

## Sunday, October 1, 2023



*"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31*

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 2, 2023

8:15 am: + All Souls

### Tuesday, October 3, 2023

8:15 am: + Michael O'Brien

7:00 pm: + Deceased Members of the Monteiro Family

### Wednesday, October 4, 2023

8:15 am: + Deceased Legionaries

### Thursday, October 5, 2023

8:15 am: Janet Finelli

### Friday, October 6, 2023

8:15 am: + Christopher J.P. Ferraro

7:00 pm: + Joseph Phong, Maria Binh & Anna + Mai Le & Ngoc Hoa

Alfonso & Ofelia Manina (50th Anniversary)  
Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for April Torrefranca

+ All Souls

### Saturday, October 7, 2023

8:15 am: + Christine Hebron

5:00 pm: + Filomena & Leonardo Bozzelli

### Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:30 am: + Micheal Troy

10:00 am: Hazragh & Peter Jennings

12:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

7:00 pm: + Aida & Marie Gaudet

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree? This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. **"Which did the will of his father?"** asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them. This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are *us*. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking. — *Father John Muir*

## Catechism Program:

### First Reconciliation & First Communion

This year, our classes will be held **IN PERSON**. For more information or to enroll your child in our Catechism Program, please send an email to: [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)  
More details to follow.

## Confirmation Info Night

There will be a Confirmation Information Night on **Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm** in the Parish. This meeting is for parents/guardians who wish to have their child confirmed (at least in gr. 7).

We will be going over program requirements, the schedule and how to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria at [stpatsyouthgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:stpatsyouthgroup@hotmail.com).

Thank you!

## First Friday

**October 6, 2023** is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

### Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm

Sun 9am-1pm

### Parish Website

[StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org](http://StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org)

### Email

[StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org](mailto:StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org)

### Youth Website

[stpatricksyouth.com](http://stpatricksyouth.com)



## Please Pray for the Sick...

*Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:*

Alessia & Tony Comisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catali, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafraite, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranca, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Teresita Morales, Emilia Castro, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Kinga Serwin, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pastolero



## Humanitarian aid for Morocco

Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. Yellow envelopes will be available at the back of the Church or by the parish office.

## Rosary at the Grotto

St. Patrick's CWL invites everyone to pray the Rosary at the grotto, this coming **First Saturday, October 7th after 8:15am Mass**. The fifth and final of our Five First Saturdays Rosary (June - October). Please join us.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our parish is having a Food Drive accepting unexpired canned food and nonperishable items until **Oct 8, 2023**. Only with your support, we can make a difference for families in need!

## Chocolate!!!

The Squires are going to have a chocolate sale on **Oct 7th and 8th**. They will have Lindt and Nestle chocolates! This chocolate fundraiser will help support a deacon or seminarian. Thank you for your continuous support.

## Blessing of Animals

As we continue the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi who saw the presence of God in all creation, we will be blessing your pets on **Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 10:00am** on the Church grounds. So if Fluffy is no longer fluffy and Frisky is too frisky, being them along to the Church for a blessing. Rain or shine, but we pray for shine!

## Youth Ministry:

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed for our Youth Ministries for the 2023-2024 school year.

They include: EDGE (Gr. 6-8), Verso L'Alto (high school) and Confirmation Classes.

We are looking for high school students, college/university students, young adults, and those young at heart!

Training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact

Maria [stpatseyouthgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:stpatseyouthgroup@hotmail.com) to see how you can serve the youth of our parish!

## Online Prayer Group

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. During this month, we will be praying the Rosary each Monday and Friday evenings.

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, will be on zoom only. Friday evenings Rosary at 6:15 pm (before Mass), will be live-streamed from the Parish, and prayers will be lead by different Parish Organizations.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570**

**Passcode: 196792**

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution.

Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.

## Fall 2023 ACTS Retreats

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON

**Women's Retreat: October 26-29, 2023**

**Men's Retreat: November 9-12, 2023**

**Contact (St. Patrick):**

Andrea Tjioe (416) 525-3893 or

[a\\_tjioe@yahoo.com](mailto:a_tjioe@yahoo.com) (Women's Retreat)

Willy Klaudusz (647) 281-5990 or [actscanadacore@gmail.com](mailto:actscanadacore@gmail.com) (Men's Retreat)

For more info, please visit our website:

[www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org)

## **LIFE CHAIN IS HERE!**

**Sunday, October 1, 2-3 PM at Dundas and Tomken**

Join St. Patrick's Parish to stand and pray for the lives of the unborn who are in danger of abortion. Be a witness to the sacred gift of life which God has given to each one of us, created, as we are, in His "image and likeness".

*"Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime...The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth." - Archbishop Samuel Aquila*