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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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# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 29, 2023



**Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Mary Cassar †  
Wed. 8:30 a.m. - ALL SAINTS DAY  
Thurs. Noon - ALL SOULS' DAY  
Fri. 8:30 am - Mark Williams †  
Sat. 4:30 pm - Deceased Members – Knights of Columbus – Good Shepherd Council 8340 †

**READINGS FOR – Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 1.14-2.2, 8-10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 2.7-9, 13  
Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12



## **Solemnity of All Saints November 1<sup>st</sup>**

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

## **Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, today prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the Mass, which re-presents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ.

## **THE WORD THIS WEEK** ***"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."***

What are the most important priorities in your life? We all consider certain things as essential, and they shape our lives significantly. In today's Gospel Jesus shows us where our priorities should lie. When asked a question regarding the greatest commandment, Jesus responds by saying that love of God and neighbour should form the framework of our lives and inspire all our actions. God's love for us is infinite and immeasurable. He asks that we love him with the same intensity. We are to love him with our whole being and to place him at the centre of our lives.

Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbor. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbor is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbor as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him.

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbor in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbor weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbor who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity. Jesus offers us a model to imitate. Out of love for his Father and all of us, he generously gave his life for our salvation. Let us open our hearts today to welcome the Lord's generous gift of love and to share this love with one another.



## FIRST FRIDAY

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.*

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus – it is our personal time with Christ. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Ladies of the Parish, membership renewal continues for 2024. For your convenience, your box of Offertory Envelopes includes a blue envelope dated October 23, 2022 "CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP". Provide the required information and enclose renewal fee of \$40.00. Please drop the envelopes during Mass collections. We also invite all interested ladies to join our community. The CWL is at the heart of organizing charitable events in support of those less fortunate. We are blessed to have such a supportive and active group in our parish.

## Ministry with Maturing Adults Inviting Men and Women (50+) Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Presentation by Juanita Butler, CHATS Counsellor "THE AGING BRAIN"

Topics you will learn about:

- What are you forgetting
- What else happens as we age
- How to improve your memory
- It gets better with age
- The Aging Brain

Register by calling/emailing the church at [goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org](mailto:goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org)



Sunday, November 5, 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned back 1 hour to 1:00 a.m. local standard time.

## All Souls Day Mass Saturday November 4 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM



Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All-Souls' Day Mass. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum - Mississauga
- Christ the King Cemetery – Reception Centre - Markham
- Holy Cross Cemetery – Holy Family Mausoleum – Thornhill
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian & English) Woodbridge
- Resurrection Cemetery – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum – Whitby

### ALL ARE WELCOME



The church is always in need of volunteers. If you have a few hours a month to offer, please consider joining one of the ministries that could benefit from your time. With a little training, you can be part of the Eucharistic Ministers, The Altar Society and Lectors. The Bible tells us it is those that volunteer and serve that are the true leaders in the kingdom of God. For those interested please contact the office. We appreciate all our volunteers who give so much to our parish.



Please take time to check out our Bulletin Board for upcoming events and programs available to our parishioners.



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