



Parish Week

Sunday, 29 September 2019

Saturday, 28 Sept. / St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Audrey)
 10.00 am 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Saturday Classes
 begin for students from schools outside our Parish
 5.00 pm Mass: † Alberto Dacany (Rosalina)

SUNDAY, 29 SEPT. / ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *Maintenance Collection*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Valerie Gibson (Daphne)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Mike D'Mello (friends)
 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
 12.00 am Mass: † Amadeo Sr. & Clara Cruz (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 30 Sept. / St. Jerome, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Emma DeCicco)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Ron Forrester (Debbie)

Tues., 1 Oct. / St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Segundo DeSilva (family)
 7.00 pm ► Feastday Mass, St. Thérèse Church,
 Shrine of the Little Flower

Wednesday, 2 Oct. / The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eileen Marie Power
 (St. Maria Goretti School Staff)

Thursday, 3 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Amanda & Stephen Gomes (Margaret)

Friday, 4 Oct. / St. Francis of Assisi

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francisco Lagundi (Susan & Ur Buyser)
 6.00 pm Holy Hour
 7.00 pm Mass: † Corrado Vindigni (Carmello & family)

Saturday, 5 Oct.

- 7.00 am 2.000 Hail Mary Devotion begins (to 4.30 pm)*
 8.00 am Mass: † For the unborn (Audrey)
 4.00 pm Blessing of Animals
 5.00 pm Mass: † Reginald Mendonca (family)

SUNDAY, 6 OCT. / 27-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Sunday*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lim Teng Chay & Sy Eng Chon (family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Mac & Fe Matubis (Greg)
 12.00 am Mass: Int. Joshua Go (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

Daniel 7.9-14; Revelation 12.7-12; John 1.47-51

O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. Amen..

Pray for the Deceased

Esterlita Hernandez

Issa Sabat

Donald & Herminio Reyes

Pastor Jarrid Wilson

The 101 victims of the recent Jihadist attack in Hama, Syria

First Friday Holy Hour

Each First Friday, there is a *Holy Hour* at 6.00 pm, followed by the celebration of Mass at 7.00 pm.

The *Holy Hour* includes Exposition, the Litany of the Sacred Heart, the Rosary, and Benediction.

For private use any time, the personal *Holy Hour* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.



Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 29 September

This Sunday is the Feast of *St. Michael the Archangel*, the patron of our Archdiocese; it takes precedence over the sequential Ordinary Time Sunday (26th Sunday). The correct Readings are:

1st Reading **Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14**

Psalm 138 *Response:* In the sight of the angels,
 I will sing your praises, Lord

2nd Reading **Revelation 12.7-12**

Gospel **John 1.47-51**

See the website bulletin for the texts of today's Readings.

Feast of St. Thérèse 1 October

The Feastday of our neighbouring Parish, *St. Therese Shrine*, will be held Tuesday, 1 October. See the website bulletin for details.

Blessing of Animals 5 October, 4.00 pm

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, the *Blessing of Animals* will be celebrated at 4 pm on Saturday, 5 October, in front of the main entrance. You are welcome to bring beloved pets for this blessing.

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| 7 Oct. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 9 Oct. | St. Maria Goretti School Mass (Thanksgiving) (8:45 am) |
| 10 Oct. | Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass (9:00 am) |
| 14 Oct. | THANKSGIVING |
| 15 Oct. | ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am) |

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

* For more details on the 2,000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION and other activities, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion:

start 28 September

Preparation will begin on 28 September for the Sacraments of *Reconciliation* and *First Holy Communion* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 2.

For further information, call the facilitator directly:

Fr. Elias, 416-261-0076.

Confirmation: start 12 October

Preparation will begin on 12 October for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 7.

For further information, call the facilitator directly:

Mr. Mukesh Kapadia, 416-759-0882.

**Note:* Students in Catholic Schools receive Confirmation preparation in Grade 7.

Sunday School 10.30 am Mass

New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to focus and listen to the Scriptures and homily.

