



Pastor:  
 Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares  
 Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D.  
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 William Carson P.D.

**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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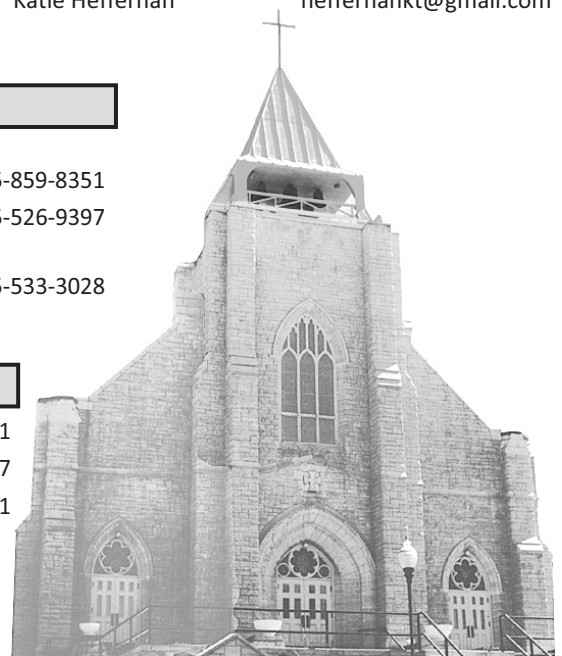
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Please note that when government/health-officials restrictions do not permit the public celebration of mass Fr. Roselle continues to celebrate a private Mass daily for the intentions you see listed here, for all our parishioners, and for an end to the pandemic. During these restricted times we encourage parishioners to view online/livestream to televised Masses. Cardinal Collins continues 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](http://www.archtoronto.org)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Tuesday February 16

+ Gertrude Parent

Requested by the D'Alessandro family



### Wednesday February 17

+ Robert & Gail Leclair

Requested by the family

### Thursday February 18

Private Intention

Requested by Lynn MacLeod

### Friday February 19

+ Wladyslawa & Zygmunt Jastrzebski

Requested by Edward & Joanna

### Saturday February 20

+ Stefania & Francisek Soltys

Requested by Edward & Joanna

## *First Sunday of Lent*

### Vigil Mass - Saturday February 21

Intentions of Peter Lacroix (Birthday on February 7<sup>th</sup>)

Requested by Claude & Lorraine

### Sunday February 22

+ Jim Bellisle

Requested by Dennis & Pauline Brabant

+ Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Gail Leclair

Requested by the family

missa pro populo



Prayer Requests

#### **Please pray for:**

Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko;

Nadine Adams; Nellie Kwapis;

Sherry-Jane Jeffery; Josh;

Krista Bourgeois; Nicole Marchildon;

#### **Please pray for our recently deceased relatives & friends:**

Barbara Swales; Remi Baillargeon; Lucille Wylie

## Ash Wednesday

### & Public Masses at St. Margaret's

An announcement from the government & public health is expected soon regarding the Zone designation St. Margaret's be in as stay-at-home measures are lifted. We are planning for either a Grey or Red Zone designation. What does this mean?

1. **RED ZONE (Control)** We may be allowed to celebrate mass with a 25-30% capacity
2. **GREY ZONE (Lockdown)** We will be restricted to gathering of groups of 10.

Looking forward to **Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>** which is beginning of the sacred season of Lent. Here are the possible outcomes of the scenarios listed above:

1. **RED ZONE**, blessed ashes will be distributed during the following times:
  - During the 12noon & 7pm masses Ash Wednesday
  - During the 12noon mass Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>
  - During the 12noon mass Friday February 19<sup>th</sup>
  - During the 10 am mass Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>
2. **GREY ZONE**, blessed ashes will be distributed to groups of 9 parishioners plus one celebrant at a time. These groups will be brought into the church at 15-20 minute intervals during the following times:
  - 10am – 12noon & again 4-6pm noon February 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 10am – 12noon on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>
  - 10am – 12 noon on Friday February 19<sup>th</sup>

We are looking forward to moving out of stay-at-home emergency measures but know that as we experienced during the June re-open parishioners will need to be patient and prudent. We will need to adhere to the safe worship guidelines introduced in June and an even more stringent manner now that we have seen increased COVID-19 cases including the appearance of variants of concern in the community.

