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Year "A"

1Sam 16.1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5.8-14 Jn 9.1-41

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (PSALM 24.15-16)**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.



"In view of the requirements of the Government of Ontario, during this medical emergency, beginning Tuesday March 17, 2020, I instruct that all public Masses be cancelled, both during the week and on the weekend. Churches will be available for individual private prayer."

**Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Archbishop of Toronto

MARCH 17, 2020



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

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As Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, decreed in his March 17, 2020 letter to the faithful, during this medical emergency:

**ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE  
CANCELLED,**

**BOTH DURING THE WEEK AND ON  
THE WEEKEND**

**Our Church will remain available  
for individual prayer,**

*To learn more about how the Government of Ontario's state of emergency will affect parish and sacramental life, please read the Cardinal's letter available at on the Archdiocese of Toronto website and available in the church.*

**OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL ONLY BE ON  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

(FROM 8 A.M. TO 12 NOON & 1P.M. TO 4 P.M.)

THE PARISH SECRETARY WILL ALSO BE OPERATING ON A WORK-FROM-HOME BASIS ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  
THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 31.

*Should you require assistance you can contact our regular phone line and leave a message. Messages will be retrieved frequently and directed to the appropriate party.*

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate the rapidly changing situation together.  
*Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.*

*For more information visit:*

<https://www.archtoronto.org/covid19>



**Eastern Time Zone Daily TV Mass Times**



With masses being cancelled across the country the Daily TV Mass offers Mass each day on television and the internet. Please share this information with your parishioners

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[www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

[www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass)

*Check your local listings for FaithTV and JoyTV*

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)**

We have received several request for information on this program. If you would like to make your regular offerings through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), kindly complete a PAG Form. This is available at the back of the Church and in the parish office.

*Please note parish operating hours have been changed in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic*

**LENTEN MISSION CANCELLED:**

As Fr. Errol Fernandes (our Lenten Mission speaker) will not be able to come to us this year. He has shared with us his youtube channel where there are videos on daily mass readings reflections:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCejo1B53RYH9X2a9RtAsYtA/video>

*Stewardship Bulletin Reflections: from the Office of Formation for  
Discipleship Parish Vitality & Stewardship*

### TRUE RECOVERY OF SIGHT

In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

**Summary:** In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

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### SCAM ALERT

Please be advised that we are once again receiving calls from priests indicating that parishioners are receiving requests, purportedly from the pastor, for iTunes gift cards, either by text or email.

In addition, there are reports of a variety of COVID-19 scams cropping up, including one where people call or visit homes trying to sell "COVID-19 testing kits."

Please use the appropriate channels to advise your parishioners to exercise caution when checking email messages, taking phone calls or responding to those at the door. Think before you click or open attachments, and always verify suspect messages by phoning the sender on a known phone number (not the phone number in the suspect message).

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### HERE'S A BEAUTIFUL POEM

BY BROTHER RICHARD HENDRICK, A CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN  
LIVING IN IRELAND, ABOUT CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

Yes there is fear.  
Yes there is isolation.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
Yes there is sickness.  
Yes there is even death.

But,  
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
You can hear the birds again.  
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
But blue and grey and clear.  
They say that in the streets of Assisi  
People are singing to each other across the empty  
squares,  
keeping their windows open so that those who are  
alone  
may hear the sounds of family around them.  
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland  
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.  
Today a young woman I know  
is busy spreading fliers with her number  
through the neighbourhood  
So that the elders may have someone to call on.  
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples  
are preparing to welcome  
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary  
All over the world people are slowing down and  
reflecting  
All over the world people are looking at their  
neighbours in a new way  
All over the world people are waking up to a new  
reality  
To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.  
To what really matters.  
To Love.  
So we pray and we remember that  
Yes there is fear.  
But there does not have to be hate.  
Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be  
loneliness.  
Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to  
be meanness.  
Yes there is sickness. But there does not have to be  
disease of the soul  
Yes there is even death. But there can always be a  
rebirth of love.  
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.  
Today, breathe.  
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic  
The birds are singing again  
The sky is clearing, Spring is coming,  
And we are always encompassed by Love.  
Open the windows of your soul  
And though you may not be able to touch across the  
empty square,  
Sing.

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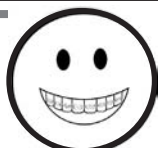
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