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Christopher Leadership 6 October

The next *Christopher Leadership* classes begin 6 October 2019 at: St. Theresa Shrine, 2559 Kingston Rd., Sundays, 6-9 pm.

To register, call: 416-410-7776; Email: clctorontoeast@gmail.com
Register online at <http://clctorontoeast.com>.

Bishop Michael Power 1 October

Bishop Michael Power

(17 October 1804 –

1 October 1847) was the first

Bishop of Toronto, after the diocese was established on

17 December 1841. More than 90,000 poor Irish refugees landed at Quebec in 1847 to escape the Great Famine. Typhus was rife among them and spread among Canadian towns, including Toronto. Power contracted the disease while visiting some of the victims and died on 1 Oct. 1847. He was 42 years old. His remains are buried in a crypt beneath St. Michael Cathedral.



Relics of St. Brother André 8 October

On 8 October 2019, from 6-9 pm, the Relics of **St. Brother André** of St. Joseph Oratory, will be at St. Lawrence Church: 2210 Lawrence Avenue East; Phone: (416) 759-9359.

Life Chain

6 October, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer on: *Sunday, 6 October, 2 - 3 pm*. Our assembly locations are:

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

Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church, born again through water and the Spirit as brothers and sisters of Jesus:

September 7

Dante Miliano Alfarero

Alexis Joedie Bacani

Yzabelle Eleana Soriano

September 8

Best Osedebamhen Anthony

Stephen Andre Gaspar

Olivia Elizabeth Kot

Larissa Kate Castro Lamando

Lorenzo Alexander Martin

Akeel Jacob Needham

Amiya Valentine Sundararajah

September 14

Emma Liyanna Awas

September 21

Ezariah Esau Max Bassargah

Kianna Imani

Aiden Kyle Mariano

Alliyah Blossom Navarro

Reanne Kaylee Espinoza Tacsuan

Mass Intentions Requests for 2020

The Mass Intention book for 2020 is now open. The parish office will accept requests for intentions after any Sunday Mass and during weekday office hours.

Altar Servers

ANNUAL AWARDS MASS

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, 19 October

The annual **Altar Server Awards Mass**

will be celebrated at 10.00 am on

Saturday, 19 October at ST. JOSEPH

CHURCH, 200 Morrish Road, Highland Creek.

Phone: (416) 282-0370.



FALL TRAINING SERIES

Resumes Saturday, 26 October, 9-10.30 am

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will resume at 9.00 am on Saturday, 26 October. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.



Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

29 September

The Readings for the Feast of St. Michael

1st Reading **Daniel** 7.9-10, 13-14

Psalm 138 *Response:* In the sight of the angels,
I will sing your praises, Lord.

2nd Reading **Revelation** 12.7-12

Gospel **John** 1.47-51

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 124

R: In the sight of the angels,
I will sing your praises, Lord

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us. **R.**

Then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone
the raging waters; **R.**

The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth. **R.**

Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

⁷ War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

The Word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. **R:** Alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you angels,
You ministers who do God's will. **R:** Alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Archangels

On 29 September, the Church celebrates the feast of the **Archangels**. Angels are purely incorporeal, rational beings, extensions of God himself, personifying His grace, majesty and intellect. Each individual angel is its own species within the genus "angel". Archangels have important roles in the history of salvation. There is no doubt that the archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael — the only angels named in Sacred Scripture, have been instrumental in advancing God's divine plan, both in heaven and on earth.

St. Michael, the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," is second only to the **Mother of God** in leading the angels. His name in Hebrew means "*Who is like God?*" It was Michael who commanded heaven's forces in casting down Lucifer and the fallen angels into hell. In 1886, after receiving a prophetic vision of the evil to be visited upon the world in the 20th century, **Pope Leo XIII** instituted a prayer invoking St. Michael's protection. Scripture mentions him four times (Daniel 10.13-21 and 12.1; Jude 1.9; Revelation 12.7-9).

