

## Sunday, September 24, 2023



*"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go.*

*What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"*

*Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16*

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, September 25, 2023

8:15 am: + All Souls

### Tuesday, September 26, 2023

8:15 am: + Michael O'Brien

7:00 pm: NO MASS & NO CONFESSIONS

### Wednesday, September 27, 2023

8:15 am: + Stasia Aranha & Deceased Members of the Aranha Family

### Thursday, September 28, 2023

8:15 am: Kenneth Andrew Patrick Nichols

### Friday, September 29, 2023

8:15 am: Thanksgiving Mass from the Paul Family

7:00 pm: + Margaret Fernandes (Death Anniversary)

+ Peter Quyet

+ Jacob & Barbara Hlcar & Deceased Members of the Hlcar Family

+ All Souls

### Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:15 am: + Perlita Dyer

5:00 pm: + Maurice Daniel

### Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:30 am: + Joe Santos

10:00 am: + Vera Plese

12:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Cabaco & Dinis Family

7:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth



### Parish Website

StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org

### Email

StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org

### Youth Website

stpatricksyouth.com

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

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!" Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good. If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us. — Father John Muir

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Please note, there will be  
**NO EVENING (7pm) MASS and  
NO CONFESSIONS on  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023.**

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## 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  
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 con-  
firmed (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 Ma-  
ria at [stpatryouthgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:stpatryouthgroup@hotmail.com).

Thank you!

### Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

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

Sun 9am-1pm

## **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, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, 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 Maddele-na, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Kinga Serwin



## **Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Collection**

As part of our ongoing efforts towards healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The collection on **September 30/October 1, 2023** provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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, bring them along to the Church for a blessing. Rain or shine, but we pray for shine!

## **AID FOR MOROCCO & LIBYA**

Two natural disasters have recently struck the region of North Africa with a devastating earthquake in Morocco followed by severe flooding in Libya caused by Storm Daniel.

### **Humanitarian aid for Morocco**

The 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.

### **Humanitarian aid for Libya**

Currently, our Catholic partners are not present in Libya to coordinate relief efforts and as such we are unable to accept donations to aid those affected by the flooding at this time.

For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross at [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) or by phone 1-800-418-1111.

## **Respect Life Sunday**

### **Join St. Patrick's Life Chain**

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 1st. 2- 3PM

WHERE: Dundas at Tomken (south side)

WHY: To witness to the sacredness of life

WHO: Everyone is welcome

## **40 Days for Life**

Sept. 27-Nov. 5, 2023. St. Patrick's is covering 12 hours: **THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 7AM-7PM**. Sign-up sheets at table in foyer.

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

## **Online Prayer Group**

September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows. Please join us every Monday evening at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections via Zoom.

**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.