Reminders from our Safe Worship Guidelines:

- **Hand-Hygiene** - Parishioners will be asked to sanitize their hands upon entrance and exit of the building. Please be prepared.
- **Social Distancing** – Parishioners must remain 6 feet or 2 meters apart from fellow parishioners at all times. NO congregating in entrances, exits or the parking lot.
- **Masks** – Parishioners must wear a mask at **ALL** times (NO EXCEPTIONS) while in the church building and on church property.
  - Masks covering both the nose and chin must be on and in place **before** entering the building.
  - Parishioners are not permitted to remove their mask once seated in a pew.

### "I am my brother's keeper" Gen 4:9

Wearing a mask, sanitizing your hands and social distancing are concrete acts of charity towards our brothers and sisters in Christ. As Christians we called to do corporal acts of mercy. Let us move forward together in unison.



## **Reflection for this week** **Abba**

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made

your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them (John 17: 25-26).

It is a good question to ask ourselves what ideas, words or situations that spontaneously spring up in our mind when we say Our Father who art in heaven... thy will be done? The answer is often surprising. We realize that very often, unconsciously, we connect the Father's will to everything that is unpleasant and painful; to everything that feels like a trial or requires sacrifice. It is a bit as though God the Father were essentially an enemy of every jubilation, happiness and triumph.

God the Father is seen above all as the Supreme Being, as the Lord of Heaven and Earth. With this view, He has full rights over his creatures, and their first duty as creatures is to recognize and obey him. The Father is therefore seen as the God of the law, as an external entity who imposes himself on the individual from the outside.

The transgression of the law – that is, disobedience to his will – inexorably introduces disturbance in the order he established from all eternity. Consequently, his infinite justice demands reparation: we have to give him something in order to re-establish the order in creation that has been disturbed. Obviously, this reparation will demand a sacrifice.

These practices have allowed so many people to demonstrate their love to God. But there is a risk of falling into a utilitarian religion, of thinking of God as someone to 'buy off'. All of this is based on the assumption that the relationship with God depends on human beings. We can't present ourselves to the Father empty-handed; we have to have something to give him. It is almost like God is a vending machine – we put a coin in and then we have the 'right' to an exchange.

Unfortunately, if we get nothing, if we don't get a response, then there is frustration, disappointment and even rebellion.

The true face of the Father as revealed by Jesus is completely different from this perception. Even in the Old Testament, God the Father didn't begin by expounding a teaching people a lesson on his own identity. Instead, He established a bond with them. God the Father committed himself to an adventure alongside his people. The Chosen People draw near to him by entering into a relationship of love that touches and engages their whole lives.

In the incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus, have revealed the Father not only as the God of the covenant with human beings but also as the One who invites us to enter into the very heart of this mystery. Through Jesus, God the Father manifests himself as the One whose innermost being is an eternal relationship of love.

We customarily begin our prayers with, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. That is how our baptisms were conferred. We became Christians in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We are saved in the name of the Triune God. This is also how we are to live daily – in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We are called to enter into God's name, to enter into the bond of love between the Father and the Son. The gospel is nothing but the recorded revelation of all these movements of love. Our lives are the daily adventures of these relationships that are 'made concrete' in each person's everyday routine.

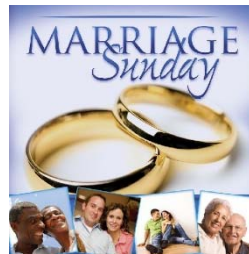
So, we are to ask ourselves: what idea, sentiment or image of the Father is engraved in my heart – the distorted image or the true face as revealed by Jesus. Grace and peace, Fr. Roselle



## **The Pope's Prayer Intention**

### **For February: *Violence Against Women***

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

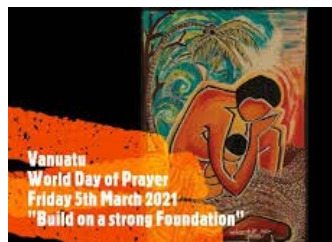


## **February 13/14, 2021**

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](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)



## **World Day of Prayer: Friday March 5, 2021**

On Friday March 5, 2021 we will celebrate the World Day of Prayer. The service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu, a country of Islands near Australia. Due to COVID-19 the service which normally takes place in a local place of worship will be virtual. Those wishing to join zoom service are asked to reach out a member from the CWL executive or email the parish office [stmargarets@rogers.com](mailto:stmargarets@rogers.com) to get all the information on how to join this event.

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