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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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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org



Sept. 26th – Sept. 30th

- Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Palmina Iacobelli †
- Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Claire Seguin †
- Thurs. Noon - Kightly Family †
- Fri. 8:30 am - Andrea Park & Sylvia Kim †
- Sat. 4:30 pm - Desmond Lyn †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 1st

- 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28
- 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11
- Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32



Celebration of the Solemnity Of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium Upon the Most Rev. Leo

Friday, September 29, 2023

05:30 PM -07:30 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our Archdiocese and Archbishop!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Why be envious, because I am generous?"

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: "God's ways are not our ways God's thoughts are not our thoughts." He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead, He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God."

Each of us has a decision to make. Do we spend our lives competing and living with the fear of being found wanting? Or do we choose a life of generosity, service and humility, taking our fair share and holding out our hands to help those marginalized by society? Let us choose generosity, following the example found in today's Gospel.





**OCTOBER 1 2023
DON MILLS & STEELES
2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs. You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, please visit:

Campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain



Voices Needed

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT
CHOIR**

If you are eager to use your gifts and talents, and to serve with a purpose, come join the church choir. Inviting youth to join for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and adults for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Practices are:

Thursday Evenings:

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for Youth

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. for Adults

Please contact Eugenie at 647-828-3884 or email evlandrychoir@yahoo.com for more information.



OCTOBER 14 AND 15

The CWL invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in

community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



**Humanitarian Relief Efforts to
Aid Those Impacted by Disasters
in Morocco and Libya**

Two natural disasters have recently struck the region of North Africa with a devastating earthquake in Morocco followed by severe flooding in Libya caused by Storm Daniel. While rescue operations are ongoing in both countries, the process is very slow and there is a strong likelihood that the death toll will rise exponentially in the coming days and weeks.

Humanitarian Aid for Morocco

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website - www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411

Through your local parish church, making cheques payable to: <Name of Parish> - Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Humanitarian Aid for Libya

Currently, our Catholic partners are not present in Libya to coordinate relief efforts and as such we are unable to accept donations to aid those affected by the flooding at this time. For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross in the following ways:

Online through the Red Cross website - redcross.ca By phone through the Red Cross - 1-800-418-1111

Please continue to pray for those who have died, for those who are missing or displaced because of these tragic disasters in both Morocco and Libya and for all who are working hard to provide relief and rescue in both locations.

“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.”

Pope Francis

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