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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](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 27, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Kightly Family †

Wed. 8:30 am –

Thurs. Noon – Joseph & JoAnn Jasinski – Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 am –

Sat. 4:30 pm –

## READINGS FOR – October 4<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4.6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43



## FIRST FRIDAY

October 2, 2020

*Mass on First Friday, will be at 8:30 am.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will

be retired. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.



## Toronto Serra Clubs

God has made each of us in His image and likeness. When He created you, He willed in you a specific purpose that can bring deep fulfillment and profound joy. A vocation is the particular way that God calls you to live out your life. The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

## Life Chain

Sunday, October 4, 2020 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Life Chain is a peaceful and silent witness to the injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on women and the community at large. It is a simple but powerful reminder to our fellow citizens of the sanctity of human life and our duty to defend the weakest members in society. Determine the location and time nearest your Life Chain by visiting: [www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain).

## 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 it 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](mailto: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.



We have received approval from the Archdiocese to go ahead with Masses for First Communion celebrations. For the children initially registered for First Communion in 2020, effected by COVID, this 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.



The Dia Desso family were forced to flee the Cote d'Ivoire due to the civil war. They sought safety in neighbouring Ghana, where they met a team from the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto. ORAT, a ShareLife-funded agency, facilitated the family's private refugee sponsorship by Good Shepherd Parish in Thornhill. They are now thriving! The father loves his work driving a forklift, the mother cares for their one-year-old son at home, and the daughters are succeeding at school. Thanks to your support of ShareLife, the Dia Desso family is proud to be living in Canada.

**October 11 is ShareLife Sunday.**  
Please give generously.



### 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:

**Needs of the Church in Canada – September 26-27**

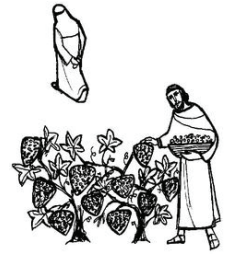
**The Pope's Pastoral Works – October 3-4**

**World Mission Sunday – October 17-18**

We thank you in advance for your generous contributions during these difficult times.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

**"Love. . .thy God. . .and. . .thy neighbor as thyself."**



Once a sinner, always a sinner. That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: "Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you." All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

God is infinitely patient and always offers us the opportunity to repent and receive His loving mercy. Let us open our hearts to the Lord today and allow Him to transform our lives and let us ask for His guidance to faithfully respond to everyday events with patience, generosity and love.

### Lector Formation Webinar

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites Lectors into a deeper understanding of the importance of the liturgical celebrations of the Church, and the Liturgy of the Word through formation sessions offered throughout the year. This session will cover topics such as the role of the Liturgy of the Word with a focus specifically on Sunday Mass; the importance of the Proclamation of the Word of God; the importance of Sacred Scripture in the Church; how the Scriptures came to be and the Church's interpretation; and the policies of the Archdiocese of Toronto, best practices, and practical tips. Please register as soon as possible as space is limited. This formation opportunity is the same as the in-person events that have been offered by the Office of Formation for Discipleship. Information about how to join the webinar will be sent to the email provided at registration closer to the event.

**Training is open to current Readers (Lectors) and clergy.**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 17, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Online

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