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RCIA Elect begin the Scrutinies

On Sunday March 7th, Our **RCIA Elect** (now officially members of God's Chosen) participated in the rite of the First Scrutiny virtually via Zoom as part of the 9 am Mass. The Mass was also livestreamed, enabling all our parish family to participate in, support, and witness another important step in the spiritual formation of these devoted people. We encourage **our Elect** who will continue their inspiring faith journey with two further Scrutiny rites. Let us pray that through this period of purification and enlightenment, they may deepen their relationship with God, and strengthen all that is life-giving within them.



Our Voices Were Heard - Thank You!

Last week, we launched the "A Place to Worship" campaign, inviting the faithful to contact their MPP to request fairer restrictions for places of worship. More than **13,000** letters were written. The provincial government has now changed the restrictions on places of worship. As of Monday, March 15, churches in the archdiocese, in the Grey Lockdown Zone will be permitted **15%** capacity for services. This is a significant improvement from the previous hard cap of **10 people**. Cardinal Collins is grateful to all who joined this campaign.

Our LENT Journey



Friday Adoration, Way of the Cross, Confession and Mass

Every Friday in Lent: Adoration and Confessions, 6 to 7 pm; Way of the Cross at 7 pm, followed by Mass.

Additional Masses during Lent: Saturday (Vigil) 6:30 pm, Tuesday at 7 pm.

Confessions in Lent: Friday: 6 to 7 pm; Tuesday: 6 to 7 pm (by appointment).

Lent Week of confession: Wednesday 24 March: 6 to 7 pm

Dates to remember in Holy week: Palm Sunday (March 28), Good Friday (April 2), Easter Vigil (Sat. April 3), Easter Sunday (April 4)

Lenten Donation Calendars

Lenten donation calendars are available in the church, or at the parish office. Proceeds will go to **Hill House Hospice**, an organization in Richmond Hill which has helped many of our parish families by providing palliative care for their loved ones.

Knights of Columbus - 40 Cans for Lent

The **OLQW Knights of Columbus** are continuing their annual **Lent Food Drive**. The Knights encourage you to support the **FreshCo** store at Major Mackenzie and Leslie, a dedicated supporter of our parish and our Richmond Hill Food Bank. You may purchase pre-packed bags from FreshCo which contain the Food Bank's **most needed items** which will later be delivered to the Food Bank. The Knights will also host the second food drop-off day at our church parking lot on **Saturday March 27th from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting our Lenten giving programs!

Daily Reflections

For spiritual inspiration during Lent, you can meditate on Words for the Weary, a lovely reflection series with special reference to these pandemic times. Or click on **Lent, Inspire Daily, Word On Fire** or **Reflections** on our Parish App.

MASS TIMES - Please register for Mass

Public Masses have resumed

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday 8:30 am (9:30 am on Holidays)
- Tuesday 7 pm (new for Lent)
- Wednesday 7 pm (Rosary at 6:40 pm)
- Thursday 8:30 am
- Friday 7 pm (During Lent: Adoration from 6 to 7 pm, Way of the Cross at 7 pm, followed by Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday: 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (new for Lent)
- Sunday Masses: 9 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm

LIVESTREAMED MASSES are available by subscribing to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9lj9qPj6GMkn1dpxH_GrVg

OFFICE HOURS (Appointments preferred)

Monday to Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday: Closed

Be assured that staff check email and phone messages regularly. Please feel free to leave us a message, should you need to contact us. Check www.olqw.com or the Parish App for contact information for our Parish Team.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 6 to 7 pm or please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Support Our Parish

In person: Drop donation in collection basket at Mass

Mail: 10411 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3P2

Credit card

Pre-Authorized Giving

For more information visit www.olqw.com/donation

To support our local businesses visit:

<https://www.olqw.com/commercial>

Thank you for your dedicated support.

Great response for Confirmation and First Communion!

Despite the pandemic challenges, we have great participation in our Confirmation and First Communion programs. Almost 50 candidates are registered for Confirmation and 35 in First Communion. We are delighted by this amazing response. We are also very grateful for our volunteers, catechists and parish staff for giving so generously of their time and talents to support these ministries. We pray for our young people preparing to receive the sacraments.



