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MASS TIMES

Please register for Mass at olqw.com

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday 8:30 am
- Tuesday 7 pm
- Wednesday 7 pm
- Thursday 8:30 am
- Friday: 6 to 7 pm Adoration; 7 pm Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 9 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm

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Friday: 6 to 7 pm; or please call the office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM

Please book an initial meeting with the priest. You can then call the parish office and register to attend an evening baptism preparation class.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Available on request, please call the office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the priest one year in advance, as this is the requirement.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to attend Sunday Mass and would like communion brought to you please call the office.

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Cardinal Collins asks us to get vaccinated

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto has asked the faithful to get vaccinated as a service to the common good.

Watch the video "Cardinal Collins on the COVID-19 Vaccine" on YouTube.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops published the following guidance on COVID-19 vaccines on its website. **CCCB Note on Ethical Concerns Related to Currently Approved COVID-19 Vaccines.** (9 March 2021)

The decision to receive any COVID-19 vaccine is one of individual conscience in consultation with one's physician or healthcare provider. Choosing to be vaccinated, particularly amid the current pandemic, can be an act of charity which recognizes the need to care for others. The CCCB echoes the call of the Holy See, by reiterating its appeal to governments to "ensure that COVID-19 vaccines that become available do not create an ethical dilemma for Canadians," thus encouraging greater vaccine uptake among the general population and strengthening the common good of our Canadian society.

The recent approvals by Health Canada of the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines against COVID-19 have given rise to questions among Catholics about the moral permissibility of receiving vaccines whose development, production, and/or testing has involved the use of abortion-derived cell lines. These questions are important for they concern the sacredness of human life and its inherent dignity. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines already approved in Canada do not use abortion-derived cell lines in their development and production of the vaccine, however in some of their final testing processes, they have used unethically-derived cell lines. These two vaccines currently available in Canada can be morally acceptable for Catholics to receive since the connection to abortion is extremely remote.

In contrast to these vaccines, the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines utilized abortion-derived cell lines in their development, production, and confirmatory testing. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith makes the distinction between the differing moral obligations for those who develop such vaccines and those who receive them. They have reassured Catholics that "when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available . . . it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process." Therefore, when provided with a choice between receiving different vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should always be preferred and chosen when possible. This means that given the currently approved vaccine options in Canada, if/when presented with the choice, one should choose to receive either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine over the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. When no choice of vaccine is available, the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccine (or any other COVID-19 vaccine that may be approved) "can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion."

Consequently, if it is possible in a given area or local region to choose a vaccine, Pfizer and Moderna would be recommended at this stage. However, when a choice is not provided or it is quite difficult to have recourse to these said vaccines, given the health urgency at hand and other considerations, nothing morally prevents anyone from receiving in good conscience the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccines or others that may eventually be approved which will have been developed, tested and produced in a similar fashion.

CCCB Note on Ethical Concerns Related to Currently Approved COVID-19 Vaccines - Clarification 11 March 2021

On 9 March 2021, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) published a short "Note on Ethical Concerns Related to Currently Approved COVID-19 Vaccines." This Note was published in response to questions from Catholics who were concerned about the moral permissibility of receiving currently-approved COVID-19 vaccines. The Note did not refer to, nor intend to question the medical efficacy of any vaccine. In response to questions received since the publication of the Note, the CCCB wishes to clarify any misunderstandings that may have arisen.

1. Catholics are invited to be vaccinated, both in keeping with the dictates of their conscience and in contributing to the common good by promoting the health and safety of others.
2. The CCCB Note of 9 March 2021 simply restates the position outlined by the Holy See in its Note of December 21, 2020 regarding the use of vaccines.
3. All COVID-19 vaccines that are medically approved by the relevant health authorities may be licitly received by Catholics.
4. Since there is currently no choice of vaccine being offered, Catholics in good conscience, may receive the vaccine that is available and offered to them.

Any further inquiries should be directed to the CCCB Communications Service at: communications@ccb.ca



Mass Intentions

Monday April 19

8:30 am **Special Blessing for Dexter Azevedo**

Tuesday April 20

7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday April 21

7:00 pm Mass

Thursday April 22

8:30 am **Special Intention for Yvonne Au**

Friday April 23

7:00 pm +**Maria Antonia Tribuzio**
req. **Filomena De Angelis**

Saturday April 24

5:00 pm +**Alice Pinto req. Blossom Pinto**
and family

Sunday April 25

9:00 am +**Michele Deligio req. Bavaro family**
10:45 am Mass for All Parishioners
12:30 pm +**Doris Moreno req. family**

We pray for our departed

We pray for all who have died, especially, **Mario Moscone, George Wong, Raffaele Rossi, Donny Delise and Ivy Hardy, may they find peace in their eternal home.**

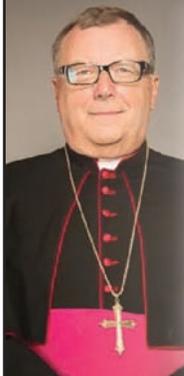
We pray for our sick

We pray for all who are sick: **May God relieve their suffering and give them peace and strength. We pray especially for Helen Galeota, Louise Gomez, Edward and Marilyn Friebauer, and all those whose names have been placed on our altar.**

Confirmandi attend great retreat!

Our candidates for Confirmation just completed an awesome retreat on April 12. A big Thank You to **Tony Whelan**, our gifted catechist, for leading this inspiring retreat which enabled our candidates to embrace and affirm the gifts of the Holy Spirit within them. They now approach the climax of their journey. They will soon submit their letters to the Bishop, and then complete a final inner reflection in their "innerviews". We pray for all our young people who will be confirmed in October.

His Excellency, Bishop **John Boissonneau**, our Regional Bishop, has graciously offered to celebrate Mass on **Sunday, April 25th** at **12:30 pm at OLQW. We look forward to this wonderful event. Please register to reserve your space in the church for Mass.**



Thank you for supporting ShareLife

This year we encourage you to give at sharelife.org, where you can make a one-time or monthly gift by credit card and designate it to our parish's campaign. Using a green ShareLife envelope, from the pews or the parish office, simply fill out the form on the envelope and include a void cheque. Submit it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or **416-934-3411** if you have any questions.

First Communion: Online Family gathering

Saturday April 24th, 10:30 to 11:30 am
A Zoom link will be sent out to families on Wednesday April 21st. For more information email Dorothy Whelan at: dwhelan@archtoronto.org

Have you signed up for FORMED?

FORMED is a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." FORMED has inspiring movies and video based studies, audio talks and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors. Our parish has invested in FORMED, so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus and in our desire to share our Faith, with others. FORMED provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. It's EASY and FREE to register for FORMED! Please follow these simple steps:
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On behalf of our **OLQW Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Conference** we wish our community a Blessed Easter and continue to share the Lord's good news throughout the season. We have been advised that the summer camps sponsored by the Society are unable to take place this year. We ask that you keep all children affected by poverty in your prayers especially as we recently marked **International Street Children Day on April 12th**. Street kids may be invisible in Richmond Hill but child poverty is very real. Homeless youth remains a problem in Canada whether they are called street children or not.

Covid has disrupted many resources for the youth in our community. However, we can help our neighbours in need in many ways. Collect some clothing for our upcoming **bundle up collection** on the weekend of **May 22/23**. Support ShareLife and local charities like 360 Kids. Share local opportunities to stay connected within your community. Celebrate God's gifts through activities in your household like the upcoming **Mother Earth Day** on the **April 24th**. Help the little children come to Jesus and live the gospel message by serving the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.



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