



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD

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Letter from Cardinal Collins



Write to your MPP to implement a fair and equitable approach to the return to worship.

"...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..."

To read the Cardinal's full letter [click here](#)

Our Journey through LENT...



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:

We will have two additional Masses in Lent: **Saturday (Vigil) 6:30 pm, Tuesday at 7 pm.**

Confessions during 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

You can pick up a Lenten donation calendar in the church during Mass, 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 which has been 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 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.

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 7pm, 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

Monday to Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday: Closed

(Appointments preferred).

Please be assured that staff will 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 the Pastoral Team and Parish Staff.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

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For many years, our local businesses have supported our parish. Please give them your support at this challenging time. <https://www.olqw.com/commercial>

Support Our Parish

In person: Drop donation in collection basket at Mass
Mail: 10411 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3P2
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For more information visit www.olqw.com/donation
Thank you for continuing to support us during these challenging times for all.



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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/500yocTO

YouTube: <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, in preparation for his feast day celebration.

Join us at 7 a.m. for the daily online Mass with the novena prayers in honour of St. Joseph. We celebrate “Year of St. Joseph” meditating upon the letter of Pope Francis “Partis corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”) and commemorating 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 are given by Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC, National Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada.

PHONE: 416-466-2127

EMAIL: familyministry.canada@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.hcfm-canada.com



To browse faith formation workshops:

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

Parish Ministry with Persons with Disabilities Conference

A one-day conference to assist parishes with hospitality and catechesis for parishioners with special needs. Open to clergy, lay parish staff, volunteer catechists and those who assist parishioners with disabilities.

Saturday March 20 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm No cost, but registration is required.

Please register at: <https://bit.ly/SNC-RegisterMar2021> by Friday March 19

For more details, see the event brochure: <http://bit.ly/SNC-BrochureMar2021>

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/>

Thank you Deacon Rob, Denise, Domenic and Mary!

We are extremely grateful to Deacon Rob and Denise Tunney and Domenic and Mary Rinaldi for the two wonderful Lenten Retreat sessions they hosted virtually last month. The retreats were well attended and all who participated were greatly inspired. Mary’s creative and vibrant visuals, and the candid sharing of all of our hosts in describing their Diaconate and Faith journeys, was inspiring to all. The scriptural reflections on how to find spiritual healing amidst the challenges of this pandemic, provided great hope and comfort. Breakout groups enabled participants to share personal experiences and stories. To access a recording of both retreat sessions [click here](#).



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 still very 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.

VOCATIONS

Do you feel the urge to minister to those need of God’s love?

In the Gospel today we reflect on the episode of Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was “tired” yet he still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. 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

Prayer to share our resources

Loving God, we hear your call to all who thirst for a brighter future: Come to the water.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and lead us to walk alongside one another.

Let a desire for change well up within us.

May we overflow with compassion and love.

And as a stream wears away stone, may we reshape our world together to reflect your kingdom of hope for all. – Amen

Our Ministries keep flourishing!

We have almost 50 candidates for Confirmation and 35 for First Communion despite the pandemic challenges. We have 12 participants in the Youth Teen Timeline Bible Study which concludes on Sunday March 7. We have 15 candidates in RCIA/RCIC. We are very grateful to all our catechists and volunteers who have offered their time and talents so generously to keep our ministries running.

Liturgy of The Word for CHILDREN

Open to all children (JK to Gr. 4) Sundays at 11:30 am (on ZOOM) Please email lwcatolqw@gmail.com for a secure link. Our amazing team have been online every week since December to keep our kids in touch with their faith.

