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Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday: 7:00 pm ♦ Wednesday to Friday: 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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- ♦ Baptism; Two months in advance
- ♦ Marriage; Registered parishioners at least one year in advance
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in the autumn
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The One Who Reveals All Things

"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." (Ps. 90:1)

In the past couple of years, there has been a surprising resurgence of people either entering the Catholic Church or returning to their Catholic faith, especially among young people and particularly young men. No one in the Church really saw this coming, though there are many obvious reasons, including that many people are not buying what the world is selling, particularly in answer to the fundamental question, "Why am I here?" For people of faith, Jesus has been the answer and our home. He is the only one who makes sense and appeals to our reason. Ours is not a religion that tells us we will never really be able to know God, save for our personal choice to simply believe in him as if doing so were merely an act of the will. The scriptures are clear that the God of Jesus Christ is the only God; therefore, the only choice when it comes to being known, loved and cared for personally and universally. "I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god." (Is. 45:5) Yet our relationship with God is not merely one by which we are on the receiving end but about our move toward, our response to the revelation of God and our living in relationship with Him now, today, not only in the future.

Revelation

Often religion is portrayed as a relationship that goes from man to God, as if the idea of God is of human origin? The Bible makes it clear that God, who is outside of space and time, has revealed Himself to us in space and time. And God, in the fullness of time, has revealed Himself in a personal way – "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". (Jn. 1:14) God did the most humiliating thing God could do in the mystery of the Incarnation, and that was in becoming one of us, "a man like us in all things but sin". In identifying Himself as one of us, we could relate to Him. In fact, that was so often the difficulty that we had in believing Jesus was God. We mistook Him for a mere human. "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (Matt. 13:55) God revealed Himself in Jesus so that He could be known. To know the Lord is to have heard the invitation and responded with faith whereby we come to know the Lord. This knowledge leads us to say and live according to the fact that God is real! The apostles touched Jesus. We touch Jesus in the Eucharist. The apostles walked with Christ, and so do we.

Personal Relationship

It wasn't common for Catholics, at least when I was growing up, to speak of a 'personal relationship with Christ'. That was more evangelical or Protestant, but not the language of Catholics. Many a Catholic was thrown off by the well-intentioned, if not a bit condescending, question, "Do you believe in Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour?" It was always a bit off-putting as the faith you practiced, which saw you at Mass every Sunday, led you to receive the Sacraments in a faith and Church that was 2000 years old, and had touched your very being through this universal Church, was missing a component of experience and knowledge. Yet, even if we didn't have the language we certainly had the experience as we ate the Bread of Angels at every Mass, knew what it was to know God's



sacramentally real forgiveness and lived according to all that God had revealed from the beginning of all things. We need both a faith that brings us together in a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, and one that traces its very beginning to the founding of the Church on Peter, the Rock. And we are meant to experience the presence of Christ in our lives.

Response to God

If God has revealed Himself to us, what are we to do with the revelation? The Church did the same at the beginning: respond. In the information age, we have abundant, incredible resources at our fingertips to have our questions addressed and answered in a Church that has met these same questions from the beginning. While we must be careful that the sources we use speak with the Church's authoritative voice, there is no end to what we can find in Christ in our search for meaning, truth, and purpose. This response, I believe, is what we are experiencing as a wave of people are looking not only at Christ and Christianity, but Catholicism itself. Catholicism appeals to all of the senses in that the experience of the Mass encompasses them all.

This 'experience' became real for me when I was but six years old when our grade 1 teacher, Sr. Mary Jacqueline, asked our class the oft-asked question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" My peers answered with a policeman, a fireman, an astronaut, a nurse, a doctor, etc. I raised my hand and said, "I would like to be a priest." Expecting approval from my teacher and the class, I was suddenly made aware that what I had just uttered didn't only come from within me but also from without. My heart began to pound in my little chest, and I had an experience like I was being filled with cotton candy. I didn't understand this at the time, but I know that it was the Holy Spirit confirming that what I had spoken was God's will and call for my life, way back when I was only a young child.

God calls all of us through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. It is an exclusive call in that Christ makes it plain that He alone is God and there is no other. (Is. 45:5a) We don't choose from among gods, but God chooses us. Seek. Ask. Search. Find. Respond. Know the Lord.

Fr. Charles

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, September 6

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Laura & Frank McKee

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, September 9

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, September 10

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Friday, September 11

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Aug 2	\$ 4,252	\$ 4,518	↓\$ 267
Aug 9	\$ 3,478	\$ 3,845	↓\$ 367
Aug 16*	\$ 6,655	\$ 6,459	↑\$ 196
Aug 23	\$ 2,288	\$ 1,722	↑\$ 566
Aug 30	\$ 3,670	\$ 4,104	↓\$ 434
Mth Totals	\$ 20,342	\$ 20,649	↓\$ 307

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **September 27** - Needs of the Canadian Church
- **October 4** - Preservation Fund

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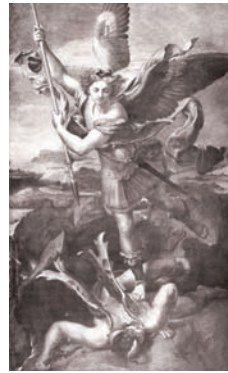


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Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel



Beginning September 18, in the lead up to the Solemnity of Saint Michael, patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on September 29, Archbishop Leo has invited the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese to join in offering a Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel. A novena is an ancient style of prayer that is carried out consistently over a nine day period for a particular intention, in this case Saint Michael. Copies of the Novena can be found in the pews and will be prayed at Masses from September 18 to the 26. Archbishop Leo's letter regarding the Solemnity of St. Michael, as well as more information on novenas in general, are available near the church entrances.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:

Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of September 27 and 28. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

Labour Day Office Closure

The parish office will be closed for Labour Day Weekend from September 3rd to 9th

Have a wonderful and safe Summer!



New Weekday Mass Times!

Effective August 4, weekday Mass times have changed. Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM** and **Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 AM**. Any previously scheduled Mass intentions have been transferred to the new times. Weekend Mass times remain unchanged.

Get Involved!

We are inviting parishioners to consider getting involved in different parish ministries. The parish depends on and is grateful for the support of our parishioners through their time and talents. Please consider volunteering for one or more of our ministries, such as Ushers / Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers for Sick and Shut-ins, Altar Servers and Counters. If interested please contact the parish office. Training will be available.



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