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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance
Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Angelina Rotundo

Requested by the Paglialunga Family

Wednesday, October 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Eamon Ferguson

Requested by Margaret and Art McManus

Thursday, October 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Basil Trace

Requested by Eva Trace

Friday, October 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Fernando Filippi

Requested by the Family

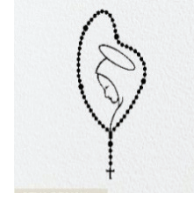


EcoAnselm

OCTOBER 4th is the FEAST DAY of SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, patron saint of ecology, pets and all animals. "Praise God For All His Creatures" was the message proclaimed by St. Francis through his life, canticles and actions. Intentionally released on Oct. 04, 2023, *Laudate Deum*, challenges each one of us to make the "necessary government, corporate, ecclesial, and individual changes required to save the earth, the vulnerable, and future generations from catastrophic ruin". *The Holy See Francis Apostolic Exhortation* <https://catholicoutlook.org/pope-francis-urgent-plea-on-behalf-of-planet-earth/>

Throughout October, **THE HOLY ROSARY** is a special focus. **MONDAY, OCT. 07th** is the feast of **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**. EcoAnselm invites you to pray the full rosary, one decade, or one Hail Mary - as you are able on this day - for **PEACE, JUSTICE and CARE OF CREATION**. Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), includes the **RIGHT TO FOOD** and yet "one in eight **CANADIAN households (2024)** struggles to put food on the table." cwp-csp.ca/poverty/human-rights-violation/the-right-to-food/ Kindly support this weekend's **GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD DRIVE**. Information is posted in the lobby.

Rosary Apostolate



Tuesday, October 7th is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Rosary is a very powerful prayer that invites us to reflect on the mysteries of God's love revealed through Jesus, His mother Mary and the life of the early Christian community. In times of stress and anxiety, this simple prayer brings us into God's presence and allows us to share in His peace.

When we pray the Rosary, let us pray that God's desires for His people will be realized.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11AM

Children currently in JK, SK and Grade 1 are welcome to join in our weekly program. No registration is required. While elevator construction continues, the group will meet at the top of the stairs leading down to the parish hall.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Applications for 2026 are now being considered for boys Grade 7-12. Open House evenings will be held October 16 and 21 beginning at 7:00pm. Please register at applySMCS.com

ALL ARE WELCOME – MARSHALL MCLUHAN OPEN HOUSE

 Wednesday, October 8, 2025

□ 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

📍 1107 Avenue Road

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Those who attended the meeting on October 1st and would like to register for parish preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation are reminded that the completed form, along with a copy of their baptism certificate and fee for materials, must be returned together to Fr. Tom at Mass by October 12th.

GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to help the Good Shepherd Refuge stock their pantry ahead of the cold winter months. Necessary items include: pasta, rice, dried/canned beans, canned tuna/chicken, canned vegetables and tea bags/coffee.

Please drop off your donations in the bin in the Millwood lobby. Thank you for supporting the Good Shepherd!

INDIGENOUS HEALING AND RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 70% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$3.1 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation.

The collection this weekend provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - thank you for your generosity!


111th World Day of Migrants & Refugees- October 5

For the 111th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, the theme announced by His Holiness is "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope." In his message, Pope Leo highlights the resilience of migrants and refugees who give witness to hope amidst very difficult circumstances. He reminds us that those who welcome migrants and refugees can also reflect this same hope. His message ends with a call to entrust all those who journey, and all those accompany them to the protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants.

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED



When a child makes a wish while blowing the fluff of a dandelion gone to seed, whatever her dreams may be, her father is secretly hoping that the seeds don't take root in his lawn. Those miniature seeds, like little children, are amazing bundles of vitality just waiting to flourish. Their tenacious sprouts are a living exhibition of creation's urgency for growth. When he was a kid, Jesus must have enjoyed watching the proliferation of the wild mustard plants that invaded his neighbours' fields. No more cherished than dandelions, they're notable because they grow like crazy, respecting no boundaries, surviving weather's adverse attacks, and impudently making their presence known where farmers want to see only well-cultivated, purposeful plants. That's Jesus' image for faith. Today's Gospel gives us a curious combination of images. Although it sounds so obvious that it should go without saying, as we listen to these sayings we should make ourselves keenly aware that Jesus came up with examples like this because he really believed in the message he was

preaching. He was absolutely convinced that the power of God's love was like a seed that, given the right conditions, would change the world. But he also knew that it doesn't happen overnight. This may be the point of apparent non sequitur in today's Gospel in which, after talking about the seed, Jesus suggests that when tired field hands get home, they should clean up and start to wait on tables. In other parables, Jesus promised that he would receive his missionaries like a master who puts on an apron and serves them. At the Last Supper, he went to the extreme of performing a living parable about God's infinite self-giving by taking the role of a slave and washing his disciples' feet. Now, he looks at his impatient disciples and says, "When you finish plowing or shepherding, don't think your work is done. In fact, all those activities were just the prelude." Before we protest that Catholic social teaching calls for decent working conditions, we should pay careful attention to the examples Jesus chose. He was talking to servants who had been plowing (as in sowing the word) or caring for the sheep (as pastors). Their arrival home was the time not to end their work, but to bring it as an offering to the table.

In effect, Jesus was saying, "Once you have evangelized in word and deed, it's time to bring it all to completion at the table of communion." After all, isn't that what he did? He spent years healing and teaching and when he knew the end was near, he celebrated a final meal that symbolized everything that had already happened and was about to be fulfilled. Reading today's Gospel in this way illuminates Jesus' theology of ministry and sacrament. Moments of service in the field lead us to the table and vice versa. Christians at the table - whether at the altar, at the lectern or in the pews - are never there to be served, but to serve. Our participation at the table, our Eucharist, is a summary and a launching pad. Vatican II called it the Source and Summit of our Christian life. Here, we symbolically celebrate and are nourished for all that we are called to do in our daily discipleship. In today's opening prayer, we ask God, whose gifts never fail, to stir up our faith so that its power becomes visible in our lives. In these autumn days, let us remember that God's grace is like the mustard seed - yearning to sprout anew in us and our world. Jesus believed it - so can we.

For a deepening ability to hear the Word of God so that our minds and hearts may recognize the Word of God spoken to us in the Scriptures, through our relationships and in the events of our lives... We pray...

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.

You may enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting <https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org> and clicking on "Donate" to support the parish offertory fund on a regular basis, even when you can't attend in-person.

Boxed donation envelopes are also available upon request. Thank you for your support.

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