Stewardship Sunday - Archdiocese of Toronto

Last Sunday September 19, we celebrated Stewardship Sunday in the Archdiocese. Copies of Cardinal Collins' *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* are still available for pick up in the foyer of the church, and I include here an excerpt of his homily:

We need to have within our hearts the spirit of stewardship. We are servants, only servants. We are entrusted by the Lord with many treasures, and He asks us to make them fruitful in this life, whatever they may be (each one of us with very different gifts as St Paul says). Instead of saying, "How am I going to take this or that to get to the top?" We should say, "How can I make use, fruitfully, creatively, of the gifts the Lord has given to me?" Not to push myself ahead of the other, being the first one as the Apostles were trying to do, but how can I make use of whatever gifts the Lord has given to me.

For access to the complete homily, as well as the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship please visit:

https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/stewardship-sunday/

Thanks to all those who continue to exercise stewardship of time and talent through their ministries here at the church and the in the local community, and the stewardship of treasure through your continued support of ShareLife, our St. Vincent de Paul Society, and through your financial support of our parish!

Palliative Care and End-of Life Issues and Resources: A Catholic Perspective

The dates for this series are Thursday, September 23, Thursday, September 30, Thursday October 7 and Thursday, October 14 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Even though we have reached our capacity

of 50 registrants, **please register on the WAIT LIST** for any cancellations and to receive updates in case of a move to virtual presentations via Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/palliative-care-end-of-life-issues-resources-a-catholic-perspective-tickets-169169818481

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Registration and Meeting

We begin our preparation for these sacraments with a Registration and Meeting for Grade 2 students and one parent (in person) on either Tuesday October 5 or Wednesday October 6 (Registration 6:30 p.m.- 7 p.m. church foyer, Meeting at 7 p.m. in the church itself.)

Registration materials have been sent electronically to the families of all Grade 2 students at St. Clare, St. Mark, and All Saints Catholic Elementary Schools.

If you have a child at our parish schools and would like to register please read the <u>attached letter from Fr. Tim Hanley</u>, Pastor, and complete and print off the <u>attached Registration Form</u> (along with proof of baptism) to bring with you to the meeting.

In addition, if you have a child that <u>does not attend</u> one of our parish schools (St. Clare, St. Mark, All Saints), we are offering the RCIC program of preparation- please also read and print off the <u>attached letter and schedule for this program</u>.

Roses for Life/Life Chain/40 Days for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be offering their ROSES FOR LIFE (fabric lapel roses) in support of local prolife causes before and after each mass on the weekend of *September 25/26* in the parish foyer as we prepare for Respect Life Sunday.

On Sunday October 3rd, *Respect Life Sunday*, come out to LIFE CHAIN. Show our community that every life is sacred and that moms and their babies deserve better than abortion.

Location: Outside the Church along Burnhamthorpe Rd. West

Time: Sunday October 3rd 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (following the Noon Mass)

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign will take place from September 22 to October 31. We encourage our parishioners to take part by committing to an hour to stand vigil in prayer near the Mississauga Women's Clinic at 101 Queensway. Our parish date is on *Thursday, October 21st from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.* For more info, and to register online go to: www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga. Please support this important endeavour to save the lives of precious and helpless babies.

Launch of New Parish Website/Updated Staff E-Mail

We are pleased to announce that we have a new parish website https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org. While we will run both websites for a short time. The Sunday 9:00 a.m. livestream mass is also on our new parish website so please update your computer and devices for our new website.

Bible Study "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible"

On Thursday October 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. we will be having our registration evening in the parish hall. The 8-week bible study from Ascension Press is entitled "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". Ascension Press is doing some exciting new things in bible study and faith resources, and we hope you will enjoy this study. Registration will be \$30 per person and materials will be provided. The bible study will continue to be offered virtually through Zoom and begins on Thursday October 28 and will end on Thursday December 16.

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 new parish website:

https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org or our existing website (soon to be phased out): www.st-ignatius-loyola.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Begins!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults who would like to become Roman Catholic will begin again soon! If you or a loved one would like to consider becoming a Roman Catholic, please have them speak to Fr. Tim or Fr. John after mass or contact us by e-mail or telephone to arrange for an interview, 905-820-1444.

Confirmation 2021

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who will celebrate this sacrament on either Monday September 27, Tuesday September 28, Wednesday September 29, Thursday September 30. Registration for Confirmation 2022 is schedule to take place in early December 2021.

ShareLife 2021: Will you help us reach our ShareLife campaign goal?

We have currently raised [insert parish total \$190,925.07 toward our parish goal of \$234,600.

"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

It is important we meet our goal on behalf of those served by *ShareLife* agencies. These agencies experienced increased demand for their services since the pandemic began. They could not have continued their important work without our support. As we all continue to recover from the pandemic, please keep these agencies and their clients they lovingly care for in your prayers.

We invited all parishioners to make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife* to the best of your ability. If you have already donated this year, we're very grateful for your generosity.

You can make your donation online via the parish website [if applicable] or at sharelife.org. 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. Thank you again for "living the Gospel" by supporting *ShareLife*.

October 3 is the next *ShareLife* Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at www.sharelife.org.

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. Kindly place your envelope in the offertory basket before mass or mail in your donations, or donate 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 or through our new website www.stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org.