The Church recognizes four distinct offices of St. Michael:

1) To oppose Satan; 2) Defend the souls of the faithful against the power of Satan, especially at the hour of death; 3) Champion God's people; 4) Accompany souls to their particular judgment, bring them to purgatory, and present them to God after their cleansing, before entering heaven.

A ShareLife Thank You

A letter from **Arthur Peters**, director, *ShareLife*

Dear Fr. Edwin,

Thanks to you and your parish community for that you are doing for *ShareLife*. Thank you and all the St Maria Goretti parish community for exceeding your 2018 Campaign achievement we are grateful.

Each year thousands of people across the Archdiocese and countless more around the world, turn to *ShareLife* funded agency for help. It is the generosity of our Parishioners in large part that makes their prayers and effort possible.

Thank you again for all that you and your parish community are doing for *ShareLife*.

Federal Election 21 October

To help the faithful in preparing for the upcoming Federal Election on 21 October, the Archdiocese of Toronto has produced 7 one-page, double-sided FACT SHEETS covering the following topics:

Poverty, Life Issues (Abortion, Euthanasia, Palliative Care), Respectful Political Discourse, Immigration / Refugees, Environment, Christian Persecution and Indigenous Issues.

These resources can be found by visiting:

www.archtoronto.org/election

The Archdiocese is sponsoring a federal election debate at the John Bassett Theatre in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Thursday, 3 October. The tickets to the actual site are sold out, but four archdiocesan parishes are opening their halls for live viewing parties in Brampton, North York, Barrie and Oshawa. The location nearest to St. Maria Goretti Church is the North York site: ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, at 75 Churchill Avenue. By car: a 3 km. drive up Yonge Street, North of the 401; by TTC: a short walk from North York Centre Station. Space is limited; if you wish to attend, call the parish for details on registering: 416-221-9131.

Our Guardian Angels 2 October

Our Lord says in the Gospel,

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven." (*Matthew 18.8*).

The existence of Guardian Angels is therefore a dogma of the Christian faith; their feast is on 2 October. This being so, we ought to respect that sure and holy intelligence that is ever present at our side; and how great our solicitude be, lest, by any act of ours, we offend those eyes which are bent upon us in all our ways!



St. Theresa's Church - Scarborough, Ont.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Feastday: 1 October

Join the parishioners of St. Theresa Shrine Parish in celebrating their Feastday on Tuesday, 1 October 2019.

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, including devotions appropriate to the occasion, in honour of St. Thérèse.



At the age of 14, on Christmas Eve in 1886, Thérèse had a conversion that transformed her life. From then on, her powerful energy and sensitive spirit were turned toward love, instead of keeping herself happy. At 15,

she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God.

She took the religious name *Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face*. Living a simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God. Through sickness and dark nights of doubt, she remained faithful to God, rooted in His merciful love. After a struggle with tuberculosis, she died on 30 September 1897, at the age of 24. Her last words were the story of her life: "My God, I love You!"

The world came to know Thérèse through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul." She spoke of her life as a "little way of spiritual childhood." She lived each day with an unshakable confidence in God's love. "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Therese lived and taught a spirituality of attending to everyone and everything well and with love. Therese's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love.

The message of St. Thérèse is beautiful, inspiring, and simple. Please visit the areas in this section of the Web site to learn more about this wonderful Saint.

2,000 Hail Mary Devotion

Join us: Saturday, 5 October

Join the devotees of the 2,000 Hail Mary Devotion in a Day of Prayer and Renewal on Saturday, 5 October in our Church.

Begin at 7.00 am. Pause to attend Mass at 8.00 am, and then continue to approx. 4.30 pm. Refreshments will be available.

The 2,000 Hail Mary Devotion was started by two Salesian seminarians, **Daniel Ara** and **Juan Riu** in Barcelona, Spain on 25 March 1933 during the Feast of the Annunciation. There is a pious belief assuring Any Grace will be granted. With great devotion in his heart and mind Juan Riu recited the 2,000 Hail Marys, asking Our Lady Three Graces:

to become a Salesian, a priest and a missionary.

