

# 5<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 8

Angeles Soriano-Jalandoni (D)  
Florence Bastiampillai (D)  
Eleazar Mercurio (I)  
Rev. Edward Curtis (I)

### Tuesday, February 9

Michael Day (D)  
Florence Bastiampillai (D)  
Reynaldo Diego (D)

### Wednesday, February 10

For the repose of the souls of those laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries  
Yucel Family (I)

### Thursday, February 11

Andresa Matusik (D)  
Lourdes Jessie Unite (I)  
Jocelyne Wong (I)

### Friday, February 12

Teresa Leung (D)  
Therese Foong Yin & Thomas Wong Hok Khiam (D)  
Leann Perpetua McIntyre (I)

### Saturday, February 13

Priest's Intention

## 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.

## 2020 TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors for their support and generosity over the last year. Tax receipts for 2020 have been emailed to those donors whose email addresses were on file with us.

We will be mailing paper receipts starting **Wednesday, February 10** to only those without an email address in our database.

## LECTIO DIVINA

Please join Cardinal Collins in the Cathedral on **Sunday, February 7** as he leads us in prayer and reflection on *A Life of Honour (Psalm 15 and Psalm 112)*

**Cathedral Vespers Choir at 6:45 PM, Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 PM, and Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 PM.**

Lectio Divina is also livestreamed via our website:  
[www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

## 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).

# FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- 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.

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

This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says “woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!” At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that “Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues.” St. Francis Xavier says that “many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians.” As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work. Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. This is perhaps the most important gift we can offer someone as we evangelize. Jesus often spent His time conversing and interacting with the people of Judea. We too should follow this practice and intentionally make an effort to spend time with those whom we know are away from the faith. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us. Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ. St. Teresa of Avila says that “we must all try to be preachers through our deeds.” By performing selfless acts of love we can point others to Love Himself and help them come to know Jesus. Therefore, as stewards, let us take the time and effort to intentionally share the Gospel through our daily witness.

## 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.