

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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Fifth Week of Easter
May 2, 2021

Public celebration of Masses are suspended until further notice.

These Mass intentions will be celebrated privately by Fr. John.

Mon / Lun 03	Fr. John's Intentions
Tues / Mar 04	Ints of Fr. John on his 25 th anniversary of ordination
Wed / Mer 05	Deceased Disano Family by the Family
Thurs / Gio 06	Clem Cowan by Linda Cowan
Fri / Ven 07	Jo Morissette by Brian & Holly Morrissette
Sat / Sab 08	Joe Spadafore by Ron & Rhonda
	6th Sunday of Easter
Sun / Dom 09	For the needs of our parishioners

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please call Fr. John or see him after Mass for any office matters.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. John is usually available thirty minutes before weekday Mass to celebrate reconciliation or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to register for the next preparation course.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. John at least six months before your anticipated date of marriage.

PRIESTHOOD: If you would like further information about becoming a priest, brother, or sister contact Fr. John or visit www.vocations.ca

SICK CALLS: If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the Parish Office.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would appreciate a pastoral visit from Fr. John please call the rectory.

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE: April 25th: \$2418.00. Weekly Budget: \$2350.00. Difference: +\$68.00. Renovation Fund: \$10.00. Thank you for your generous support.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION: For the repose of the soul of Rose Villa by Maria, Mary Lou, Eddy, & Joanne Rigon.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Each week we invite you to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$20.00 and you may place it in the collection with the information enclosed.

SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK: Please continue to remember to bring your can goods each week to Mass to help support the Timmins Food Bank. Your generosity will help make the difference in the lives of others who do not have as much as we do.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:18) Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start! (from the Saint Louis Archdiocese Stewardship Office)



HOW TO E-TRANSFER: For those who wish to donate to the Parish by e-transfer, use the email "sacredheart296@eastlink.ca" and the security / password "sacredheart". Thank you for your support!

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS ... SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER: My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

DAILY MASS READINGS: During these extraordinary times *Living with Christ* continues to make available, free of charge, access to the daily readings for Mass. You can access the readings at www.livingwithchrist.ca

DAILY MASS: You can follow Cardinal Collins' Mass at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live or the Daily TV Mass at www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

POPE FRANCIS' MAY PRAYER INTENTION

- Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers.
- Preghiamo perché i responsabili della finanza collaborino con i governi per regolamentare i mercati finanziari e proteggere i cittadini dai suoi pericoli.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2021 begins on this Sunday. This year's Catholic Education Week theme - "Nurturing Hope" - is of course timely as efforts are made to address the impact of the current pandemic as students, families, and school staff work in virtual learning environments. Catholic Education Week will be very different this year, but we are asking our students and staff to live the CEW theme as best

they can. Small acts of kindness and charity within families and assisting those in need around us, adhering to all social distancing guidelines, are the first steps to "Nurturing Hope" in our homes, neighbourhoods, and school communities. Catholic Education Makes the Difference. The CEW biblical quote is "Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31) To learn more about our Catholic School Board and schools, visit their website at www.ncdsb.on.ca and explore the great things that are happening in our Catholic Schools.

2020 - 2021 DIOCESAN PRIORITY

"A personal relationship with Christ through the Sacraments"

All gather together. Christians come together in one place for the Eucharistic assembly. At its head is Christ himself, the principal agent of the Eucharist. He is high priest of the New Covenant; it is he himself who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration. It is in representing him that the bishop or priest acting in the person of Christ the head (in persona Christi capitis) presides over the assembly, speaks after the readings, receives the offerings, and says the Eucharistic Prayer. All have their own active parts to play in the celebration, each in his own way: readers, those who bring up the offerings, those who give communion, and the whole people whose "Amen" manifests their participation.

The Liturgy of the Word includes "the writings of the prophets," that is, the Old Testament, and "the memoirs of the apostles" (their letters and the Gospels). After the homily, which is an exhortation to accept this Word as what it truly is, the Word of God, and to put it into practice, come the intercessions for all men, according to the Apostle's words: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in high positions." (Catechism 1348-1349)

The Early Church Fathers on the Eucharist

"When, therefore, the mixed cup and the baked bread receives the Word of God and becomes the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, and from these the substance of our flesh is increased and supported, how can they say that the flesh is not capable of receiving the gift of God, which is eternal life—flesh which is nourished BY the body and blood of the Lord . . . receiving the Word of God, becomes the Eucharist which is the body and blood of Christ." — St. Irenaeus

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: Earlier this week Bishop Poitras announced some new clergy appointments for the Diocese which go into effect July 1st. My name was among those on the list. However, I believe it's a good news story and not one to be alarmed about.

In addition to remaining Pastor here, I have also been appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral Parish. As such, I will have responsibility for both Parishes. However, each Parish will remain independent of the other and maintain their own unique identities.

I will continue to reside here and serve both of the Parishes going back and forth. To assist me, we are anticipating the arrival this summer of a priest from Africa. He will serve as the associate priest to both Parishes and aid me in my pastoral responsibilities along with the two deacons and other staff at the Cathedral.

This will be a new adventure for me and for all of us. However, I believe that this new arrangement can be a win-win for all involved. I am deeply humbled by the trust and confidence that Bishop Poitras has placed with me with this new appointment. In his letter to me announcing my appointment he wrote:

You are celebrating this year the 25th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood; thus you have a great experience in the ministry, which you have exercised in various parishes of the Diocese; you have demonstrated great competence on the administrative level and especially on the pastoral level, in preaching, in the spiritual accompaniment of people, in the catechesis of young people, in the concern for vocations, in the promotion of a culture of life. I am convinced that the faithful of the Cathedral will benefit from your dedicated and competent ministry.

Therefore, according to the attached Decree, without prejudice to your office as Pastor of Sacred Heart in Timmins, I appoint you as Pastor of Saint Anthony of Padua Cathedral Parish, for a term of six years ...

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the parishioners here (which has been my home for the past six years) as your Pastor and I look forward to the new blessings and challenges as I serve as Pastor of the Cathedral. As more news becomes available about the arrival of the new priest I will keep you posted. In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers during this time of transition.

As mentioned in the Bishop's letter, this year I am celebrating my 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. In fact, the actual day is this coming Tuesday (May 4th). It's hard to believe that this milestone is upon me and my ministry. It seems like it was only yesterday that I was being ordained by Bishop Cazabon. God has been so good to me over these years. I am truly blessed to have been called to serve the Church in this way and am grateful each and every day to be His priest. I am grateful to my family, friends, and fellow parishioners along the way that have supported, encouraged, and affirmed me in my vocation. Unfortunately, with the current situation, we are unable to gather at this time. Perhaps in the fall we will have an opportunity to come together to mark this occasion. Thanks for your continued prayers.

Finally, a quick update on the restoration work in the basement. The hall floors were waxed and polished this week and the tables and chairs have been reset. There remains a bit of work to be completed in the men's bathroom and that should wrap up the project.

Fr. John