

March 22, 2020



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13

Psalms 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

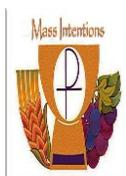
Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8~14

Gospel: John 9: 1~4 Jesus heals a Blind Man

Welcome to St. Joseph's & St. Anthony's Mission Church

Although there will be no Public Masses for the week, rest assured that Father Oswin will continue to celebrate Mass for the following intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday March 21st + Jack Lesage & + Lucille Burke

Sunday March 22nd + Enss Family Souls

Tuesday March 24th * Spec. Intention

Wed. March 25th * Spec. Intention

Thurs. March 26th + Lois Veber

Friday March 27th * Thanksgiving

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners, here are some guidelines put forward from Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto with the COVID-19 situation.

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.

Baptism – At this time, communal celebrations of Baptism are not allowed. Individual Baptism is allowed with immediate family and following the regulations established by the health authorities.

RCIA – I dispense the catechumens from the scrutinies. Information will be sent out later on the Triduum and reception into the Church.

First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation will be postponed for the duration of the emergency. Sacrament of Reconciliation – Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are not allowed at this time. All those who wish to receive the sacrament should contact a priest. The sacrament is to be celebrated not in a confessional but rather in another location, where confidentiality may be ensured and where the distance required by the health officials can be maintained.

Marriage – Marriages without Mass may take place with the immediate family members, provided they follow the regulations established by the health authorities. The postponement of the wedding may be requested given these circumstances, but if this is granted there may be a need for revision of the canonical requirements.

Marriage Preparation is very important. At this time, however, marriage preparation classes are cancelled and pastors are to arrange for individual couples to be prepared properly for marriage.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound should continue as much as possible. As previously communicated, visiting clergy and volunteers should take direction from the health care facility. Parishes should also take care to contact the homebound and vulnerable.

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 at a later date when it is possible.

Parish Meetings and Events are cancelled at this time.

Prayer of St. Michael

St. 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 the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Bob Bernier, Dr. James Brown, Marie Daniel, Nicola DeLuca, Herman Evertman, Alberto Garcia, Fern Gosselin, Lori Hodgins, Alice Krohmer, Muriel Levand, Sandy, Lillian O'Neill and John Vella. If you would like a name added, please contact the office.*