



Parish Week / Sunday, 21 Sept. 2025

**Saturday, 20 Sept. / St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest,
& Paul Chong Ha-Sang & companions, martyrs**

8.00 am Mass: † Patricia Ann Braund (The Staff of SMG)
5.00 pm Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)

SUNDAY, 21 SEPT. / 25-C

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: Bishops / Needs of Church in Canada

9.00 am Mass: † Anjela Sivayohan (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Jesus Serneo (family)
- Installation of Altar Server Acolytes
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 22 Sept.

8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of the Bernal family
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Linus & Anastasia Crasto (Esme)

Tuesday, 23 Sept. / St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

8.00 am Mass: Int. Michele Pisciola (Emma)

Wednesday, 24 Sept. / Blessed Emile Tavernier-Gamelin

8.00 am Mass: † Jeanette Liles (Daphne)
8.50 am ► St. Albert School Mass
12.30 pm St. M.G. School Mass

Thursday, 25 Sept. / Ss. Cosmas & Damian

8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (Anthony)

**Friday, 26 Sept. / Ss. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests
& Companions, martyrs**

8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (Anthony)
7.00 pm Mass in Honour of the Canadian Martyrs

Saturday, 27 Sept. / St. Vincent de Paul, priest

8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Annie)
- RCIA Rite of Candidacy

SUNDAY, 28 SEPT. / 26-C

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

9.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Christopher Crasto (Esme)
12.00 pm Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Giorgio Armani, Christopher Gonsalves

The 200 victims of the flash floods in Texas



4 Deacons Ordained 13 September

Congratulations to the four new *transitional deacons*, from ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY and the REDEMPTORIS MATER MISSIONARY SEMINARY in Toronto, who were ordained by Bishop John Boissonneau at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica on 13 September:

**Matteo Bertozzi
Matthew Tulio**

**Moonjun Alphonse Choi
Victor Valdés**

May God bless and guide you in your service to the Church.

2nd Collection

21 September: Bishops' Collection for the needs of the Church in Canada



The 2nd collection on Sunday, 21 September, will be for the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*.

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance to support their work through the Collection for the *Needs of the Church in Canada*. Through the work of its members, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements.

The CCCC also provides the Bishops with a forum to share their experiences, insights and reflections on the major events and issues that shape the Church and modern society. It also works with the Eastern Catholic rites, such as the Byzantines and Syrians, to address needs within their communities.

COMING UP

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29 Sept.

Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**

1 Oct.

Feast of **Ste. Thérèse of Lisieux**

- **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847)

- 65th Anniversary of the world premiere of the musical CAMELOT at the O'Keefe Centre (now Meridian Hall) in Toronto, starring **Richard Burton, Julie Andrews and Robert Goulet**

4 Oct.

Feast of **St. Francis**

Blessing of Animals (4.00 pm)

5 Oct.

Annual MISSION CO-OP APPEAL, with **Bishop Noel Emmanuel** of Trincomalee, Sri Lanka

- Fall Fair (9 am – 2 pm)

- ► LIFE CHAIN (2 pm)

Fall Fair

5 October
9 am - 2 pm

Don't miss it! Our Parish
is holding a FALL FAIR:

Sunday, 5 October, 9 am - 2 pm.

☐ Yard Sale ☐ Multicultural Food Tables

Tables available: \$25 to sell your wares.

Please contact: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.



ShareLife 2025

Thank you for your support of our 2025
Campaign. So far, we have raised: \$
39,607.00 toward our goal of: \$ 75,000.00

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as
Catholics, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.



RCIA, RCIC *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children*

RCIA meetings: 19 & 26 Sept.

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Do you know people who have told you they
are becoming Catholic? Tell them to leave a message for the Pastor at
the parish office: 416-261-0076, and let them know when the next
meeting for Inquirers will be held. Make sure to invite them to
come to Church with you and experience what shared prayer and a
spirit-filled community are all about.



Sacramental Preparation

*Catholic Schools: 1st Communion
prep starts in September*

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive
preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st
Communion in Grade 2. Families will be given Information
packages to register the students in this process. Family
instruction meetings will be held early in the New Year.



Other Schools: Saturday Class starts 27 September

Preparation begins on 27 September for *First Holy Communion* for
students in other schools. They meet on Saturdays at 10.00 am. For
further information, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

The Knights of Columbus

21 Sept. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting;
Installation will be in October.



Linda's Walk 2025 27 September

The 16th Annual Linda's Walk will be taking place on Saturday,
27 September 2025 at St. Bonaventure Church. See page 3 in the
website bulletin for more details, and call: 416-447-5571.

