

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 15

Michael Uno (D)  
Zita Rigonan (D)  
Rev. Edward Curtis (I)  
Rachel Romero (I)

### Tuesday, March 16

Lourdes Villar Lacay (I)

### Wednesday, March 17

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

### Thursday, March 18

Zerla Ly De Leun (D)  
Bartolome Lamorena Barrientos (D)  
Virginia Tigas (I)

### Friday, March 19: Saint Joseph

Gerry Del Mundo (D)  
Therese Foong Yin & Thomas Wong Hok Khain (D)  
Romualda Presner (D)  
Carmela Itay (I)  
Catholic Christian Outreach (I)  
Joseph Jong-Min O (I)

### Saturday, March 20

Sergio & Nicolasa Tubog (D)

## MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>
Lidya, Andi & Family (I)	
Jose Palma (D)	

## WELCOME BACK TO MASS!

On Friday, March 12, 2021, the Province of Ontario announced that places of worship currently in the Grey (Lockdown) Zone (including Toronto) will be permitted 15% capacity for religious services.

Public Masses in the Cathedral will resume on Monday, March 15, 2021.

Registration is required for Sunday Masses, however, it is not required for weekday Masses which will be on a first-come, first-seated basis.

***Please note: the Annual Mass of St. Patrick will be livestreamed only for this year. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, the Cathedral will close at 9:30am and reopen at 11:30am. See below for further details.***

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration for the time being.

## STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS ON CHANGES TO CAPACITY LIMITS IN GREY ZONES

A week ago, the Archdiocese of Toronto, along with other faith groups, launched the “A Place to Worship” campaign, inviting the faithful to contact their Member of Provincial Parliament to ask for a fair and balanced approach to restrictions for places of worship. We thank all who participated in this campaign, which has led to the reopening of our Churches to an increased capacity for the celebration of Mass. Please read the statement from Cardinal Collins.

## ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK (VIRTUAL) Wednesday, March 17 at 10AM

All are invited to join the livestream of the annual Mass of St. Patrick from St. Michael’s Cathedral in Toronto. The Eucharistic celebration will take place on **Wednesday, March 17 at 10AM**. Celebrant and homilist will be Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. The livestream can be accessed at: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live).

Please note that this Mass will **not** be open to the Public. The church will close at 9:30am and reopen at 11:30am.

**MARCH 14, 2021**

**SHARELIFE**

On **March 21, 2021** there will be a second collection for ShareLife. Thanks for your ongoing support and generosity!

**CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF  
CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB)**

**Journey through Lent 2021**

Please join the CCCB in their latest video series regarding the Lenten season:

<https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/journey-through-lent/>

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

Spreading the Gospel can be difficult in our increasingly secular society. As stewards who are called to receive our gifts from God and put them at the service of the Church, this challenge can sometimes seem daunting. We may be tempted to think that today's society is just too far gone to accept Jesus. We may even see this within our own circle of friends and family members. However, this resistance from society is nothing new and nothing to fear. In today's first reading from 2 Chronicles, we hear how God sent many people on His behalf to spread His word "but [the people] kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets." Even in the Old Testament, those who sought to serve God faced hardships and retaliation. Therefore, as stewards, we should not expect everything in our ministry to be perfect or easy. Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew that whoever wants to follow Him must take up their cross and follow. To take up the cross is to take up suffering and hardships for the sake of serving Christ. As stewards, let us not shy away from these crosses but accept them willingly. The cross will forever be the symbol of our hope and salvation. To take part in the cross of Christ by carrying our own crosses is a supreme dignity. Therefore, the next time we face a difficulty in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

**CELEBRATION OF THE 500<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIANITY IN  
THE PHILIPPINES**

**Inaugural Mass for the Quincentennial**

**Celebration** From: Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan,  
Chairman, Organizing Committee

I am pleased to invite everyone to join us virtually for the diocesan inaugural Mass celebrating the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines.

**Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 Time: 11AM**

**Location:** Online - the Mass will air from our website:  
[www.ph500toronto.com](http://www.ph500toronto.com)

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

and 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 and from then on, the faith spread throughout the archipelago, making it the only predominantly Catholic nation in Asia. 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, please visit:

[www.ph500toronto.com/events.html](http://www.ph500toronto.com/events.html)

or email [ph500@archtoronto.org](mailto:ph500@archtoronto.org). *Maraming salamat!*

**VIRTUAL COME & SEE WEEKEND**

**Friday, March 26 at 7PM to**

**Sunday, March 27 at 5PM.**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men who are **17+ years of age**, via Zoom from Friday, March 26 (7 p.m.) to Saturday, March 27 (5 p.m.).

This event is designed to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations by email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

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