## Sunday, September 26, 2021



Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - Mk 9:39a, 40-41

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 27, 2021

8:15am: + Stasia Aranha

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

8:15am: Thanksgiving Mass for our Mother

of Health: Vailankanni 7:00pm: + Angela Cyfko

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

8:15am: + Prazeres De Souza

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Thursday, September 30, 2021

Friday, October 1, 2021 8:15am: + Prazeres De Souza 7:00pm: + Joao Augusto Rocha

+ Prazeres De Souza

+ Cidalia Pires

Victor & Norma Castillo (26th Wedding Anniv)

Saturday, October 2, 2021

8:15am: + Prip De Souza

5:00pm: Andrew & Olga Niestepski

(30th Wedding Anniv)

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8:30am: + Nancy Pevcevicius

10:00am: + Bassie Pike 12:00pm: + Ariel Alvaran 7:00pm: + Olympia Lucchese



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### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them. St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealously, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be? God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery. As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

# The Homilist for this weekend is Fr. Jerry Dunn

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday: 9am-1pm Saturday: 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm

Sunday: 9am-1pm

When the office is open, the Church is open as well.

## 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.

#### 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, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna 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 7:00 pm for an 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. **Note:** When logging-on, you will need this passcode: **196792**.

For this week, we will hold 2 prayer sessions: <u>Monday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup></u> – Archangels and Guardian Angels

Thursday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – we will be honouring the end of September's "Our Lady of Sorrows" month.

For more information, please contact: Andrea Tjioe, Mark Jennings, Karen Aranha, Gerry Smith or Amadeo Cuschieri,

Email: <a href="mailto:stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com">stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com</a>

# 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: <a href="mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org">stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org</a> With your child's name, school, grade and with the email address you use regularly.

#### 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.

Verso Worship Night

All youth and young adults are invited for an inperson event on **Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm to 8pm**. Join us in the church for worship music and prayer with a special guest speaker! Registration is encouraged. For more info and to register:

www.stpatricksyouth.com or email

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