

Sunday, September 19, 2021



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 20, 2021

8:15am: + Cresenciano Bautista

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

8:15am: Sydney Pereira (Birthday Celebration of 100 years—in Thanksgiving)

7:00pm: + Angela Cyfko

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:15am: + Antonio Oabel

Thursday, September 23, 2021

8:15am: Pierre Leong (Birthday)

Friday, September 24, 2021

8:15am: In Thanksgiving

7:00pm: + Jared Mikell Bonafe

+ Elisa F. Talastas

+ Erlinda Caballero

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:15am: Paul Caravaggie

5:00pm: + Ariel Alvaran

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:30am: + Maria Aifo

10:00am: + Mary & Tony Colli & Connie Caponecchia

12:00pm: Ariel Alvaran



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life. Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire? If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

*The Homilist for this weekend is
Fr. Darren Dias O.P*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9am-1pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm

Sunday: 9am-1pm

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the Church is open as well.

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Please Pray for the Sick...

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

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Alex Romero, 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, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Martin Tierney, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Joe Aguanno, Virginia Sevilla, Pripp De Souza, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Roberto Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari



Share Life

The Parish Share Life campaign has been working quietly since June when the first offering was taken up. I thank all of you for continuing to support Share Life. Due to COVID-19, the dates throughout the year for the collections have been mixed up. **The Archdiocese has set two remaining dates: Oct 3rd and Oct 30th.** I know that I don't have to sell Share Life to you, because through the years you have always responded generously. To date, the Parish has given \$91,000.00 to the campaign—which I believe is wonderful. The Archdiocese sets a goal for us each year. This year, our goal was \$132,000.00. I would like to reach this goal, but I know that many of you have had challenges during this past year. If you have not given, and are able to do so, please take one of our Share Life envelopes, and give on either dates in October. All that we give are appreciated by the various agencies and charities that are supported through Share Life.—Fr. John

Life Chain Sunday

On **Sunday, October 3**, people from across Canada will take part in "Life Chain" the annual silent, but powerful, witness against abortion. Life Chain provides a peaceful and prayerful opportunity for people to stand for one hour and publicly witness to the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defence of life from its conception, and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"
- St. John Paul II

When: **Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 2-3pm**
Where: **Tomken & Dundas Intersection**

St. Patrick's Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)

Please join us every **Monday evening at 7:00pm** for 1 hour of Prayers & Reflections via Zoom. Zoom meeting link and reminders will be emailed through our distribution weekly on Mondays. You can subscribe via the website or contact the parish office.

For more information, please contact: stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com

Thank you!

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League for organizing the Welcome Home BBQ last weekend! If you missed out on hamburgers and hot dogs this year, hope to see you next year!

Bundle Up Weekend

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting donations on the **weekend of September 25-26, 2021 after all Masses.**

We accept all clothing, all footwear, bedding, drapery/towels and toys. We do not accept books, construction material, dishes, furniture and video/audio cassettes.

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

First Communion & Confirmation 2021-2022

If your child is in Gr. 2 & Gr. 7 this year and would like to receive their Sacrament of First Communion (Gr. 2) and Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7), please contact the parish office via NEW EMAIL: stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org With your child's name, school, grade and with the email address you use regularly.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Aug 28—Oct 10, 2021

Now accepting unexpired canned food and non-perishable items. Thank you! Only with your support, we can make a difference for families in need.

40 Days for Life

The largest ever 40 Days for Life anti-abortion campaign begins in 612 cities worldwide on September 22 and runs until October 31. This is the 10th Anniversary of this peaceful prayer vigil in Mississauga & Brampton, which takes place near Queensway & Confederation Pkwy. St. Catherine of Siena Church will provide information, signs and sanitization supplies. St. Patrick's Church will cover 12 hrs on October 15 from 7am-7pm. You are encouraged to attend at any time during this campaign. Details to follow.