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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 13, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sept. 15th - Sept. 19th

Tues. 8:30 am – Raymond Kan †

Wed. 8:30 am –

Thurs. Noon – Malena Dulanto †

Fri. 8:30 am – Ligaya Gadiano †

Sat. 4:30 pm –

READINGS FOR – September 20th

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16



His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins will be livestreaming daily Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica - Monday to Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. These Masses

will also be archived and accessible on the Archdiocese of Toronto YouTube page for the faithful to view later in the day.

RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN SEPTEMBER 25 – 27, 2020

You are cordially invited to spend a weekend of peace, joy and great spiritual intimacy in silence with our triune God at the holy ground of Manresa with the retreat theme: "Let's Start at the Very Beginning" with Fr. Michael Coutts, SJ.

For more information and reservation, please contact Tony Salvosa at (416)494-0560 or email tonydsalv@hotmail.com



Diaper Drive for Rosalie Hall

The CWL will be collecting items such as diapers, baby wipes, onesies, sleepers and outfits for the babies at Rosalie Hall. Posters, with additional information, are in the church lobby. Members of the CWL will be at all masses to answer questions. Due to Covid restrictions, the collection of all items will take place on Sept. 26 & 27 only, before or after the three masses.

DO YOUR DUTY!



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario during this state of emergency, all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto have limited attendance capacity at this time.

At a time like this it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of its parishioners. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving if your parish offers it. You can obtain a form from your parish office. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.

Faith
does not
make things easy
it makes them
POSSIBLE
luke 1:37

We have received approval from the Archdiocese to go ahead with Masses for First Communion celebrations. They will take place on **Sunday November 1st at 3pm** and **Sunday November 8th at 3pm**, to divide the group in half. These will be dedicated Masses for the First Communion candidates, so that each family has an entire pew to themselves, to be able to invite up to 10 members from your circles to attend. Social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout, with details closer to the dates.



You can send me your preferred date, and I will confirm it once your child's preparation process is complete (as below). If you are not able to commit to either date, let me know so we can explore options. If you and your family do not think your child is ready to receive this year, they are welcome to join next year's 2021 class (please let us know when registration opens in October).



FEED MY LAMBS

Next weekend is the monthly collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. There is a selection of **four easy-to-make recipes** available for you after all Masses this weekend. We encourage our parishioners to participate in this very needed program, especially during these difficult times. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program. Your contributions to feed the hungry are greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In light of the present situation, Special Collections have been allocated to different dates. Please note the dates for the following Special Collections:

ShareLife – Sept. 12-13/Oct. 10-11/Nov. 7-8

Needs in The Holy Land – September 19-20

Needs of the Church in Canada – September 26-27

The Pope's Pastoral Works – October 3-4

We thank you in advance for your generous contributions, recognizing we have a duty to care for the most vulnerable among us.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times.



Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying "That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again"? When Jesus says that we must forgive seventy-seven times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: "Father, forgive them..." As his disciples, we must do likewise. We are reminded in today's gospel how new life through forgiveness far outweighs the cost of any debt owed. Yet, just as the king's remission of the servant's debt mirrors God's invaluable and boundless grace, we, too, must never overlook our calling and responsibility to model the same to each of our brothers and sisters in Christ. For as we will one day be judged based on our life's body of work as testament of our faith, let us always seek to reflect Jesus' love by modelling his forgiving mercy in both words and deeds.



ShareLife agencies need your support now, more than every!

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why ShareLife-funded agencies have been providing phone and video counselling during the pandemic, so clients don't have to wait until walk-in counselling resumes. No one is ever turned away due to inability to pay. "The term 'mental health tsunami' refers to the increasing mental health issues that have and will continue to emerge due to Covid-19." Thanks to your support of ShareLife, agencies like CFS Toronto can continue to meet these growing needs.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
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