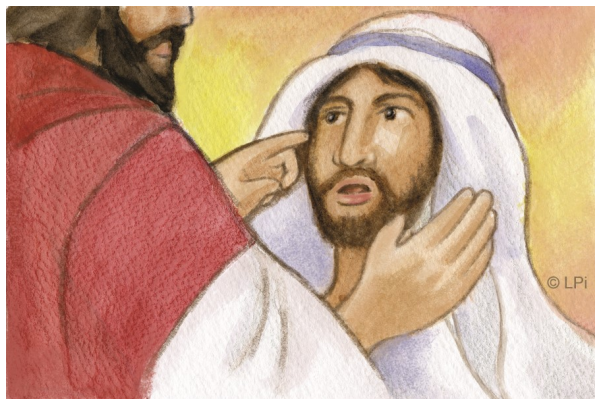


Sunday, September 8, 2024



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 9, 2024

8:15am: + Alexander Borgiel

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

8:15am: + Alexander Borgiel

7:00pm: + Joe Monteleone

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

8:15am: + Protasio & Anna Fernandez

Thursday, September 12, 2024

8:15am: + Alexander Borgiel

Friday, September 13, 2024

8:15am: + Ubaldina D'Souza

7:00pm: + Dorothy Troy

+ Alberto Moretta

+ Rudy Hernandez

+ All Souls

Saturday, September 14, 2024

8:15am: Thanksgiving from the D'Souza Family

5:00pm: + Margaret & Santin Fernandes

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:30am: + Joe Santos

10:00am: + Antonio & Maria Colli

12:00pm: + Joao Cabaco

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

Regular Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm and Sun 9am-1pm



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StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org

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Youth Website

stpatricksyouth.com

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down. We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us. This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love. — *Father John Muir*

Office Changes

At this time, I would like to inform you about some changes that have taken place in the office over the summer. Kimberley Carter, our long time secretary and business manager has moved to western Canada. I would like to thank Kim for all the work that she has done to keep the parish office up and running! She will certainly be missed and we wish her well in her new challenges. Beatrice Balano, whom you all know, has agreed to take over Kim's position, and I thank her for doing that. She has a good understanding of the office and how it runs, so this will be an easy transition. Mark Jennings, again whom you know, has agreed to come on-board as the Parish Secretary. Mark has filled in many times, and he knows his way around the office and is a great help with the computers, so we welcome him. Finally, Dave Guevarra who has assisted Maria with Youth Ministry will be taking her place during her maternity leave. We wish Dave well as he continues to develop the Ministry that Maria so successfully brought about in the parish. That's all for now! - Fr. John

Volunteers Needed!

If you're interested in volunteering for our Catechism Program (First Reconciliation & Communion) and Life Chain, please stop by at the parish office to leave your contact information or email

stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org.

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

Please let us know which ministry/group you'd like to volunteer!

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 Chircop, 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 lafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresia Boutillier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torre Franca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddeleena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catali, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Therese Torre Franca, Benedict De Castro, Magellan Tremblay, Roseanne & Bill Bennett, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton

**Catechism Program:****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 7pm** 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!

Youth: Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for our Youth Ministries for the 2024-2025 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 Dave at dguevarra@archtoronto.org to see how you can serve the youth of our parish!

CWL General Meeting

The Catholic Women's League will be having their general meeting on Wednesday, Sep 11 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome!

2024 ACTS Retreats

ACTS is an acronym for:

Adoration: God's Call, your acceptance and answer
Community: love and caring for each other
Theology: "studying" through scripture and our faith
Service: to God and His people

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

Squires Baby Bottle Campaign!

Birthingright Brampton welcomes women facing unplanned and/or challenging pregnancies, regardless of age, race, religion, marital status or financial situation. All services are free, non-judgmental and confidential. Birthingright Brampton's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign is our main fundraiser. We invite you to participate by signing out a bottle after St. Patrick's, Mississauga. Please take a bottle home and fill it with coins, bills or cheques. **Kindly return your filled bottle the weekend of September 28/29.** Tax receipts will be issued for any donation of \$20.00 or more. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let's come together to support those in need. From **September 1st to 30th**, 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. Your generosity will help ensure that everyone in our community can enjoy a warm and nourishing meal this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness and support!

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!