



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

While we are unable to celebrate public masses,
Fr Regulo Imperial will offer his daily, private masses
for the following intentions:

Monday, March 30th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Maria, Ken & Zeb requested by Maria Barquin

Tuesday, March 31st

9 a.m. – Gerry Comeau requested by CWL

7 p.m. – Dennis Zammit requested by the Martins Family

Wednesday, April 1st

9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory requested by Miles Family

Thursday, April 2nd

9 a.m. – Honorato de Guzman requested by Julie & Ben Valdez

Friday, April 3rd

7 p.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Disa Oberg

Saturday, April 4th

5:30 p.m. – Anna Nguyen Thi Con requested by Phi Lam

Sunday, April 5th

9 a.m. – Maikel Michriky requested by Maikel Michriky

10:30 a.m. – Maurice Walsh requested by Mary & Gord Anderson

12 p.m. – Ruping & Onor Guballa requested by Maria Barquin

5:30 p.m. – Laura Anderson requested by Gord & Mary Anderson

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LENT AND COVID-19 – A REFLECTION

Lent is a time of prayer and reflection. In these difficult times, we need to pray even more. But as we reflect on the meaning of this pandemic, this season of Lent can perhaps give us some perspective on what we are facing. Lent calls us to carry our cross and carrying our cross may be a healthy Christian way to understand these trying times.

One of the challenges that we face with this pandemic is that it brings us face-to-face with our own mortality. We tend to go through life denying that we will die one day, which is essentially healthy. But with this pandemic, we are reminded that death is a part of life. These difficult times, however, has its benefits. Coming face-to-face with our own mortality often makes us reevaluate our lives and helps us to see what is truly important in life. We learn what is truly meaningful and what actually makes life worth living. Lent as well is a time of self-evaluation and reflection. One thing that we can do this Lent is reflect on what is significant in life and of what we can let go. Hopefully, we can bring these learned lessons into our lives, when we return to something resembling normal.

This pandemic has also brought us closer together, as families, as communities, as citizens of the world. During these trying times, we are more conscious of looking after each other, supporting the sick and the elderly, and conscious of the suffering that is occurring throughout the world. Lent is also a time to care for others. In this Lent, may we turn our attention to those in need and keep focused on the suffering of others even in normal times.

During the pandemic, we have more time to pray and reflect. Unlike previous Lents, where because of all our responsibilities, we found it difficult to find time to pray, we have been given the gift of extra time this year. But with this extra time that we have, let us make good use of it and practice spending quality moments with our God. Hopefully, when our hectic lives return, we will have developed a routine of prayer which we will want to continue.

Lent is a time of carrying our cross and this year we have been asked to carry that cross in exceptional ways. But carrying the cross with Christ will, in the end, save our lives.

St David's Parish, Maple

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

COVID-19 AND ONLINE MASSES

The Archdiocese of Toronto has created a number of resources to assist the faithful while public Masses are cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Archdiocese of Toronto's website now has a page dedicated to COVID-19. On that page you will find helpful links to public health resources, spiritual resources for the faithful while they cannot attend Mass and statements from the archdiocese.

Cardinal Thomas Collins will offer Mass at St Michael's Cathedral Basilica every day at 7:30 am, which the faithful can watch live on the cathedral's website or at their convenience on the Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube page. The Cardinal will pray the rosary and Angelus after each Mass. Earlier this week, the Cardinal invited the archdiocese's priests to join him in offering a private Mass for the intentions of the people every day at 7:30 am in their respective parishes.

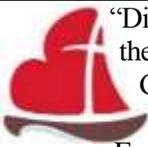
The archdiocese is also producing Sunday Masses in a number of languages: Cantonese, French, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. These will be posted on its YouTube page.

When it is not possible for us to participate at Mass, how can we still keep holy the Lord's Day?

1. Watch a livestream of the Mass
2. Make a spiritual communion
3. Read the Sunday readings as a family
4. Check in on those around you
5. Pray a family Rosary
6. Go to a church and pray

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI'S ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.



"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR REGULO IMPERIAL:

Due to COVID-19, the Government of Ontario has declared a State of Emergency.

Our Health Authorities have stressed the importance of social distancing and, if at all possible, for people to stay home.

For these reasons, please be advised of the following, until further notice:

- ▶ All masses have been postponed.
- ▶ All ministry meetings have been postponed.
- ▶ All Sacrament Classes have been postponed.
- ▶ All churches have been ordered to be closed (effective March 24th).
- ▶ The office will be closed until further notice. Our secretary will do her best to take calls and emails from home.

During these difficult times, please rest assured that I will continue to pray for all of you, my parishioners, and our Parish Intentions.

Please celebrate mass at home via TV or the internet as often as you can and continue to pray at home.

These are trying times indeed but know that through prayer and following our government and the advice of health officials, we will be able to come through.

Stay Well and God Bless!

Although public masses are cancelled and the church door is locked, many of our expenses still continue.

We kindly ask that you place donations in our mailbox OR

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- ▶ On a computer, you will find the Donate Now button at the top right corner.
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