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POPE FRANCIS'
Litany of Supplication

WE ADORE YOU, O LORD

True God and true man, truly present in this Holy Sacrament,

We adore you, O Lord.

Our Savior, God-with-us, faithful and rich in mercy,

We adore you, O Lord.

King and Lord of creation and history,

We adore you, O Lord.

Conqueror of sin and death,

We adore you, O Lord.

Friend of humankind, risen and living at the right hand of the Father,

We adore you, O Lord.

WE BELIEVE IN YOU, O LORD

Only begotten Son of the Father, Who descended from Heaven for our salvation,

We believe in you, O Lord.

Heavenly doctor, who inclines over our misery,

We believe in you, O Lord.

Sacrificed Lamb, who offers Himself to save us from evil,

We believe in you, O Lord.

Good Shepherd, who gives his life for the flock he loves,

We believe in you, O Lord.

Living bread and medicine of immortality, who gives us Life eternal,

We believe in you, O Lord.

FREE US, O LORD

From the power of Satan and the seductions of the world,

Free us, O Lord.

From pride and from the presumption that we can do without you,

Free us, O Lord.

From the deceptions of fear and anguish,

Free us, O Lord.

From unbelief and despair,

Free us, O Lord.

From hardness of heart and the incapacity to love,

Free us, O Lord.

SAVE US, O LORD

From all the evils that afflict humanity,

Save us, O Lord.

From hunger, famine and egoism,

Save us, O Lord.

From disease, epidemics and fear of our brothers and sisters,

Save us, O Lord.

From devastating folly, from merciless interests and from violence,

Save us, O Lord.

From deception, misinformation and manipulation of consciences,

Save us, O Lord.

CONSOLE US, O LORD

Look upon your Church, which is crossing the desert,

Console us, O Lord.

Look upon humanity, terrified by fear and anguish,

Console us, O Lord.

Look upon the sick and dying, oppressed by loneliness,

Console us, O Lord.

Look upon doctors and health care workers, overwhelmed by fatigue,

Console us, O Lord.

Look upon politicians and administrators, who bear the

weight of decisions,
Console us, O Lord.

GIVE US YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD

In the hour of trial and confusion,

Give us your Spirit, O Lord.

In temptation and in weakness,

Give us your Spirit, O Lord.

In the battle against evil and sin,

Give us your Spirit, O Lord.

In the search for true good and true joy,

Give us your Spirit, O Lord.

In the decision to remain in You and in Your friendship,

Give us your Spirit, O Lord.

OPEN US TO HOPE, O LORD

If sin oppresses us,

Open us to hope, O Lord.

If hate closes our hearts,

Open us to hope, O Lord.

If suffering visits us,

Open us to hope, O Lord.

If indifference distresses us,

Open us to hope, O Lord.

If death annihilates us,

Open us to hope, O Lord.

HERE ARE 5 WAYS TO KEEP SUNDAY HOLY IN COVID 19 TIMES

1. Watch a live-stream of the Mass

The Archbishop, Cardinal Collins, will be live-streaming daily Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30 a.m. Monday through to Sunday.

While digital participation can never replace actual presence at Mass, live-stream Mass <https://www.archtoronto.org> is a great way of keeping our connection with the Mass when it is not possible to be there in person. We can make an offering in our heart to be united spiritually to this offering, which is more spiritually efficacious than any other prayer. We should silence our phones, eliminate (as best we can!) distractions in our home, and try to give all of our attention to what is happening at the Mass so we can fully participate in this remote way.

2. Make a spiritual communion

An ancient practice of the Church for those who cannot be present at Mass is to make a spiritual communion. We have a simple prayer you can pray with longing in your heart to be united to Jesus.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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. *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

3. Read the Sunday readings as a family

These can easily be found at usccb.org/bible by clicking on "Today's Readings." Magnificat (a daily prayer book) is also offering free digital resources during this time, including the Sunday readings and a reflection.

