



Pastor:
 Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares
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MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon
 Saturday 10:00 am
 Doors will open 15 minutes before mass begins

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am
 11:30 am
 7:30pm

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am
 Doors will open 15 minutes before Holy Hour begins

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm
 Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &
 11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

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MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 11:30 am & 2:30 - 4:30 pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

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PARISH LIFE

Parish Secretary	Sandy D'Alessandro
Custodian	Jim Lamers
Choirs	Saturday 5:00pm Adele Heins
	Sunday 9:00am Adele Heins
	Sunday 11:00am Diana Swift
Finance Council	Pauline Brabant
Floral Decorations	Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome
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GROUPS

Catholic Women's League	Sandra Morson	705-527-6375
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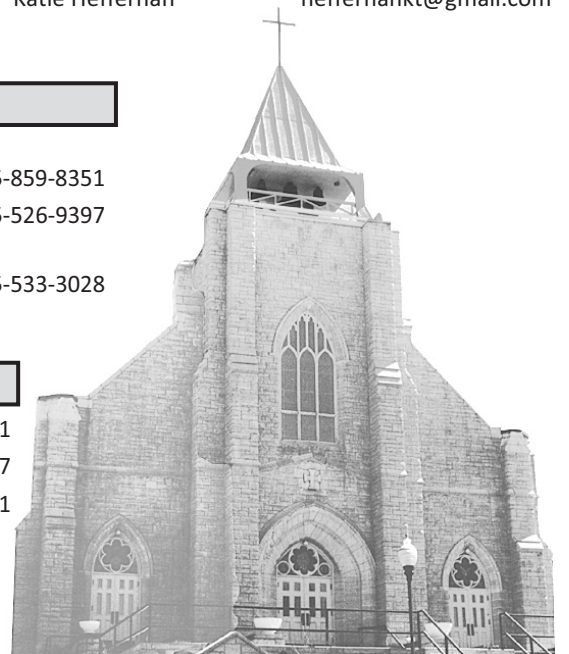
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Children's Liturgy	Katie Heffernan	heffernankt@gmail.com

OTHER SERVICES

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Humanae Vitae Centre (Linda)	905-859-8351	
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SCHOOLS

Monsignor Castex School	705-526-2831
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Public Masses and Mass Intentions **at St. Margaret's**

Due to the government lockdown the celebration of public Masses at St. Margaret's is temporarily suspended.

Fr. Roselle will continue celebrating a private Mass daily for the intentions you see listed here, for all our parishioners and community, and for an end to this pandemic crisis.

We encourage parishioners to view online/livestream/televised Masses. Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate a livestreamed Mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30am. A full list of Masses is available at www.archtoronto.org



Prayer Requests

Please pray for:


Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko; Nadine Adams; Nellie Kwapis; Jan Galaski; Peter Pattenaude; Sherry-Jane Jeffery; Nicole Marchildon; Ewa Krystosik

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives & friends:
Robert Varley; Marion Ball



The Pope's **January Prayer Intention**

Evangelization: Human fraternity ~ May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Mass Intentions **for the week**

Tuesday January 26 **St. Timothy & St. Titus**
+ George MacDonald
Requested by Catherine & family

Wednesday January 27
+ Anne Marie Calhoun
Requested by Bob & Corinne Green

Thursday January 28 **St. Thomas Aquinas**
+ Anne Marie Calhoun
Requested by St. Margaret's CWL

Friday January 29
+ Mr and Mrs Robert & Gail LeClair
Requested by the family


Saturday January 30
+ Mary Senkiw
Requested by Sandra Morson & family

Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass - Saturday January 30
+ Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Gail LeClair
Requested by the family

Sunday January 31
+ George & Veronica Bellisle
Requested by the family
+ Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Gail LeClair
Requested by the family


missa pro populo



Episcopal Ordination of
Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto

Monday, January 25, 2021
2 p.m. Eastern Time
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

LIVESTREAM: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

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On 28 November 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Father Ivan Camilleri Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Bishop-elect Camilleri is currently serving as our Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Vicar General, and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Congratulations Bishop-elect Camilleri

You are invited to mark this date and time in your calendar and join the livestream the ordination at:

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

Marriage Sunday – February 13/14, 2021

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This occasion provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds, and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. Let us also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or are struggling from a broken relationship. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Reflection: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Memento Mori (1 Corinthians 7: 29-31)

The Second Reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians speaks about the shortness of human life and the certainty of death. This theme can be expressed in two words: *memento mori*. This is a Latin phrase which is translated as, 'remember you will die.' It refers to a category of artwork that aims to remind people of their mortality.

