

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 10, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

In light of public Mass cancellations in the Cathedral, our priests will celebrate private daily Masses for the intentions of our parishioners including those previously offered.

Monday, January 11

Joseph Trinh (D)

Tuesday, January 12

Mary Trinh (D)

Wednesday, January 13

Vittorio Andrew Aiello (D)

Rev. Favin Alemão (I)

For the repose of the souls of those laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries

Thursday, January 14

The Lie & Long Family (I)

Rev. Ryan Alemão (I)

For the protection of the Unborn Children

Friday, January 15

Thomas Anthony Reilly (D)

Yucel Family (I)

Saturday, January 16

Priest's Intention

MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

Sacred Heart	Immaculate Heart
Cheryl James (I)	Lucas Gary McIntyre (I)
Daniel Kundakci (I)	Julie Clune-Sadler (D)
Lidya, Andi & Family (I)	Rev. Edward J. Curtis (I)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021

Please be advised that the 2021 offertory envelopes will not be distributed at the Cathedral, but will be available for pick up from the Parish Office located at 200 Church St., Toronto, ON during the office hours.

COMMUNION SERVICES

The pandemic lockdown for the City of Toronto has been extended until at least January 4, 2021. Religious services remain very limited, with no more than 10 people allowed in the church and public Masses are cancelled during this time.

Parishioners, we would like to inform you that we continue to be open for private prayer during this period of lockdown and those who wish to receive Holy Communion may do so during the following hours:

- **Saturdays – from 3PM to 6PM**
- **Sundays – from 9AM to 1PM**

Please note the following information:

- Each Communion Service is limited to **8** people (plus Priest and staff member).
- Registration is not required.
- Due to the limited time and frequency of Communion Services, parishioners will be required to leave the Cathedral directly following the concluding prayer.
- Adherence to all Covid-19 protocols is mandatory, including wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing and sanitizing your hands.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: VIDEO SERIES FOR ADVENT 2020

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. This short video series reflects on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. It can be accessed through the CCCB website or their YouTube channel.

[Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

[Click here to access the video series in French.](#)

We hope, especially in this time of COVID-19, that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful pastoral preparation for those who are looking for meaningful ways to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

REFLECTING ON THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP IN TODAY'S READINGS

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. On this feast day we are invited to reflect on the meaning and importance of our own baptism as well. St. Gregory of Nazianus beautifully expresses that "Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift." But why is baptism so important? The Catechism states that "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission" (CCC 1213). Baptism gives us our identity as beloved children of God as well as anoints us for mission. This baptismal mission can be readily lived out through our commitment to stewardship. As stewards, we are called to gratefully recognize that our time and talents are gifts from God and then strive to generously offer them back to Christ within our parish community. One concrete resolution we can adopt this New Year is to look into the various ministries at the parish and see which one allows us to best offer our gifts. If we currently do not take part in any parish groups, let us remember that it is never too late to start. Let us recommit to our baptismal call of stewardship and joyfully serve Christ and His Church. (Source: <https://archtoronto.org/stewardship>)

MARRIAGE SUNDAY FEB. 13/14, 2021

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of **February 13/14, 2021** as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community, our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2021.

To request a special blessing certificate for milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021, please visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.

The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be processing the orders – the deadline to order is January 17, 2021; we will be assisting in distributing the special blessing certificate to you.

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

His Holiness Pope Francis has proclaimed the "Year of Saint Joseph", from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 to mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

In his recent Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a loving, obedient, accepting and courageous father. He encourages us to seek him as "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble" and invites us to pray:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

To read the Holy Father's Apostolic letter, visit <http://www.vatican.va/>.