Stewardship Sunday 21 September

The goal of stewardship is to increase the engagement of everyone
in the life of the parish, so that we are all involved in the myriad of
ways to serve others. Cardinal Thomas Collins wrote:

*"Stewardship is undeniably fruitful. Where, over time, more and
more parishioners become engaged in sharing their time, talent,
and treasure to the work of the Gospel, the Church flourishes."*

Altar Servers

ANNUAL AWARDS MASS

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, 18 October

The annual **Altar Server Awards Mass**
will be celebrated at 10.00 am on

Saturday, 18 October at:

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, Scarborough.



LIFE CHAIN † 5 October, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer
on: **Sunday, 5 October, 2 - 3 pm.** Our assembly locations are:

**Danforth Avenue & Victoria Park Avenue,
or Lawrence Avenue & Birchmount Road**

Sunday School

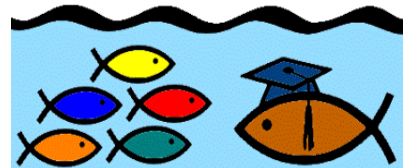
10.30 am Mass

New Parishioners may be
interested to know that St.
Maria Goretti Parish has a

Sunday School for Kids during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great
service for children who have not yet made their First
Communion, and it gives the parents a chance to listen to the
Scriptures and homily.

Kids who want to join the Sunday School should be in the Church
before Mass. When Mass begins, they will be called to come up in
front of the Altar with their teachers for the Priest's blessing.
Afterwards, they will be led to their room for the Sunday School.

For more details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Dominic Galea and Brittany Spicer

20 September, St. Boniface

Glenn Sandrasagra and Rebecca Gnanasingam

6 October, St. Mary, Brampton



Message of Cardinal Leo on Stewardship Sunday, 21 Sept.

Praised be Jesus Christ.

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, today we celebrate *Stewardship Sunday* across the Archdiocese of Toronto. I welcome this opportunity to speak with you briefly about a very important aspect of our lives as Christians, about how we express our faith both individually and as a Church and how we live our convictions and serve in a world that does not always understand what it means to be loved by God and to be actively pursuing his purpose in our lives, fulfilling his saving plan.



When we see our life of faith as an organic growth in Christlikeness trying to imitate him, to think and speak as Christ would, love like Christ, serve like Christ – then we are true stewards of his mysteries, living Christian stewardship in its most sublime and fullest meaning. It can be as simple as inviting someone to Sunday Mass or volunteering to car pool, spending time in a perpetual adoration chapel, organizing parish bake sale, visiting the elderly or the ill, praying the rosary for an end to war, standing-up for the voiceless, bringing the Eucharist to a shut-in

Stewardship therefore emerges as a divine and human endeavour, a means of sanctification and of glorifying God, when we contribute prayer and encouragement, hope and charity, daily labours and long-term vision to building Christ's Kingdom in our midst. Self-sacrifice is part of the equation but it is not the final goal. It ought to lead to a serene gift of our lives for the Lord and for others.

And so, I thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your time and attention. As we celebrate our Eucharistic and Risen Lord Jesus, today, the Lord's Day, Stewardship Sunday, I encourage and invite you to give some extra thought this week to how exactly are we growing in love, virtue and service and how ready are we to go beyond the necessary sacrifices to be made, seeking even more importantly to find ways to give of ourselves, self-gift, which is much deeper, holier and truly the way Christ himself lived his earthly mission to save us.

Praised be Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Francis Leo

Linda's Walk 2025 27 September

The 16th Annual *Linda's Walk* will take place on Saturday, 27 September 2025 at St. Bonaventure Church.

Linda's Walk raises funds for ST. CLARE INN, a transitional home for homeless women between the ages of 30-60 who are struggling with a diagnosed mental health issue.

Linda's story begins where it ends, on the North York streets that became her home after the unrelenting voices in her head (the product of her paranoid schizophrenia) would not let her rest. Linda, aged 40, found herself alone, with only her 'voices' for company. She spent her nights sleeping in various bus shelters and gas stations in the streets from Lawrence to York Mills, and from Don Mills to Yonge St. Often she slept on 'her' bench at the corner of Leslie and Lawrence near St. Bonaventure Church.

The bench was eventually removed one winter, and Linda went to a new resting place in the washroom of a gas station at Yonge and York Mills. She died there of a heart attack in the morning of 28 September. Her only belongings were the purple track suit and a sleeping bag and coat. Around her neck she wore a string of 'keys.' Perhaps they represent the mysteries of her life which now remain locked.

Linda came from a family of 12 siblings and had three daughters of her own. She was often known as Connie or Shane or simply the "Bag Lady." Early photos and family memories show a happy woman with a love for life.