This phrase originated in ancient Rome. Coming home after a victorious military conquest, the Roman general would go around the city for a victory parade. Standing behind him was a slave, dutifully repeating the words, *memento mori*. The purpose is to remind the general that, although he is at the peak of his life and career, enjoying success and honor today, he could fall or die tomorrow.

According to the Christian writer Tertullian, in his work *Apologetics*, the complete statement that the slave utters is: *Respice post te! Hominem te esse memento! Memento mori!* ('Look behind you! Remember that you are but a human being! Remember that you will die').

This is the message that St. Paul tries to convey: *Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short* (1 Corinthians 7:29). Our life in this world is short. Hence, he urges us to conduct our affairs in this world with our full attention focused on what is most essential in life, namely, eternal salvation.

Aware then of this reality, some important resolutions are in order. The first is repentance. This is the core message that Jesus proclaims at the beginning of his ministry: *The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News* (Mark 1: 15).

Second, we are not to waste our precious time in this world. In our daily life, even when 'staying home', we are to always use every opportunity to do something good. Let this quotation be our guiding motto: *I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again* (attributed to Stephen Grellet).

Third, we have to follow Jesus immediately and unconditionally. This was how the first disciples responded to the Lord's calling. They immediately left everything – their father, their boats and nets, their family and community. They exercised total detachment from material things and thereby were able to follow Jesus in total freedom and commitment. This does not mean we spurn material things. We are not to allow ourselves to be controlled by them in order to be free to follow Jesus.

It is not comfortable to talk about death or mortality, especially during this time of pandemic. However, death is a part of our life as Christians, of our life as Eucharistic people. While we cannot celebrate holy mass publicly right now, our life must always be 'Eucharistic'. We are to be Eucharist with Jesus at all times.

We hear these words of Jesus at consecration: 'Take and eat, this is my body; take and drink, this is my blood.' Let me reflect with you what the Bible says about 'body and blood' in order for us to know what is being offered to us and, also, to understand what it means to be 'Eucharist' with Jesus.

The term 'body', as used by Jesus and St. Paul, indicated the whole human being in so far as it lives its life in a mortal condition. 'Body' indicates life in all its entirety. In instituting the Eucharist, Jesus left us the gift of his whole life, from the first moment of the incarnation to the very end, including all that made us his life: silence, sweat, hardship, prayer, struggle, joy and humiliations.

Then Jesus adds: 'This is my blood'. We may wonder what He gives us with his blood that He hasn't already given us with his body – He adds his death! Having given us his life, he now gives us its most precious part – his death. In the Bible, the term 'blood' does not indicate a part of the body, a part of the person. It indicates an event, an experience – namely death. If blood is the 'seat of life' as was thought at that time (Genesis 9: 4), its' shedding is the sign of death.

The Eucharist, therefore, is the mystery of the Body and Blood of Jesus – that is, of the life and death of Christ!

When we totally offer our 'bodies' with Jesus at Mass, be it a 'real' or a 'virtual' attendance, we offer all that actually constitutes our physical life: time, health, energy, ability, sentiments and, perhaps, just a smile that only a spirit living in a body can give and that is so precious at times.

When we truly offer our 'deaths', we offer not necessarily our final death or martyrdom for Christ. 'Death' also encompasses everything that right now prepares and anticipates our death: humiliations, failures, fears, anxiety, debilitating illness and limitations imposed on us, everything that 'mortifies us'.

Most of us are pretty good with offering our 'bodies' for Jesus and for our brothers and sisters. It is not easy to also offer our 'blood', that is to say, the inactivity and mortification that is imposed on us at this time. It is when we can no longer do what we want that we can be closer to Christ. Because of Jesus, the Living Bread of Life, there is no such a thing as a 'useless life' or a 'useless time' in the world.

No one can say, 'what is the point of still living in this world?' We are in the world for the most sublime reasons: to be a living sacrifice, to be Eucharist with Jesus. We are to live and die with Jesus!

Fr. Roselle



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