

# Sunday, September 5, 2021



*And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" - Mk 7:32-34*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 6, 2021**

8:15am: + Edward Francis

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

8:15am: + Ann Jane Booth

7:00pm: + Alroy Vaz

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

8:15am: + Louve Akot

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

8:15am: + Bruno Castillo

**Friday, September 10, 2021**

8:15am: Healing & Thanksgiving

7:00pm: + Eugene Colautti

+ Anna Masciarelli

+ William Woodgate

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

8:15am: + Protasio & Anna Fernandes

5:00pm: In Thanksgiving

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

8:30am: + John Rego

10:00am: + Joe Santos

12:00pm: + Margaret Fernandes

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight. Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story! If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

## OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office will be closed Monday, Sep 6 and will reopen Tuesday, Sep 7 at 9am.

Monday—Friday: 9am-1pm

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

Sunday: 9am-1pm

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

**Parish Website**

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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, Fiona Bernay



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**Welcome Home BBQ**

**September 11-12, 2021**

Come join us after Mass for our annual Welcome Home BBQ next weekend, **Sept 11-12, 2021**. This year, due to COVID and capacity restrictions, we will have a “take-out” BBQ after all Masses. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available to take home. Enjoy!

**Life Chain Sunday**

On **Sunday, October 3**, Life Chain will take place, bearing witness to the truth about abortion. Please join with fellow St. Patrick Parishioners to stand and pray for an end to the greatest evil of our time.

Who: You!

When: Sunday, October 3, 2021

Where: Tomken & Dundas Intersection

Why: To pray for healing and forgiveness

**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.

- *Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and Columbian Squires*

**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: Andrea Tjioe, Mark Jennings, Karen Aranha, Gerry Smith or Amadeo Cuschieri*  
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**Weekly Mass Registration**

- Registration opens every Tuesdays – link will be sent via email approx. 10am. The link will also be updated on the Parish website every Tuesdays.
- If you're not able to attend Mass, please let the office know so we can open up a seat for others.
- You will need to register ahead of time to attend weekend Masses. You can register via phone or online.
- No need to register for weekday Masses.

**CHURCH GUIDELINES During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED UPON ENTRY.**
- Arrive early for timely admittance.
- Please comply with staff seating arrangements and instructions.

**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

EMAIL: [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)  
 With your child's name, school, grade and with the email address you use regularly. Communication will primarily be via email.