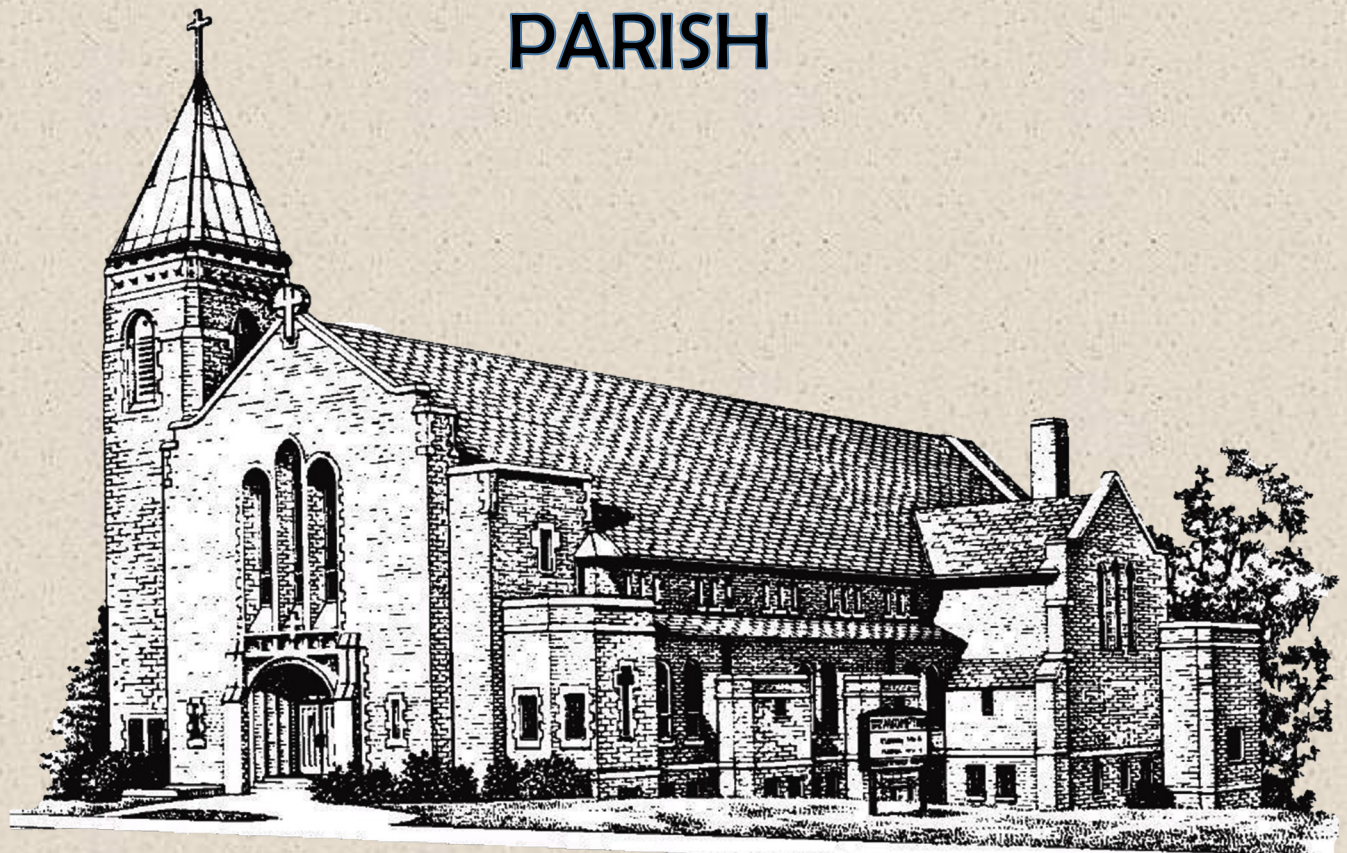




I was glad when
they said...Let us
the house of

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 11th, 2021

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



July 12th-18th, 2021

Monday, July 12th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 13th

7:00pm

Wednesday, July 14th

7:00pm — † Victor Silla

Thursday, July 15th

7:00pm

Friday, July 16th

7:00pm

Saturday, July 17th

5:00pm

Sunday, July 18th

10:00am

12:00Noon

5:00pm

7:15pm—COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION



Gospel Reading (Mark 6:7-13)

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

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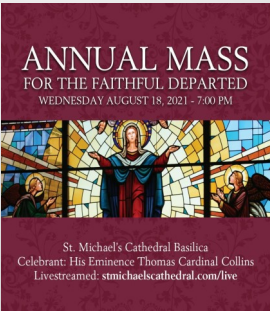
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Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed



Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and for your continued prayers.

STAGE 3: This afternoon, the provincial government announced that Ontario will be moving to Step 3 as part of the "Roadmap for Reopening" plan as of 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021. Step 3 does not include any capacity restrictions for places of worship, however, parishioners need to maintain physical distancing of two metres (six feet) between those not from the same household. As the physical distancing restrictions remain in place, capacity in the church proper will likely have little impact based on current seating configurations. We will be reviewing the Step 3 guidelines and sharing additional information early next week to provide further guidance to parishes. Thank you for your continued co-operation as we adapt to the next stage of reopening in Ontario



COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Catholics

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops published the following guidance on COVID-19 vaccines [on its website](#).



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If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either through our [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

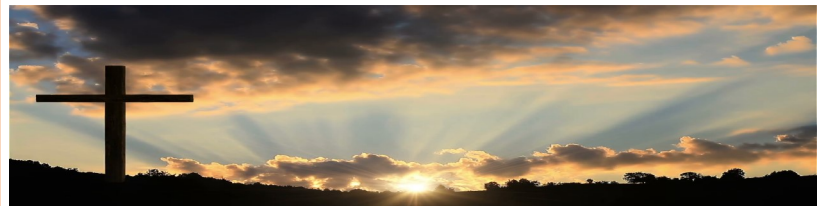
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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be held every year on the fourth Sunday in July, near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, July 25, 2021 is: "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20). To help parishes celebrate this special day, please find resources at: www.archtoronto.org/grandparents. If you require assistance, please contact Sally Amaral at: 416-934-3400 ext. 518 or samaral@archtoronto.org.



The history of residential schools in Canada.

A recent poll suggested that only 10% of Canadians have a thorough understanding of the history of residential schools. We know that many Canadians are not fully aware of the story of residential schools. There are numerous resources available for people to fully educate themselves on this important conversation. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, issued in 2015 is particularly relevant. The Archdiocese of Toronto has also compiled a number of resources especially to assist the Catholic community in learning more residential schools. These resources can be found by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools.

Together We Pray

"For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance.

Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen."

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.