He waited trustfully that Our Lady would fulfill her promise.

On 27 July 1935 he made his vows as a Salesian. Then on 15 June 1946 he was ordained as a Priest. On 30 August 1952 he landed in the poorest slum of San Juan, Puerto Rico, as a missionary. After 12 years he went on to Ecuador, and then Santa Ana, California.

During Monsignor Juan Riu's 50 years as a Priest he promoted the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion with great success, with the blessing of his Bishop, Pedro Gabrielli Zen, Bishop of Macas, Ecuador.

On November 5, 1996 Mgrs. Juan Riu left this world.

The Prayer Of The Two Thousand Hail Marys

Our Father

Each Petition Is Requested After One Hundred Hail Marys Are Prayed.

After The *Two Thousand Hail Marys* Are Prayed And The 20 Requests Are Stated, Pray The *Glory Be To The Father...*

PETITION # 1. Bless Us With The Grace Of Prayer. It is our dialogue and communion with God. Teach us how to cultivate and experience the power of prayer in ourselves. Give us the grace to pray in every opportunity we have and uplift every task that we do as a prayer which we offer to Jesus. Let us remember what our Mother Mary said, "that God has chosen to use us in His great plan of salvation of mankind".

PETITION #2. WE pray for Peace. Let peace begin within us and from us, so that we, in turn, may spread peace in the world to all mankind. Heal us of our faults and weaknesses and let us realize that if we want to be cleansed and be healed, we must first have total forgiveness and love in our hearts.

PETITION # 3. We pray for the Conversion Of Sinners, the unbelievers, and for all the spiritually poor, so that they will be filled with the love of God. Let men turn against sin and against the enemy. Give the grace of going back to Jesus by touching the hearts of sinners.

PETITION # 4. We pray for the prevention of Abortion. Dear God, let this horrible crime stop. Let All who contemplate on abortion fully understand that the unborn child is a Human Being who has a SOUL, and killing the unborn is a grievous, mortal offense against God, the Creator of Life.

PETITION # 5. We pray for those who are in Any Form Of Addiction that disrupts family relationships, those addicted in alcohol and drugs, those addicted in the flesh, or addicted in any kind of vice. Touch them, O Mother Mary, and free them from the snares of Satan who now envelop them.

PETITION # 6. We pray for the grace to know and appreciate the importance and value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and pray for an increased frequency in the reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. May every prayer and spiritual work we do lead us to the Holy Mass.

PETITION #7. We pray for more vocations. Please put into the hearts of young people the awareness of service to God through the increase in vocations. Let parents encourage their children and give them an upbringing filled with an awareness of their blessed state in life.

PETITION # 8. Teach us the daily reading of the holy bible and spiritual books because God Himself talks to us when we read the scripture of His life, His teachings and His holy words in the Bible.

PETITION # 9. We pray for Pope John Paul II, the visible representative of Christ in the Church and the 266th successor of Peter.

PETITION # 10. We pray for the increase of Prayer Groups And Cenacles. May we have the grace to live the messages of Our Mother Mary in our hearts, that we may give examples by living them in our daily live, so that we may in turn work and inspire the formation of more prayer groups. Bless and protect the prayer groups and cenacles from disunity and discord but rather bestow upon them your special graces – in love and unity. Amen.



[Above:] **JASON ANTHONY DURNIN** receives the Sacrament of Baptism, in the presence of Zio **Matthew** and Zia **Lia**, parents **Katharine** and **Tyler**, and sister **Adalynn**.

[Right:] **Jason**, sister **Adalynn** and Nonno **Luciano Berardinetti** welcome the newest member of their family: **DANIEL ANTONIO MURDOCH**, born 26 July 2019, the son of **Amanda** and **Daniel**.