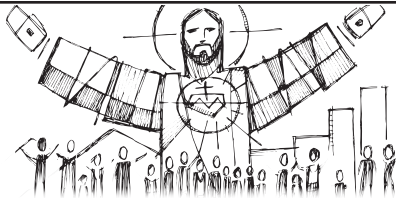
Thank You for your amazing response to our first food drop-off day for our Knights of Columbus Food Drive. We collected an incredible 2000 pounds of food! Our next drop-off day is Saturday March 27th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Young at Heart staying active!

The Young at Heart Ministry (150+ members strong) remains active and connected through the pandemic. We run weekly line dancing/exercise classes led by **Susan Lao on ZOOM on Wednesday at 10:30 am.** Call **Jane Ng Cheong** at 416-830-5204 to join. This program has been made possible by a grant received through the **New Horizons for Seniors Program**, a government of Canada program, that covered the cost of purchasing computer and video equipment and operating costs.

Teen Timeline a great success!

Our Teen Timeline Bible Study and Faith program with youth from our parish was a great success. We are very grateful to our donor who provided the funds for all the materials for the program. We had 12 youth participants and two Youth Leader Facilitators, **Ian Lee** and **Steve Corradino**, along with co-facilitators from the Bible Study group.



Bible Study on ACTS

We are halfway through our Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles. We have over 50 total participants in our Monday and Tuesday classes. This study covers the birth and growth of the early church. We study the lives of the apostles in continuing Jesus' mission on earth after His Ascension into Heaven. This inspires us to understand and accept our role in being part of the same mission to build the church by spreading the Gospel and God's Love to everyone!



Prayer for spiritual vision

Lord, open our eyes, that we may see you in our brothers and sisters. Lord, open our ears, that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. Lord, open our hearts, that we may love each other as you love us. Renew in us your spirit. Lord, free us and make us one. – Amen

Liturgy of The Word for CHILDREN

Open to all children (JK to Gr. 4)



Sundays at 11:30 am (on ZOOM)
For a secure link please email: lwcatolqw@gmail.com

Our amazing team have been online every week since December keeping our kids in touch with their faith.



ARCHDIOCESAN

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Archdiocese of Toronto

Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

Inaugural Mass (online) Tue. Mar. 16 at 11 am

[website: www.ph500toronto.com](http://www.ph500toronto.com)

[Facebook: www.facebook.com/500yocTO](https://www.facebook.com/500yocTO)

[YouTube: http://bit.ly/GiftedToGive](http://bit.ly/GiftedToGive)

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and His Excellency Archbishop Romulo Valles, President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, will deliver pre-recorded inspirational remarks. It was on March 16, 1521 when Christianity first came to the Philippines. The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are in unity with Filipino communities around the world as we celebrate this significant moment in the history of the Church in the Philippines. For details, visit: www.ph500toronto.com/events.html or email ph500@archtoronto.org. **Maraming salamat!**

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

Monday, March 9 to Friday, March 19



(A Virtual Event Hosted By The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada)

Join a ten-day novena in honour of St. Joseph.

7 a.m. Daily online Mass with novena prayers.

We meditate upon the letter of Pope Francis, "With a Father's Heart" celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Feast Day Mass: Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

livestreamed on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/hcfm-youtube>

Daily mediations by Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC, National Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada.

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Web: www.hcfm-canada.com

To browse faith formation workshops:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/programs--workshops/>

Is God revealing himself to you?

In the Gospel we reflect on Jesus healing of the blind man. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." This realization came to him by the Lord's working in his life to lead him to this revelation. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact:

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org or visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Office of Vocations

Virtual Come & See Weekend: Fri./Sat. March 26-27 via Zoom

For men 17+ years of age. Friday March 26 (7 to 9 pm) and Saturday March 27 (10 am to 5 pm). The weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Register at: www.vocationstoronto.ca

For more info email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Poster: <http://bit.ly/VirtualComeAndSee2021>

To browse all events:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/calendar-of-events/event-listing/>