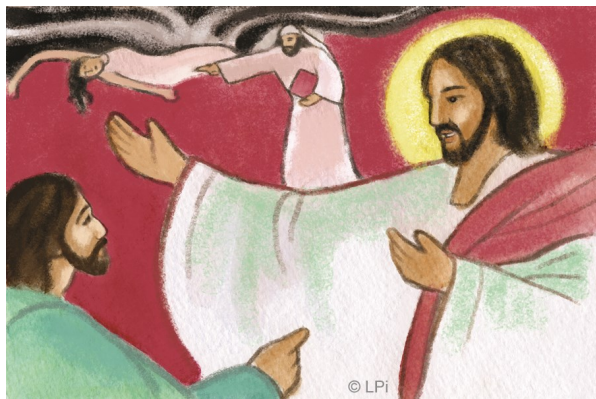


Sunday, September 29, 2024



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 30, 2024

8:15am: + Kevin McCarthy

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

8:15am: Jennifer Devotta (70th Birthday)

7:00pm: + Cidalia Pires

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:15am: + Connie Camilleri

Thursday, October 3, 2024

8:15am: + Teresita & Cesar Torre Franca

Friday, October 4, 2024

8:15am: + Kevin McCarthy

7:00pm: + David & Joe Melo

+ Lidia Pantusa

+ Maria Loan

+ Frances Bisante

+ All Souls

Saturday, October 5, 2024

8:15am: + Alex Borgiel

5:00pm: + Olimpia Jose

Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:30am: + Maria Tran Thi Kieu

10:00am: For the Intentions of Valerie Kelly

12:00pm: + Laurence & Celestine Vaz

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out? This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, “where the worm does not die.” If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor. First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the “little ones,” as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves. We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin. — *Father John Muir*

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Special Collection—Oct 5/6, 2024

As part of our ongoing commitment to support 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 Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 50% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$2.7 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. The collection on the weekend of October 5/6 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - thank you for your generosity!



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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, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chir-cop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafraite, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catali, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Magellan Tremblay, Roseanne & Bill Bennett, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton

**First Reconciliation & 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 **Tuesday October 1st at 7:30pm** 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 Dave at dguevarra@archtoronto.org. Thank you!

Blessing of the 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, **Saturday, October 5 at 10am** 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 will pray for shine!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

From **September 1st to October 7th**, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please drop off your donations in the designated boxes at the church entrance. Thank you for your support!

2024 ACTS Retreats

Women's Retreat – Oct 3 – 6, 2024

Men's Retreat – Oct 31 – Nov 3, 2024

Sponsoring Parish: St. Patrick's, Mississauga
Retreat Location:

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre - 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON

Women's Contact: Debbie Klaudusz (416-824-3197) or wklaudusz@bell.net

Men's Contact: Paul Valtas (905-670-6760) or pvaltas@dgn-marketing.com

For more info, please visit our website:

www.actscanada.org

LIFE CHAIN IS NEXT WEEKEND!

Join with fellow parishioners on **Sunday, October 6, 2024** at the intersection of Dundas St. and Tomken Rd. from 2-3 PM where we will form a "Life Chain" holding signs with messages such as "Abortion Kills Children" and "Adoption: A Loving Option". We will pray silently for one hour while giving witness to our community to protect all human life.

"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

St. Patrick CWL and On-Line Prayer Group invite everyone to a Prayer Service to commemorate the "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation" - Orange Shirt Day on **Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at St. Patrick Parish Hall and via Zoom Prayer Service, followed with light Indigenous themed refreshments. All are welcome.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for: Youth Ministry (EDGE (Gr. 6-8), Verso L'Alto (high school) and Confirmation Classes.

Contact: dguevarra@archtoronto.org

We also welcome students in high school who wish to complete their volunteer hours.

Catholic Women's League

St. Patrick's CWL invites everyone to pray the Rosary at the grotto, this coming **First Saturday, October 5th after 8:15am Mass**. The fifth and final of our Five First Saturdays Rosary (June - October). Please join us by the grotto, weather permitting.