Reading Scripture individually or together with others—especially in our families—is an excellent spiritual practice. Catholics "commit to forming your family in the love and power of sacred Scripture by placing it at the centre of your family life. Study and reflect on Scripture, especially on the Sunday readings." *Archbishop Vigneron*

4. Check in on those around you

Because those who are older are most susceptible to complications from COVID-19, health officials are encouraging them to minimize their time away from home. It is a great act of charity to reach out to these brothers and sisters in our faith communities to check in on them. Do they need groceries or help with something in their homes? Caring for each other — especially those who are most vulnerable during this time — is a demand of the Gospel. It is the enactment of our life as joyful missionary disciples.

5. Pray a family Rosary

Reclaim the Rosary as a way to be united to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. She is the perfect model of a disciple and our great intercessor. If you don't know how to pray this prayer, check out the youtube video from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and pray along with them.

RECONCILIATION WITH THE LORD IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Act of Contrition (traditional)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Act of Contrition (alternate form)

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Acts of Contrition inspired by the Gospels

Father of mercy, like the prodigal son I return to you and say: "I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child."

Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise: "Lord, remember me in your kingdom."

Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust: "Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light."

Lord Jesus, you opened the eyes of the blind, healed the sick, forgave the sinful woman, and after Peter's denial confirmed him in your love. Listen to my prayer: forgive all my sins, renew your love in my heart, help me to live in perfect unity with my fellow Christians that I may proclaim your saving power to all the world.

An Act of Contrition to Our Lord Jesus

Lord Jesus, you chose to be called the friend of sinners. By your saving death and resurrection free me from my sins. May your peace take root in my heart and bring forth a harvest of love, holiness, and truth.

An Act of Contrition inspired by Psalm 51

Lord God, in your goodness have mercy on me: do not look on my sins, but take away all my guilt. Create in me a clean heart and renew within me an upright spirit.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, April, 13: **7:30AM**
 +*Osmunde & Ursula Newman & Michael deSilva*
 Tues, April 14: **7:30AM**
 +*Keith Gonsalvez*
 Wed, April 15: **7:30AM**
Thanksgiving of Linda & Alexis
 Thurs, April 16: **7:30AM**
 +*Illuminada Patayan*
 Fri, April 17: **7:30AM**
 +*Carmello & Dalmapa Schiavone*
 Sat, April 11: **7:30AM**
Intention of Rhoel Patag

Sunday, April 12

7:30AM:

+*Laura Boudreau*
 +*Alfonso Perlas*
 +*Eugenio & Caridad Palconit*
The Parishioners

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, April 12—Friday, April 17.
 Sanctuary Tabernacle—+*Isagani & Lerma*
 & Chapel Tabernacle—

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Need Prayer Help?

Call Beth: 416-467-6492. Intention will be emailed out to this prayer community. Only first name & intention will be shared.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

Mass—Sat, May 2 @ 5:15PM—**May be Cancelled.**

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mass of First Communion

Saturday, April 25—May be Cancelled

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Next Collection Sunday, February Collection: \$266.50

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MIRACULOUS HELP

The first known miracle worked by Our Lady was at the wedding feast of Cana when she obtained from her Son the conversion of water into wine. So, too, she can obtain a miraculous intercession with her Son for our poor Creation.

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic...

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS', APRIL MISSION INTENTION

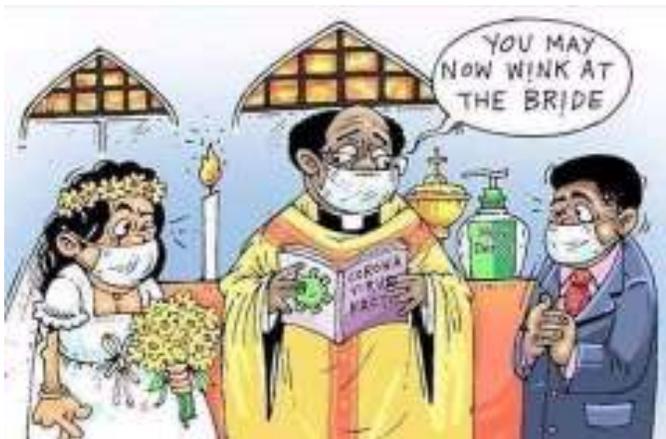
Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

THE WISDOM OF POPE, SAINT JOHN XXIII

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do"

SMILE



OUR REFUGEE FAMILY
DELAYED

Our Family have been told they cannot travel to Canada until COVID 19 is over.

