

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

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MARCH 7th, 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Daylight Savings Times begins next Sunday, March 14th.

Please remember to set your clocks one hour ahead next Saturday, March 13th by midnight.

Sabato prossimo, a mezzanotte, ricordiamoci di spostare l'orologio di un'ora avanti.

Forty Hours Adoration



Please join us in the Forty
Hours Adoration for a
forty-hour period of
continuous prayer made
before the Blessed Sacrament
in solemn exposition.

Starts March 12, Friday, at 6:00 a.m. Ends March 13, Saturday, at 10:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY PHONE OR EMAIL:

MONDAY, MARCH 8, TO THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM ONLY

Bible Study Group



"Your Word is a Lamp to my feet and a Light to my Path."

- Psalm 119:105

Epiphany Bible Study Group is held every Monday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please email Craig at robichaudcm@gmail.com to participate.

Lenten Days of Confessions

Giorni Delle Confessioni



March 16, 17 March 23, 24 (Tuesday & Wednesday) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

40 Cans for Lent



The Annual "40 Cans for Lent" Food Drive ends on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Your donation of 1 or more

cans of food or other non-perishable items per day for the 40-day Lenten period will be distributed to food banks, soup kitchens and the less fortunate in our community. Please leave you donation in the Food Drive Drop Box in the front lobby on weekdays from 9 am to 12 noon.

Stations of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross livestreams on YouTube every Friday

> 7:00 p.m. - English 8:00 p.m. - Italian

Baptism



Please join us in welcoming **Cataleya Jade Ragonton** into our community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents.

Virtual Rosary on Zoom



The Knights of Columbus Ave Maria Council #9494 invites all to join them in praying the Virtual Rosary on Zoom

on Thursday, March 25, 7:00 pm, in celebration of the solemnity of the Annunciation as the "Day of the Unborn Child" and then to journey through the nine months of pregnancy, until Christmas Day, with prayers, outreach, and education.

Meeting ID: 9947815840

Password: 992974

Office of Vocations



On Friday, March 26, 5 pm to 9 pm, until Saturday, March 27 10 am to 5 pm, the Office of Vocations will be hosting

the first <u>virtual</u> Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men, ages of 17+ and older. Online registration is required at:

https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

This event will include a special address from His Eminence, Cardinal Collins, seminarian stories, community prayer and breakout discussions

Message From Cardinal Collins

I do not believe that our elected officials and medical officers of health consciously intend to suppress religious freedom; I realize that they are in an extremely difficult position. We do, however, ask to be treated equitably.

Two aspects of the current situation:

- a) The province has relaxed restrictions for retailers in the Grey (Lockdown) zones, permitting them to operate at 25% capacity while places of worship continue with a hard cap of 10 people.
- b) Despite a formal request one month ago, the province has not met directly with a group of interfaith leaders to discuss issues of concern and opportunities for collaboration.

It is now appropriate for us to respectfully amplify our concerns by asking the faithful to connect with their Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) as well as Premier Ford. The archdiocese has produced a simple webpage, accessible at www.aplacetoworship.ca - visitors can very easily send a pre-written or self-edited letter to their MPP with a copy to Premier Ford. I encourage all parishes (even in areas where 30% capacity is permitted) to participate in the initiative. I encourage all of you, whether you are in the Grey Zone (Toronto and Peel Regions as of March 8) or an area where churches can open at greater, but still greatly limited capacity, to respectfully request that any restrictions for places of worship use a percentage of capacity as opposed to an arbitrary number. This is an interfaith initiative with participation from many faith communities. Our strict WorshipSafe protocols in our churches have proven to be effective. It's time to address the growing inequities facing our faith communities. I hope you will take a moment to share your concerns with your MPP. I am grateful for your patience and perseverance during these most challenging days. May God continue to bless you now and always.