

March 15, 2020

Pastor's Column

My dear parishioners,

Corona virus or COVID19 is the ongoing concern or conversation piece these days. People are calling parish office with questions and suggestions. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and care. Rest assured, our Archdiocese is in close contact with health authorities and giving us timely updates. This week's bulletin includes the guidelines published by the Archdiocese. I am also copying the response from the archdiocese regarding the question of distributing communion on tongue.

"Good evening Fr. Cherickal,

As for communion on the tongue – yes, we're aware of questions around that but at this point we have not been directed by public health to suspend the practice. They're trying to strike the balance between prudence and not causing panic. We are not yet at "heightened" levels of pre-emptive measures that we were for SARS some years ago. In fact, the health officer today was telling me that we are not anywhere close to that. The challenge is our parishioners are watching/reading reports from parts of the world that are at far higher levels of infection than we are locally.

Be assured that we're monitoring things daily and won't hesitate to make additional changes if directed to do so. I know some parishes are letting parishioners know at the beginning of Mass that, while we have not been directed by the archdiocese to do so, they may wish to receive communion in the hand to minimize the potential spread of germs, that sort of thing."

It is important that we take proactive measures. As people of God let us turn to the Lord as well. May I suggest that you may use the following prayer for your personal use and pray Psalm 91.

Prayer during Corona virus epidemic

Lord God, we entrust to you,
the people affected by Corona virus:
the countries, the families and communities.
We pray especially for the health care workers, our leaders of nations,
that you guide and protect them.
We pray that your Spirit inspire those
researching and seeking for drugs,

medicines and health care systems
that respond to the suffering of the people.
Lord Jesus, Who stills the storm and soothes the frantic hearts,
we come to you in this time of uncertainty and fear.
We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for your healing presence among us. Amen.

Fr. James Cherickal, Pastor.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	Saturday	5pm
	Sunday	7:45am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon, 1:30pm & 7pm
Holy Week	Monday	8am & 7pm
	Tuesday	8am <u>(No other Mass today)</u>
	Wednesday	8am & 7pm
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	5pm & 8pm <u>(No 8am Mass today)</u>
Good Friday	Good Friday Service	11am, 1pm & 3pm
	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	8:30pm (After dusk)
Easter Sunday		7:45am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon, 1:30pm & 7pm

Third Sunday of Lent

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The Lenten Calendar for Children

This calendar has a little activity for every day of Lent, some little mortification or prayer or other little way to grow in virtue.

<h2>Third Week</h2>	
<p>Monday 17 Pilot condemned Jesus to be scourged at the pillar. > Pray. <i>O My Jesus forgive our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of thy mercy.</i></p>	<p>Sunday <i>Jesus told the woman at the well that He would give her living water.</i> * When you are Mass thank Jesus for giving Himself as food and drink.</p> 
<p>Wednesday 19 <i>The soldiers whipped Jesus many times.</i> Kneel And say "Glory Be."</p> 	<p>Tuesday 18 <i>The soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and tied Him to a pillar</i> > Sit on a hard chair for one minute and think of Jesus being scourged</p>
<p>Friday 21 <i>The soldiers roughly put the clothes back on Jesus.</i> > Be gentle to your friends or brothers and sisters, especially if they are sad.</p>	<p>Thursday 20 <i>Jesus bled so much that He became weak..</i> Drink water instead of juice or pop today.</p> 
<p>Saturday 22 Pray to Our Lady" <i>The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (say a Hail Mary) "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to thy word." (say a Hail Mary) And the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. (say a Hail Mary)</i></p>	

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preventive Measures in Place

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or "Peace be with you" to your neighbour is appropriate.
- For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
- Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

CWL Annual Spring Event Dinner & Dance

The Catholic Women's League, Council #3067 cordially invites you to attend to our annual Spring Event Dinner & Dance on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 6.30pm.

Venue: [Sagan Banquet Hall](#). Ticket \$45

Big Foot Band and DJ Music

All funds raised will be used for charities and various programs of the Catholic Women's League. Thank you for Patronizing.

For tickets please contact

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Food for Families Program

The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program. SFX Council 12067 will be collecting non-perishable food items during the weekends of March 21st & 22nd and March 28th & March 29 which will be donated to the local food banks.

Easter Flowers

Donations in memory of a loved one may be made towards purchasing flowers and decorations for the Church for Easter. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the collection basket. All donors and their memory intentions will be acknowledged in the bulletin boards during the Easter Season.

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