Donations

GTA Iraqi Community: \$5,000/Anonymous: \$5,000; Parishioners & Parish Fundraisers: \$12,026.15; Parish Bequests: \$23,773.85; Parish Funds: \$500 (processing fees) **Total:** \$46,300.00



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Please Return DVDs

Do you have a DVD at home which you have forgotten to return? Lent it out? Please get them back! Many of the DVDs have been missing for too long.

PRAYER

Mercy. Ask. Thanksgiving. Adoration.

(M. A. T. A.)

Begin with seeking *Mercy.* / Continue by *Asking* for grace. / Move on to be amazed and *Thankful* for all His gifts. / Finally, Marvel in *Adoration* of His holy light. (Don't be surprised if your prayer does not follow the above order)

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, medical professionals, and support workers who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. -AMERICA MAGAZINE

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Easter Sunday and the following seven days present a special time to bask in the glory of the resurrection.

The Octave of Easter is one of the lesser known liturgical celebrations in the Catholic Church. It includes Easter Sunday and the seven days that follow, culminating in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the Second Sunday of Easter).

Starting from at least the 3rd or 4th century, Christians began to extend certain feasts beyond the initial day. This meant that the joyous celebrations of Easter Sunday were prolonged and lasted a full eight days.

In fact, Christians treated each day in the octave as if it were Easter Sunday. This tradition has been preserved by the Roman Rite and many of the Eastern Rites, where the liturgical readings and actions of each day mimic what happened on Easter Sunday.

The St. Andrew Daily Missal further explains the connection the Easter Octave had to the newly baptized members of the Catholic Church.

The Octave of Easter, during which formerly no servile work was done, was one continual feast. Each day the neophytes attended Mass at a [different church in Rome], at which they received Holy Communion. In the evening they went to Saint John Lateran for the Office of Evening Prayer.

Furthermore, the newly baptized would wear their baptismal gowns during the entire octave. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Second Sunday of Easter "was consequently known as dominica in albis (deponendis), the Sunday of the (laying aside of the) white garments."

While these particular baptismal traditions are no longer practiced by the Catholic Church, the Octave of Easter remains a celebratory time for Christians around the world and is meant to be a joyous time to remain in the beauty of the Lord's resurrection.

As with the way Christmas is celebrated in the Catholic Church, the Easter season only begins with Easter Sunday. It is a season for feasting, praising God and enjoying the company of family and friends.

Gone are the fasting days of Lent! (Even the weekly Friday abstinence, which many Catholics practice all year long, is suspended on Easter Friday.) Now is the time to feast!



"I Have Seen The Lord!"

Mary
Magdalene

This Sunday's Readings: *First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43—Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23—Rejoice in this day of the Lord; Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8—Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above OR 1 Corinthians—Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast; Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9—Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.*

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply

said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.



VOCATIONS

Easter Sunday - April 12, 2020

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$NEXT WEEK

Thanks to CWL for Donation of \$500.

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

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May 3 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

FR SIMON'S TRANSFER DELAYED

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the current situation of uncertainty and anxiety, the Archbishop, Cardinal Collins, wants priests to remain with their communities until things settle down. Therefore, my transfer to the North West Territories will not take place in June as previously planned. The plan at the moment is for the transfer to take place in August. But, as with all things, it will happen in Jesus' time. Meanwhile, let us continue to pray for one another and the world. Peace, Fr Simon

NEW PASTOR

Hopefully in August, 2020

Who the new pastor will be has not yet been decided. *Let us pray for him.* If we do this together, he will become a blessing to JXXIII.

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ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Takes place in the Adoration Chapel

Every Friday: 9AM to evening prayer and 5:40PM. Come for a hour and keep watch others, the Church,



6PM, concludes with Benediction at few minutes or an with the Lord. Pray for your family, yourself.

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