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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 am – Noon

Tuesday 1:00pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday – 9:30am – 3:00pm

Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 11:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

Friday 9:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday – 9:30am – 10:30am

Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Friday 4:00pm – 5:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:30 am

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office
one year in advance.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Lord, be mindful of your mercy.”

Sunday, September 27th

MICHAELMAS

Please join us for the Feast Day, Michaelmas, on **Tuesday, September 29th at the 7 p.m. Mass** where we will recite the St. Michael Chaplet in honour of St. Michael, and the Archangels Gabriel and Raphael as well as the Heavenly Choir of Angels. Everyone will receive a Chaplet prayer keepsake to take home.

RESTORE HIS HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Restore His House Capital Campaign

September 27th, 2026 Update

Total Fundraising Goal - \$750,000

Gifted and Pledged to Date - \$370,000

LIFE CHAIN

Please join us for one hour on behalf of the pre-born by taking part in Life Chain on **Sunday, October 4th from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.** in front of our parish as a peaceful pro-life event. The Life Chain has taken place annually across Canada for 35 years. We will gather in front of the church to distribute banners and go over the simple procedures of prayerful conduct.

WEEKLY DONATIONS – September 20th, 2026

• Total Donations	\$ 8,320.75
• Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,185.00
• P.A.G. (September 20 th)	\$ 2,430.50
• Maintenance	\$ 705.00
• Canadian Missions	\$.25

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 3rd/4th – Maintenance

October 3rd/4th – Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming Events

- Executive Meeting - October 13th at 7:30 p.m.
- General Meeting – October 27th at 7:30 p.m.



I.C. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY GROUP

Upcoming Events

- Coffee Sunday – October 18th after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

W.A.G.'S COOKBOOKS

We still have some cookbooks available for sale. Cookbooks are \$25 each. All proceeds will go towards Restore His House. Parishioners can purchase cookbooks

weekdays during office hours. The cookbook is dedicated to Anne Marie Taillon. These would make a great host/hostess Thanksgiving gift or as a part of your Christmas gift giving!

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE

Kim Smith, Christopher Dupont, Fred Jennings, John Brock, Veronica Kirk, Patricia Reilly, James Albert, Juan Diego Jimenez Mendez, Joseph Taillon, Becky B., Joyce and Henry Janssen, Paul Philip, Mary Jane G., David Scott, Fr. Christopher Reynolds, Donna Somerville, Marken Brynart, Linda Campbell, Joan Barkley



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following parishioners who celebrated a wedding anniversary during the month of September:

Charlie and Maureen Johnson (57 years)
Brian and Margot Brain (48 years)
Gary and Leanne Ravary (44 years)
Eldon and Anne Marie Werry (42 years)
Dan and Cheryl Danyluk (42 years)
John and Margaret Peco (38 years)
Garth and Katheleene Smith (37 years)
Kevin and Anita Jackson (35 years)
Klaus and Gail Stuber (34 years)
Philip and Linda McSherry (31 years)
Jim and Laura Simon (30 years)
Christopher and Melanie Lazure (26 years)

There is a sign-up sheet for October wedding anniversaries located on the bulletin board by the side door entrance.

URGENT NEED FOR USHERS

We currently have an urgent need for ushers for the **11 a.m. Mass**. If you are willing to assist us with this ministry or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

O.C.I.A. (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

If you or someone you know in our community would like to enter the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office. Registration forms are now available. Sessions will begin in January. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation, are encouraged to also take part.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Our Youth Ministry Program will resume in October for students in grades 7-12.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – EVENT SET-UP & TAKEDOWN

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up and take down tables and chairs before and after parish events (e.g.: funeral receptions, parish dinners, etc.).

If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office to have your name added to a list of volunteers.

REQUEST FOR ALTAR SERVERS

We are currently seeking additional altar servers to assist at all Sunday Masses, as well as an adult volunteer to help lead this important ministry. A training session for both current and new servers, along with a schedule will be forthcoming.

Any child who has received their First Holy Communion and is interested in serving, is invited to contact the parish office for a volunteer form.

WELCOME COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

This is a very straightforward role requiring little time: sending out approximately five welcome letters twice per year to new parishioners, with a follow-up phone call. We provide the standard letter and instructions to you. You are responsible for two months per year. Very easy, but important work. Please email judifunnell92@gmail.com

PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTER FOR TEACHERS

Teachers seeking pastoral reference letters for employment with a Catholic school board are reminded that you must be a practicing Catholic. Any requests need to be made to Fr. Silva one year in advance.

