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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: By Appointment

First Friday of the Month

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Baptism: Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for appointment.

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O’Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Letter from the Cardinal

My dear friends,

A few days ago, a movie scout contacted one of our churches to inquire whether the basement hall could be used to feed a crew of 50 people. "We have dispensation from the province and strict protocols will be enforced." Later in the week, the priest presided at a funeral in the same church, limited to 10 people inside (including himself).

Which of these do we consider more essential?

I have been providing updates to you throughout this period of pandemic. We have also been working closely with the Government of Ontario to ensure that restrictions are respected as we collectively fight a virus that has, thus far, taken the lives of more than 22,000 Canadians.

I do not believe that our elected officials and medical officers of health consciously intend to suppress religious freedom; I realize that they are in an extremely difficult position. We do, however, ask to be treated equitably. In recent days, it is becoming more difficult to believe that is happening.

It is now appropriate for us to respectfully amplify our concerns. **I am asking you to take two minutes to write to your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP). A copy of your letter will also be shared with Premier Ford.**

The province has relaxed restrictions in Grey (Lockdown) regions, with retailers permitted to operate at 25 per cent capacity. Yet places of worship, regardless of whether they seat 100 or 1,000 people, must remain at a hard cap of 10 people. Next week, a funeral at St. Michael's Cathedral (capacity 1,500) will be capped at 10 people, while around the corner dozens can enter the local liquor store and thousands will visit the Eaton Centre. This makes no sense.

I encourage all of you, whether you are in the Grey Zone (Toronto and Peel Regions as of March 8) or an area where churches can open at greater, but still greatly limited capacity, to respectfully request that any restrictions for places of worship use a percentage of capacity as opposed to an arbitrary number. This is an interfaith initiative with participation from many faith communities.

We are still in the midst of fighting a pandemic and we must be prudent in our actions. Our strict Worship Safe protocols in our churches have proven to be effective. It's time to address the growing inequities facing our faith communities. I hope you will **take a moment to share your concerns** with your MPP. I am grateful for your patience and perseverance during these most challenging days.

May God continue to bless you now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,
Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

LOCK DOWN

IMPORTANT: Please note that with the ever-changing situation on COVID-19 measures, in Toronto, we will update parishioners, weekly, through the FLOCK NOTE messages that announce the weekend schedule. If Communion Services are to be held, on a weekend, we will live-stream only the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass, in order to have more time in the church for the Communion Services. The live-streamed mass, once it is shown, is then uploaded on to the website for later viewing.

If churches are allowed to re-open for Mass at 30% capacity, you will be informed through email FLOCK NOTE and provided a link to register for Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!

St. Edward's is bringing back youth ministry with Youth Nights! We will come together every Friday night from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. to learn more about our faith, play games, and spend time in prayer. We will be using some EDGE material to teach as well as have open discussions about our own faith journey.

The ministry will be organized by long time Core member, Keith Villaneuva, and seminarian-intern, Sean Jacob, as well as familiar faces from previous years and some new faces. Join us each Friday night, at 7 p.m., as we play a few rounds of Fishbowl!

We invite you all to register at the following:
<https://forms.gle/JF4TznAu4h4sUwd3A>

Stay tuned for more information provided through email as well as on our Instagram page @st.edsym!



Monday, March 15, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Joyce Eusabi

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Norberto & Honorina Franco

Thursday, March 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Kathleen Murphy

Friday, March 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. The Intentions of the Fernandez Family

Saturday, March 20, 2021 – Multi Intention

9:00 a.m. + Eustace Pereira

4:30 p.m. + Enrico & Pina Napoli

Sunday, March 21, 2021

11:00 a.m. + Ashley-Rose Knorr
+ Francesca Rushworth
+ Paul James Christopoulos

Come & See Weekend

On Friday, March 26 (5:00pm – 9:00pm) until Saturday, March 27 (10:00am – 5:00pm), the Office of Vocations will be hosting the first *virtual* Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men, ages 17 + and older.

On-line registration is required at:

<https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee>

Yes, Lord! A Lenten Liturgy of the Word for Kids

Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or are just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 4 p.m.

Sundays at 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

On Demand: www.slmedia.org/yeslord

St. Edward's Children's Liturgy of the Word resources for month of March can be downloaded from our website: www.steward.ca

Traditional Lenten Disciplines

Penance: Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 – 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by less eating, or shopping. Consider donations to Share Life or the St. Vincent de Paul Society who serve the poor and needy.

St. Patrick's Day Mass

**Wednesday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. (virtual)
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

The annual St. Patrick's Day Mass will be livestreamed from **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto, on Wednesday, March 17th, at 10:00 a.m.** The celebrant and homilist will be Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. The livestream can be accessed at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. All are welcome!

Msgr. Pat will also celebrate a St. Patrick's Day Mass, Wednesday, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m.



St. Joseph's Day – March 19th

In this year of St. Joseph, please join us for Mass, at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, March 19th.



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