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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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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office for more information on preparing for and receiving a Sacrament at St. Paul's Basilica.

- ♦ 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;
Please call during office hours

DONATION OPTIONS

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

Our Cardinal Archbishop, Francis Leo, has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese to participate in 9-days of prayer prior to the Feastday of St. Michael on Sunday, September 27, which means we begin our novena of nine days of prayer on Friday, September 18. As a parish we will pray the novena prayer (found in the pews) at the end of weekday and Sunday Masses. (You are kindly asked to leave the copies of the prayer in the pews for this purpose.)

The following is the letter from Cardinal Leo about this novena and St. Michael.

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 (**Friday, September 18 to Saturday, 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.

❖ NOTEWORTHY



Upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 19 until to October 11, 2026

Beginning next weekend, September 19 until October 11, the parish will be collecting non-perishable food on behalf of the Good Shepherd, who help provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Most needed are canned foods such as tuna, tomatoes, tomato sauce,

beans, soups and vegetables. Dry goods needed include cereal, granola bars, bagged rice, condiments, tea and coffee. Boxes for food will be available at the front of the church through thanksgiving weekend. You can also donate financially by visiting goodshepherd.ca/donate.

September 13, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12

4:30 pm ♦ † Sr. Eileen Power, CND

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Sr. Eileen Power, CND

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 pm ♦ † Tom Stuckey

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 am ♦ † Bernice Lorraine Sterling

Thursday, September 17

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Friday, September 18

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Sep 6	\$ 4,326	\$ 4,950	↓\$ 624
Sep 13		\$ 3,458	
Sep 20*		\$ 6,194	
Sep 27		\$ 3,446	
Mth Totals	\$ 4,326	\$ 18,048	↓\$ 13,722

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

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

Thank you for supporting our parish!



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TipTap: Tap your card against an amount on the device at the back of the church to make a donation. For a year-end tax receipt, register your physical card by scanning the QR code beside the TipTap device.



Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Heavenly and Almighty Father, God of mercy and compassion, we give you thanks and praise for all your kindness and blessings which you bestow upon us, your beloved children, and for the opportunities of spiritual renewal which you provide out of the abundance of your unfailing love and graciousness.

As we honour the glorious Archangel St. Michael, whose zeal for your almighty power obtains for us your own loving protection, in the name of Christ our Saviour and Brother and through your Holy Spirit, guide our steps along the path of holiness of life, and guard our thoughts as we journey through this life to our heavenly homeland. Confident of the powerful intercession of our patron saint St. Michael, we now ask for this grace (say your intention).

Inspire in us the same humility and thirst for justice and holiness which animated your great servant and angelic messenger. May our lives give glory to you, our families bear witness to your love and our communities of faith be filled with the grace and joys of your Kingdom. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael, filled with the wisdom of God, pray for us.

St. Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word, pray for us.

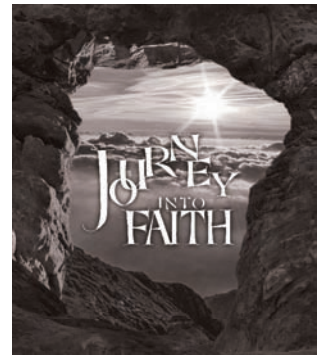
St. Michael, crowned with honour and glory, pray for us.

St. Michael, our help in all adversities, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA program welcomes non-Catholic adults curious about the Catholic faith, offering baptism or full reception for those baptized in a different Christian denomination. It also supports baptized Catholics seeking deeper faith understanding and Sacraments like Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Confirmation. Participants meet weekly for prayer, inquiry, learning about God's love and the Catechism, leading to Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Contact Fr. Charles via the parish office for more information.



Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

The Needs of the Church in Canada Collection is on September 27 & 28. This yearly initiative allows the faithful support the Bishops in guiding and caring for the Church in Canada. Please give generously. Thank you for your support and commitment.

Get Involved!

We invite parishioners to get involved in in the parish by volunteering for one or more of our ministries — 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..

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