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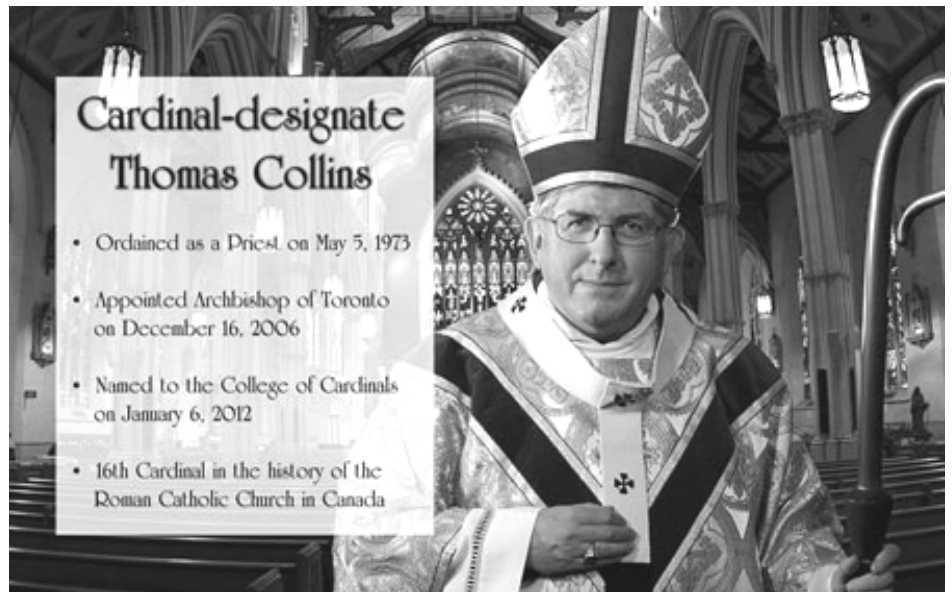
February 19, 2012

"Child, your sins are forgiven"

After healing the leper, Jesus returned to Capernaum, and great crowds gathered at the house where he was staying (probably Peter's house). When four men tried to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus, they could not get through the crowd. So they carried the man to the roof-top, made an opening in the thatching, and lowered him to the feet of Jesus below. When Jesus saw their faith (the power of Christian intercession), he was moved with pity. Jesus told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven as it was commonly believed that illness or misfortune was the inevitable consequence of sin. The religious leaders were scandalized as only God could forgive sins. Jesus revealed his divine authority by healing the man with a command to rise and walk. The awed people praised God for these mighty works.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On Saturday, February 18th, Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, was elevated to the College of Cardinals in a ceremony (consistory) in Rome. We offer our thoughts and prayers for our shepherd as he takes on this important new role. You can take a look at the coverage of the consistory events online or learn more about local celebrations in our Archdiocese this March in honour of this event at: www.archtoronto.org/cardinal or watch on Salt & Light TV.



You may view the souvenir pullout section on Cardinal Collins inserted into The Catholic Register, February 12th edition, on www.catholicregister.org/cardinalcollins

FATHER RON ROLHEISER, OMI

Fr. Rolheiser preaches on the theme *"Living the ups and downs of our faith: dark nights and doubt – a failure of faith or a failure of the imagination"*. This weekend retreat, for men and women, is at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga on **March 9-11, 2012**. For further information or reservation please call 905-278-5229.

OTTAWA IN THE SPRINGTIME

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to do something to protect our unborn who are at risk of abortion, join us for a day trip to our Nation's Capital by bus on Thursday, May 10, 2012 to attend the annual March for Life event. We hope to have a bus leaving from St. Francis. The cost will be \$50 per person. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232 as soon as possible.

FRIENDS OF FRASSATI

If you are interested in joining or finding out more about this young men's Faith Support Group, please contact Scott at 905-822-8132, Ext. 3 or e-mail:

ann@st-francisofassisi.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 9:00 A.M.

James 3: 13-18, Mark 9: 14-29

Intention Available

Tuesday, February 21 at 8:45 a.m. St. Peter Damian

James 41: 1-10, Mark 9: 30-37

+ **Frank Horrigan**

Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 a.m.

Jl. 2: 12-18, 2 Cor. 5: 20 – 6: 2, Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-18

Intention Available

Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Jl. 2: 12-18, 2 Cor. 5: 20 – 6: 2, Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-18

No Intentions

Thursday, February 23 at 8:45 a.m.

Dt. 30: 15-20, Luke 9: 22-25

S.I. **Mark Higgins**

Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Isaiah 58: 1-9, Matt. 9: 14-15

+ **Lawrence & Georgina Cachia**

S.I. **Savino & Johanna Cadamuro (50th Wedd. Ann)**

Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Is. 58: 9-14, Luke 5: 27-32

Intention Available

Saturday, February 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Gen. 9: 8-15, 1 Peter 3: 18-22, Mark 1: 12-15

+ **Cleo Colles**

+ **Jim Fleming**

+ **Sr. Monica**

Sunday, February 26, 2012

1st Sunday of Lent

Gen. 9: 8-15, 1 Peter 3: 18-22, Mark 1: 12-15

8:00 a.m. Intention Available

9:30 a.m. Intention Available

11:00 a.m. S.I. Petrilli Family

+ **Marcel Vien**

12:30 p.m. Intention Available

If you would like to arrange a Mass Intention, please call the parish office – (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3.



SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 beginning April 12, 2012 at the Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station.) For further information, please contact Ian Singer at 416-921-1163.

THE SEASON OF LENT IS ALMOST UPON US

ASH WEDNESDAY *A day of fast and abstinence.*

During Lent we should abstain every Friday, including Good Friday and on Ash Wednesday. Abstinence means that no meat may be eaten and this applies to Catholics 14 years and older excluding invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means having only one full meal on that day to maintain one's strength and two smaller, meatless nourishments that are permitted, according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Fasting is for Catholics over 18 but not yet 60 excluding once again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers.

Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012 will be celebrated as follows:

7:30 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph, our Pastor

7:30 p.m. Celebrant: Bishop John

Boissonneau, Regional Auxiliary Bishop of the Western Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

DAILY MASS:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday at 8:45 a.m.

Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

ROSARY:

Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Starting February 29, every Wednesday 6 – 7 p.m.

Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday at 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration & Benediction.

LENTEN MISSION:

March 24 & 25 weekend Masses and March 26 to 28 each evening at 7:30 p.m. with FR. DOMINIC BORG. The Mission Theme is: "The Door of Faith. 'Here I stand at the door and knock.'"

The Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.



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