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MASS INTENTIONS

March 23rd – 28th

Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.

† Bruna Manila

Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.

† Nieves Verano

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

† Justus Mcleod

† Maria, Emmanuel & Dwight Oliveira

† Guiseppe Sciascia

† Elmer Yamuta

Thursday, 9:10 a.m.

† Angelo A. Ramos Silveira

Friday, 9:10 a.m.

† Felicia D'Costa

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

† Emmanuel & Abigael Abilogun

† Sofia & Leonardo Melo

† Waltar & Pearl Wanasingha



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS

In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

HOW CAN YOU "LIVE THE GOSPEL" WHEN LIFE IS SO BUSY?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.



Next Sunday, March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

2020 Parish Campaign Goal: \$55,000

SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES

I understand that in these trying times there are many financial concerns that you are facing. We are facing them too. If you are able and would like to continue to contribute to St. Jerome's Parish, please place your Sunday envelopes



or any cash donation in the box by the parish office. None of us knows how long this pandemic will last or what effect it will ultimately have on our parish community. But I know that our

faith will see us through and that we will pull together to help each other.

If you know of anyone who is having difficulty, please let the parish office know so that we can organize help for them. Many parishioners have already come forward with offers to help those most vulnerable with shopping or other needs. It is a testament to how caring this community is.

Fr. Jibin and I are offering mass privately for the intentions that were booked before the weekday masses were cancelled and for the people in our parish.

~ Msgr. Michael Busch



LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

St. Jerome's Parish

Saturday, March 28th & Saturday, April 4th



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES IN PLACE

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or "Peace be with you" to your neighbour is appropriate.

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.



Spiritual Communion is a Christian practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used as a preparation by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion. This practice is well established in the Catholic Church and highly recommended during this time when masses are suspended.

An Act of Spiritual Communion can help! No matter what your day is like, Jesus can help make it better, or at least more bearable, if you ask him for His help and guidance in prayers such as this one, composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

You can “turn toward the holy tabernacle” and receive Jesus in your heart from anywhere you might happen to be, at any time, day or night!

You just need to approach Him with sincerity, humility and a desire to follow in His footsteps in acts of faith and charity. And He’s delighted when we do so! Spiritual Communion “is an act of devotion, and one very pleasing to God.”

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, a French priest famous for converting countless souls to Christ in his parish of Ars in the 19th century, once said “when we feel the love of God growing cold, let us instantly make a Spiritual Communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God.” We can indeed be grateful for that!



PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD DURING COVID 19 CRISIS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus’
pain,
with steadfast faith.*

You, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of
trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father’s will
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore
our sorrows to bring us,
through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy
Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the
test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious
and blessed Virgin.*


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