

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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, February 1

Priest's Intention

### Tuesday, February 2: Presentation of the Lord

Priest's Intention

### Wednesday, February 3

Helen Ambrosio (D)

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

### Thursday, February 4

Tony Giovinazzo (D)

Donald Purshke (D)

### Friday, February 5: St. Agatha

Macharia Banete (I)

### Saturday, February 6: St. Paul Miki

Henry Chew (D)

Corrado Falcitelli (I)

## MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>
Francisco Jr & Adoracion Romero (D)	Leann Perpetua McIntyre (I)
	Francisco Jr & Adoracion Romero (D)
	Lidya, Andi & Family (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.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR

Cardinal Collins has recently appointed me to take over Bishop Camilleri's role as Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Vicar General of the archdiocese and Moderator of the Curia. I sincerely hoped that I would be at the Cathedral for longer; however, as priests, we go where we are most needed and I am humbled by the trust that His Eminence has put into my abilities. St. Michael's is a vibrant community and I will truly miss seeing many of your faces, especially once we are out of this pandemic. Rest assured, you will remain in my prayers. Please remember me in your prayers as I take on my new duties. The new Rector of St. Michael's, Father Frank Portelli will begin his ministry on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for him during this time of transition. – Fr. Edward J. Curtis.

## COMMUNION SERVICES

The pandemic lockdown for the City of Toronto has been extended until at least Thursday, February 11, 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 required. Registration through [Eventbrite](#) is required and will be available every **Monday starting 9:00 AM** for the following weekend.
- 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.

**JANUARY 31, 2021**

**VIRTUAL VOCATIONS FAIR & MASS**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Reflections, testimonies, virtual visits of religious communities and Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Collins on **Tuesday, February 2, 2021.**

Virtual Vocations Fair: **11:00AM - 12:30PM**

Mass: **12:30PM** livestreamed

[www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

Registration:

<https://2021virtualvocationsfair.eventbrite.ca>

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Open to: All

**REFLECTING ON THE  
MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP  
IN TODAY'S READINGS**

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus delivering a man with an unclean spirit. When the crowds saw this great miracle they were all amazed by Jesus' words and deeds and began to speak about Him in astonishment. The Gospel ends by saying that "at once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." The news of this miracle helped others in the region come to know about Jesus. So too, as stewards of Christ we should share with others the wonderful deeds God has done for us. All of us who have chosen to follow Christ more closely have our own testimony of how God entered into our lives. St. Peter says that it is important to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). Therefore, whenever someone asks us why we take our faith and stewardship so seriously, we should be able to tell them why. These are prime opportunities to share the faith with others. The next time a family member or friend asks us why we choose to follow Christ, let us share with them how God has beautifully worked in our lives. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese. Bishop Robert Barron says that "the minute you walk outside of your church on Sunday you're in mission territory." As stewards, let us live this missionary call and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

(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 150<sup>th</sup> 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/>.

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**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.