OUR LADY QUEEN OF POLAND CHURCH



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Deacon Andrzej Rychlicki

Toronto and Peel are still under a stay-at-home order, restricting attendance to no more than 10 people inside the church at any time. All public Masses are suspended until further notice. Our church remains open for adoration and private prayers Monday through Thursday, 6p.m.-8p.m.

Attendance inside the church is limited to 10 people, including priests. Masks must be worn and 2m social distancing followed. Provide your name and phone number for contact tracing!

All booked/requested Mass intentions

are celebrated by our Priests in the church during private Masses.

Online Masses

can be viewed on television and the internet. Please visit: <u>https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/</u> (celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica every day at 7:30 a.m.) <u>www.dailytvmass.com</u> <u>www.youtube.com/dailytvmass</u> <u>https://www.archtoronto.org/covid19/Pages/parishes-mass-videos.aspx</u>

Rite of Holy Communion

Saturday: 6-7pm. Sundays during Lent: 12:15pm.-1:30pm.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment 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.

Confessions

You can receive a sacrament of reconciliation Monday through Saturday, 6p.m.-6:45p.m. First Friday of March: 5:30pm-6:45pm.

For any updates and useful information visit our website or: www.archtoronto.org/

MARCH 7, 2021

First reading: Ex 20:1-17 Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 Gospel: Jn 2:13-25



† Virginia LOBO

Saturday – March 6, 2021

(R. M. Lobo)

Saturday - March 13, 2021 For God's blessing for Nancy KU



† Rev. Stanislaw Rakiej, SChr

On Saturday, February 27, passed away Fr. Stanisław Rakiej, SChr - pastor of our parish in the years 2001-2010. Our priests immediately praved the entire rosary for the intention of the deceased and celebrated the Holy Mass.

Fr. Stanislaw Rakiej SChr, was born on the 3rd of October, 1949 in Poland. He joined the Society of Christ on August 15th, 1967; and was ordained a priest on May 15th, 1974.

After ordination, he worked for couple of years in the Holy Spirit Parish in Szczecin. Then he was delegated to fulfill his pastoral duties among Polish communities in Australia and New Zealand (1974-1977), the United States (Minneapolis) and Canada (Chatham, our parish in Scarborough, and Oshawa). Since 2015, Fr. Rakiej was the Pastor of the Polish Catholic Mission in Pompano Beach, Florida. He passed away on Saturday, February 27th, 2021.

In the vestibule of the church is a book of remembrance, which you can sign or offer your condolences to the family of † Rev. Stanislaw. Many thanks to the parishioners who offered their prayers.

We are currently awaiting information regarding lockdown measures to arrange a proper "last farewell" in our church as well. Lord, give him eternal rest ...

COMMUNION AND CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

You can receive a Holy Communion on: Saturdays, 6-7pm. and Sundays, 12:15pm. to 1:30pm. Confessions: Monday to Saturday, 6-6:45pm. For contact tracing purposes, please provide your name and phone number on every visit at our church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

CONFESSION IS A PLACE OF VICTORY

In today's first reading we hear about how Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. The Church has always taught that the Ten Commandments are a gift that God has revealed to us to help us orient our lives in a way that best leads us to holiness. In the Gospels, in addition to teaching about the Ten Commandments, Jesus teaches about the importance of loving God and loving our neighbour. The Catechism states that the Ten Commandments "must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law"

As we are in this penitential season of Lent let us take some time to reflect on how well we are living up to these commandments. One common way of doing this is to perform an examination of conscience. This involves reflecting on our own lives in light of the Commandments and their related sins. This isn't meant to be a sadistic practice of self-loathing but rather an opportunity to see in which ways we can grow in deeper love for Christ and our neighbour. The best way we can start this process of growth is to avail ourselves to the sacrament of Confession. Confession always remains a place of victory for the Lord is achieving our salvation through the forgiveness of our sins. To be reconciled with God is always a source of celebration. Let us not look to our examination of conscience and confession as a place of guilt and defeat. Instead, this Lent let us be cleansed through the grace of the sacrament so that we may grow as ever holier stewards of Christ.

Confessions in our church are held Monday to Saturday, 6-6:45pm.

Fasting and almsgiving are the two wings of prayer that enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach even to God. -St. Augustine

"PARISH SOBRIETY/ABSTINENCE BOOK"

During the season of Lent, we are encouraged to give something up. At the baptismal fountain, displayed is a special sign-up book, in which you may include your name (signed so far by 37 individuals). By doing so, you are declaring your abstinence from alcohol consumption during this Lent season and prayer for those who are afflicted by the disease of alcoholism.

COINS FOR LIFE is an annual fundraising campaign organized by Campaign Life Catholics. By putting aside

your loose change, you are helping support the many



pro-life initiatives that spread awareness and give a voice to the unborn. Coin for Life boxes are displayed in the church's fover. Please take one and return it at the end of Lent Season.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items for those in need. Donations can be left in the chapel.

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