Mass Intentions May 11 - 17, 2020

May 11, 2020 - † Jim Levins
May 12, 2020 - (Intentions) Fr. Edward Murphy
May 13, 2020 - † Tracy Batol
  † Marcelle Kerba
  † Dominic Chung
May 14, 2020 - † Justino Kim
May 15, 2020 - (Intentions) Jensen Ng
May 16, 2020 - † Tom O’Brien
  † Michael La Rocca
May 17, 2020 - † De Sousa & Almeida Families
  † Alfred, Amy & Ferdinand Aranha
  † Lorne Melara
  (Intentions) B.T. Parishioners

Announcements and Updates

Donations to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul during COVID 19

During the COVID 19 pandemic, and the closure of the church, parishioners wishing to continue donating to the Society can use any of the following:

1. Go online to the Society's website www.ssvptoronto.ca and click on 'DONATE NOW', donating by credit card via CANADA HELPS specifying in the message box the name of our conference: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Trinity Parish.
2. Call our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Central Office at 416-364-5577 and donate by credit card and the conference name - Blessed Trinity Parish
3. or mail cheque payable to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul c/o Blessed Trinity Parish - 3220 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M2M 3R7 or drop off cash in an envelope addressed to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, with full name and address. Receipts will be provided with donations of $20.00 or more.

Thank you for your support.

Geranium Order Pick-Up

Notice to geranium purchasers: Delivery of plants & baskets is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, after 12 noon. Curbside pickup will be available during the afternoon and also on Friday, May 22. We will be contacting purchasers with a pickup reminder shortly before then.

Blessed Trinity CWL thanks you for your support!

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Online Marriage Preparation Classes

The Marriage Preparation & Family Life Office of Catholic Family Services has recently moved their Marriage Prep courses online to better serve the public during these uncertain times.

If you are planning to get married in the Catholic Church, you can complete a Marriage Prep course online using the Zoom app while we continue to maintain social distancing over the next few months.

With many extra-curricular activities having been shut down because of COVID-19, many have found themselves with more time flexibility on their hands. This means that it’s a great time to work towards getting your pre-marriage certificate now - there is no need to wait until the pandemic restrictions have been eased and businesses start opening up again.

The best part is that there is no expiry date on your certificate, which is one thing that you won’t need to worry about while planning your wedding under these difficult circumstances.

To learn more about our classes or to get yourself registered, please visit the Catholic Family Services of Toronto website at www.cfstoronto.com.

Prayers to Mary from Pope Francis

The Pope has issued two prayers to Mary that can be prayed at this anxious time of the Coronavirus:

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.
SECOND PRAYER

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”
In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.
Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.
Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.
To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.