COME & SEE WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, November 6th (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 8th (2 p.m.)**. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood at our seminary.

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at development@archtoronto.org

ST. GERTRUDE'S FALL 2026 ADULT FAITH FORMATION BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

The Pivotal Players – Volume 1
Join Bishop Barron on a journey to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church.

See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where St. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. Through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

Join us in the Parish Hall OR via ZOOM on **Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting October 15th and ending Thursday, December 3rd**. Each evening we enjoy an engaging video presentation, lively discussion, fellowship and treats. The highly recommended but optional Study Guide is \$40. Please register via the Parish website, after one of the weekend Masses or at the Office during the week. For more information, please contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com.

ELECTRONIC PARISH BULLETIN

Please consider having our parish bulletin sent directly to your email each week if you have not already done so. This will help us greatly reduce our printing costs. To sign up, please follow the link below:

<https://immaculateconceptionpo.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/s-ign-up/>

Instructions:

<https://immaculateconceptionpo.archtoronto.org/sites/ssets/bulletins/parish-e-bulletin-sign-upinstructions.pdf>

PARISH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Office Open – Monday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ROSARY TO PRECEDE EVERY MASS BY 30 MINUTES.

Weekday Masses

Monday – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Adoration – 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Holy Hour - Friday - 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Saturday 9:25 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Saturday 9:30 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS – Week of September 27th

Monday, September 28th

11:00 a.m. Mass – +Ron and Marie Aitchison
Req. by Karen Terry and Family

Tuesday, September 29th

7:00 p.m. Mass - +Rev. Fr. William J. Scanlon

Wednesday, September 30th

9:00 a.m. Mass - Intentions of Joan Barclay
Req. by Faye Tait

Thursday, October 1st

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 2nd

9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 3rd

9:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass – +Ann Taillon
Req. by Joseph Taillon and Family

Sunday, October 4th

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

11:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of the Traynor Family
Req. by the Schickedanz Family



Message on the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel

27 September 2026

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

I am writing to you today in anticipation of our Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Readings for the Mass of St. Michael, *Michaelmas*, include the Book of Revelation, which presents us with a striking image of a battle between the Archangel and his angels against the dragon (Rev 12:7-12). At first glance, this celestial battle may seem removed from our daily lives, but in reality, it names a truth all too familiar; that is, wherever people live and work together, and especially those who belong to Christ through faith, there are forces that seek to divide, distort, and unsettle.

St. Michael's witness reminds us that peace, unity and harmony are not automatic; rather, they require vigilance and cooperation with God's grace. We are called to resist quick judgments, refuse the temptation to reduce others to their faults, and remain committed to what is true even when it is not easy. We recognize the "authority of his Anointed" and give "testimony" to his love with our lives (Rev 12:10-11).

More than a question, the name "Michael" which means "Who is like God?", is a declaration of a fundamental and foundational truth, a reminder that God is the measure of all things. We are challenged to tune out the various noises — competing voices, opinions, and ideologies — and intentionally discern the things of God. Our discernment is not a

process of simply collecting perspectives or negotiating outcomes, it is needed for growth. We know that not every voice leads to truth. Not every spirit leads to God (cf. CCC 2847). The truth of the Gospel is something we receive, not something we create, it forms our identity and marks our destiny.

We do not invent our own path all alone but rather discern it in fidelity, in community and walk along it in hope. In this regard, St. Michael stands as our guardian not only of the Church's safety (cf. Dan 12:1), but of her very identity. We journey through life together as a community of faith, under the protection of the heavenly hosts, sustained by grace, guided by the Holy Spirit, and defended against all that would seek to fracture our unity.

St. Michael is often depicted as restoring order against chaos. I invite us to consider how we might work together to do the same in our lives - at home, at work, indeed wherever we find ourselves. Our feast offers both clarity and encouragement, reminding us that the life we share is shaped by more than circumstance; it is part of a larger spiritual reality that calls for humility before God, fidelity to what is true, and a steadfast commitment to God and one another. I would like to renew my invitation once again this year to join me in praying the [Novena to St. Michael](#) (September 18 to September 26) with a **special intention**: the fruitfulness and successful implementation of the new **Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan** which begins to unfold this fall so that we may be ever more faithful, attentive, generous and giving to the Lord and to others according to the vocation we have received and after the manner of Our Lady of Cana.

Saint Michael the Archangel, our patron saint, pray for us.

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