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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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 16, 2022



Jan 18th - Jan 22nd

Tues. 8:30 am – Nai Kwan Siu †
Wed. 8:30 am – Daphne M. Chung †
Thurs. Noon – Joanne Lasita †
Fri. 8:30 am – Shi-Yuan Li Special Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm – Kim Yin Chau †

READINGS FOR – January 23rd

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30
Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can update our records. Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2021 will be available by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2022 will count towards next year's tax receipt.) As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you are you currently signed up for the pre-authorized giving (PAG) plan please consider an increase in 2022. PAG is administered by the Archdiocese and donations to the church are taken directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. PAG saves time and administrative costs associated with processing donations. The PAG form is available in the foyer of the church.



Please note the office will be open Monday through Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for those needing administrative assistance.



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. 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.

The Word This Week



"This was the first of the signs given by Jesus; it was given at Cana in Galilee."

The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by His birth, by His baptism and by His miracles – the “signs” as John calls them. Christ worked His first miracle in order to grant a temporal favor, an earthly gift, to save the newly-married groom from embarrassment. It had the other effects of convincing His very recent disciples of their belief that He was the expected Messiah, and also it convinces all Christians of the efficacy of our Lady's intercession for us, but its primary purpose was to confer a temporal benefit on the groom.

By this kind act He has shown us that He is interested in our earthly affairs also. He became man in order that we could become sons of God, He came on earth so that we could go to heaven, but this miracle at Cana proves that He has a deep interest in our many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven.

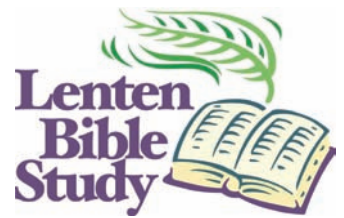
He told us "ask and you shall receive." That "shall" is very definite, our prayers will be answered and what we should ask for is not only spiritual gifts, but the temporal aids also which we need. The "shall" applies to them too, as the miracle of Cana proves. We shall get our temporal requests, provided of course that they won't impede us on our journey to heaven. No kind father would give his child a gift that would injure him—God is the kindest of fathers and He sees what will or will not impede or endanger our eternal happiness. We can and should therefore make our temporal needs known to God in our prayers, confident that He will give us what we ask if it is for our real good.

We have a father in heaven who really loves us, and cares for us, let us make our temporal, as well as our spiritual needs, known to Him in confident prayer. Our requests will not go unanswered.

LECTIO: PHILLIPIANS

DR. TIM GRAY - FORMED

For those interested in joining this six week course via Zoom, please register before January 30, 2022. The Bible Study is scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**. To learn more about this study click here: <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-philippians-with-dr-tim-gray>



USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA

Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is working towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. During the month of January, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and international stamps. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼" and no more than ½" border. Please deposit stamps in the bin on the welcome table. Thank you.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend (Jan. 15/16). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Jan 22&23. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 – 25 2022



This year's theme is: **"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him"** (Matthew 2:2). This theme was chosen to express the "Eastern Churches' tradition of joining Epiphany to the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, a baptism all Christians hold in common as testimony to their faith in the Son of

God, exhibiting solidarity with those who suffer" (USCCB). Please join Christians from all denominations to celebrate this week of unity.

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