Linda's early years as a joyful and loving mother changed dramatically to unhappiness as she began to hear 'voices' talking to her. Her family and social workers tried to help.

Linda's unfortunate death gave birth to the creation of St. Clare Inn; a transitional home for women with mental health issues, a place that gives women like Linda an alternative to living on the street, and where they can rebuild their lives.

Our Inspiration



Linda's bench

Message on the Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel

29 September 2025

His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo,
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you on the occasion of the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel which the Church celebrates on 29 September, and who is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto. St. Michael reminds us that our Christian life is not adrift, happenstance, or a series of accidents, but a vocation. Living the life of a disciple is characterized by a call to stand with God in truth, charity, and justice. During this Jubilee Year, set by the Church as a time of renewal, reconciliation, and hope, our celebration takes on an added dimension, resetting our gaze on the ultimate horizon: God's faithful love and the bright promise of immortality. As "Defender of the Church," St. Michael reminds us that our hope is not naïve optimism, but the theological virtue (CCC, 1817-1821) that steadies us amid conflict and distress (cf. Dan 12:1).

As many know, St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, anchored in the heart of the city, is named after the Archangel. Our feast recalls that the archdiocese's very identity is stamped by the ministry of St. Michael: to worship God, resist evil, protect the vulnerable, and serve the common good (cf. Pope Francis, Address, 5 July 2013). When faced with a worldview that is myopically focused on the passing things of this world, a lost sense of sin, and promotion of harmful individualism, St. Michael's patronage encourages us to be discerning, forward looking, and all-encompassing by recalling the primacy of God and placing our trust in God alone (cf. Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Feast of the Archangels, 29 Sept 2007).

The name "Michael" comes from the Hebrew and means "*Who is like God,*" or in Latin, "*Quis ut Deus.*" It is traditionally associated with the Archangel's battle-cry and victory over Satan and as such stands as a question that humbles power and purifies misplaced zeal when taken seriously. It can serve to shape civic imaginations, and caution leaders, citizens, and disciples alike that no ideology can save, and no economic plan can heal the deepest wound of the human heart (cf. St. Gregory the Great, Homily 34). Only the living God, adored in the Eucharist, encountered in the poor, and proclaimed with expectant joy, can do that.

This is the primacy of God proclaimed by St. Michael that bids us to go to hospitals, shelters, construction sites and all places of work and leisure with a renewed vocation: to share the truth, to act justly, and to keep hope alive.

In this Jubilee Holy Year, we are guided to engage in pilgrimages, in the Sacrament of Confession, and works of mercy, charity and justice. The feast of St. Michael is a natural waypoint for all three. Pilgrimage is not merely a physical trip, but a journey of the heart that involves conversion and confidence in God (*Spes non Confundit*, 5). The very name "Michael" calls for this conversion, purification and confidence. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not mere moral bookkeeping or airing of dirty laundry, but a restoration of baptismal grace and recommitment of self. Again, it is the same clarity of vision and recommitment, the very light of Christ given at baptism that St. Michael bears against the "father of lies." Finally, one of the 4 principal roles of St. Michael is to protect and defend God's people. Our spiritual and temporal works of mercy (feeding, visiting, welcoming) are how we "push back" the darkness in the city we love. (cf. *Spes non Confundit*, 7-15).

My dear brothers and sisters, the upcoming Feast of St. Michael anchors our spiritual warfare of everyday living and fidelity. Nevertheless, our beloved patron is not a mascot for aggression but a model of adoration and service. In this Jubilee, may St. Michael teach us to choose praise over complaint, intercession over cynicism, and solidarity over isolation. Included with this letter is the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel. I would like to renew my invitation once again this year to join me in praying the Novena to St. Michael for authentic renewal of our Catholic institutions, parishes, schools and universities, healthcare and social agencies. The Novena to St. Michael begins on 20 September and ends on 28 September. Under his patronage, may the Archdiocese of Toronto grow as a city on a hill - where the beauty of the Gospel is proclaimed, the sacraments are celebrated, the poor are cherished, and hope rings out above the noise.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.





White House Rose Garden (*Before & After*)

I USED TO THINK
I COULDN'T SERVE
BOTH GOD AND
MAMMON, AND THEN
I DISCOVERED
MULTITASKING!





Never Forgotten.
A colourful figure in Kensington Market for many years.
Jason Relunia

Musician, artist, fire performer, wise, warm and gentle hearted,
Jason passed away from Lukemia, July 31, 2025.
For folks who had experienced the **Joy of Jason** please share memories or photos:
jasonrelunia.friends@gmail.com

