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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



The servant's master
took pity on him, canceled the debt
and let him go.

Matthew 18:27

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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)

10:00 am, 12:00 pm

4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)

6:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

Catholic Moms Group

Catholic Moms and Tots

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers

Knights of Columbus

LifeTeen Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Santissima Divinidade

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 18, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo +Paletta Teodoro +Mary Gres *Special Intention for Amanda May +Antonio Abate & Livia Lecoche +Lorenzina Furlan +Aaron Romano

TUESDAY, September 19, 9:00AM

+Manuel da Silva

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 7:00PM

+Michael Joseph De Freitas

THURSDAY, September 21, 9:00AM

+Nathan Moniz

FRIDAY, September 22, 7:00PM

+Teresa & Gerry McCarthy

SATURDAY, September 23, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, September 23, 5:00PM

+John Di Re +Jan & Halina Woznica +Teresa

Silva +Manuel Laranjeiro +David Harrison

+Pedro Viana +Joao Semiao +Frank DeBartolo

+Maria Faria & Dennis Faria +Manuel Da Silva

SUNDAY, September 24, 8:00AM,

*Special Intentions of Grace Gomes

SUNDAY, September 24, 10:00AM,

+Luis Pontes

SUNDAY, September 24, 12:00PM,

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 24, 4:30PM

El Sembrador

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, September 24, 6:30PM

*Special Intention for Celestina May

Please Note: Our Regular Scheduled Mass for Friday September 29th is changed from 7:00pm to 9:00am

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH – September 24th and 25th

There will be a second collection on September 24th and 25th by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR HOPE

We all have much to be thankful for! Let us share our blessings with one another. This thanksgiving many will be reaching out to our food bank for help. Let us respond to this need. You can feed HOPE this thanksgiving to those most vulnerable in our community. Thanks to the rising food prices, and inflation, food banks are having a most difficult time keeping up with an increased demand. When food is placed into the hands of those in need, struggling with hunger, a profound change takes place. HOPE is restored! Let's overwhelm our Food Bank with FOOD, LOVE and HOPE this thanksgiving! We invite our parish community to drop off non-perishable food items in the crate at the back of the Church to help support our local food bank this thanksgiving.

REFLECTION

[Matthew 18:32–35](#)

Love, kindness, gentleness, mercy... these and many like qualities are easy to think about. They inspire us to be holy by growing in virtue. But sometimes we need more. Sometimes pondering the beauty of the virtues and fruits of the Spirit do not suffice to help us embrace a life of holiness. The *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius of Loyola present us with a structure by which a spiritual director may lead a retreatant through a thirty day private retreat. Interestingly, Ignatius does not begin by inviting a person to ponder the beautiful virtues to which they are called. Instead, for the first week, he has the retreatant ponder the horror of sin and the devastating effects that sin has upon a soul. By doing this, the person's eyes are more fully opened to their own sin so that, in the subsequent weeks, they will be more properly disposed to reflect upon the inspiring life of Christ. It is very easy to become complacent in our Christian walk. It is easy to become lukewarm in our prayer and even in our moral life. If that is you to any degree, then this Gospel is worth your careful and thorough attention.

The sin that Jesus addresses in this passage is the sin of unforgiveness. It clearly depicts the wrath of God that will be inflicted upon those who refuse to forgive others. Every one of us has been forgiven by God an amount that cost Jesus His very life. The consequence of our sins was the death of the Son of God. But death has now been transformed into the very means of new life through the forgiveness of sins. And if we want to receive the forgiveness of sins and the new life that awaits us, we must fully share in God's forgiveness. Not only must we receive His forgiveness, we must also forgive those who have sinned against us. Completely. Without reserve.

In this parable, the wicked servant failed to forgive his servant's small debt. In fact, every sin committed against us, no matter how grave in the eyes of God, is a small debt compared to the debt we owe God. Therefore, we must never hesitate to forgive. Never. If this is difficult, and if reflecting upon God's mercy, kindness, compassion and love do not compel you to completely forgive everyone to the fullest extent, then spend time with this parable. "You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" These are words directed at us when we fail to forgive completely from the depths of our hearts. They are merciful words from Jesus to help us wake up to what we need to do.

Reflect, today, upon the absolute requirement of the Christian life to forgive. Mercy can seem unfair. From the perspective of strict justice, it is. But from the perspective of freedom and the virtues of Heaven, mercy makes perfect sense. Do not hesitate to forgive, for if you can do so from the bottom of your heart, God will lavish upon you the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven. Catholic News Agency2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 17, 2023



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on October 6, 2023, at
7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL Friday September 29, 2023

at St. Michael's Basilica in Toronto
Mass at 5:30pm

Archbishop Francis Leo

To Receive Pallium from the Apostolic Nunzio
Please note that seating will be on a
first come first seated basis.

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OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21st, 2023

LIVE MUSIC/FOOD/RAFFLE PRIZES/ CASH BAR

Doors Open At 6:00pm

Tickets: Adults \$25.00 Youth (under 18) \$15.00

Tickets are \$30.00 at the door if available (children
under 2 free) Tickets will be sold after Saturday evening
and Sunday Masses in the church foyer starting
September 23, 2023, or can be purchased in person
from the parish office until October 15, 2023.

Volunteers are needed to help make Oktoberfest a great
success! We cannot do this without your help. We are
looking for people to help with various tasks from kitchen
food prep, event set up, serving and maintaining stations,
and cleaning. If you are interested in helping, please
contact Ray Reitzel our youth minister at 905 251 8151 or
email: youthministry.hmj@hotmail.com

A Parish Youth Fundraising Event

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

We are in need of volunteers to be Lectors, to proclaim the
reading of the sacred scripture during Mass, and
Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to assist and
distribute Holy Communion during Mass. Training for
these two ministries will be held in the church on Saturday
September 23, 2023 at: 10:00am for Lectors and 11:00am
for Extraordinary ministers of Communion. For anyone
interested, sign-up sheets for these ministries can be found
at the back of the church.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

September 28, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

More Information to Follow



ShareLife: Combating hunger through your

compassion Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with
the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response
to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food
Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to
combat hunger. Your compassionate support of our parish's
ShareLife program will make possible this bold action.
Please support our fight against hunger at
sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a
ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call
to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

SACRAMENTS

Information for the upcoming First Communion and
Confirmation Registrations for the 2024 season will be
made available sometime in September. Please stay
connected with us. We invite you to come celebrate Mass
with us on Sundays, and be sure to visit our website, and
online bulletin for up-to-date information on the
sacraments.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free
Program that offers youth the
opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth
and peer leaders. Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8.
More information on dates and registration to follow.



LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves
the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing
resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations
and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen
is for youth in Grades 9-12.

More information on dates to follow.

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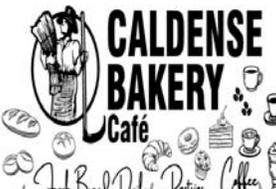
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