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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass

First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

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Harden Not Your Hearts

This is my first week back from my parental leave and as I reflect on the past couple months, during the seasons of Advent and Christmas I'm amazed by God's plan and how it compared to my own expectations and hopes. How was your Advent and Christmas seasons? Did it turn out how you hoped? How is your life today? Is it how you planned it would be?

As we go about our lives, try to worship God daily, and weekly during Sunday Mass, our Catholic faith, at times can seem predictable, with a certain rhythm to it; we have specific ways of praying, worshiping and going about the "Catholic" life. This can sometimes translate to how we view and approach God. We can see God as predictable, boring and ordinary.

The Church in its wisdom tells us that's not true. Today we see in the readings God is always doing something new, something unpredictable, calling us to preparing our hearts for something greater and exciting.

In the first reading, Moses tells of a new prophet, a mouthpiece of God, speaking what God bids. St. Paul in the second reading speaks of how God is calling certain men and women in Holy Orders in a new way. In the Gospel, people respond to Jesus by saying "What's is this? A new teaching – with authority!"

We see that through history God is calling each of us in new ways, not just in different ways, but His way, His path and plan for each of us and all of us. God is the one that sees and knows all, He is the author of life and authority to empower others with His authority.

My own Advent and Christmas season was wonderful, challenging and unexpected in many ways. When I open my heart, soften it to the teachings of the Church and promptings from God, I see a new and exciting way and life; one that is unpredictable and beyond my imagination. During this season of Ordinary Time, this time of growth, what is the Church guiding us to, what is God calling us to?

I thank God for the Church, for the men and women who say "yes" to His call through Holy Orders and for this season of Ordinary Time, inviting us to see His new ways for us and to grow closer to our heavenly Father.

Reflect:

Is your heart hardened to God or open to His love? Why?

Challenge of the Week:

Pray for a softening of your heart each day.

-Alan Lee Hoy



In today's gospel we are told that Christ spoke with authority and conviction; he was never a dictator, yet because he spoke with authority and conviction, he was nailed to the cross. The effects of His preaching were staggering because he spoke from the heart with enthusiasm for the truth. As a leader Jesus had people spellbound and challenged to the core of their being by the compelling power of what he was saying. When he spoke, everyone detected a ring of truth in his every word. They sensed that somehow or other he was different; this was the word of God. Jesus speaks to us on every aspect of human life – and he does not offer what he has to say as a personal opinion, or a studied conclusion, but as rooted in reality and truth. Jesus makes it clear that he is the sole voice of God in the world, speaking the final word from God the Father. The word of God will always challenge us to the depth of our being. Today it is asking us how honest and authentic we really are as we face the problems of living the Christian message amid a questioning world. If we follow it and live it we are speaking with authority in our own right and pointing people to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Joseph Yeh
Tuesday	Souls of Maria Palleschi & Franca Verdirame
	Soul of Leo Valera
	Soul of John Gallagher
	Mass of Thanksgiving – Ana Pinto & Family
	Soul of Kevin Gallagher
Wednesday	Soul of Doris Kahnert
Thursday	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday	Mass of Thanksgiving – Carolyn Menezes

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee, Khader Khawager, Derek Hamilton, Maria DiRienza, Nolito Reyes and Ed Tan**



Join us Friday morning February 2nd at 9:30 am for Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend an hour with Jesus.

Join us for 1st Saturday Devotions February 3rd at 8:30 am as we celebrate Our Mother Mary.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

This is the last weekend the donation envelopes will be in the narthex. Please contact the office at ext. 221 to request donation envelopes or arrange for pickup of already assigned envelopes. Thank you.



Tuna Casserole Program

A gentle reminder that casseroles for Good Shepherd Centre are due this weekend. Please place your casseroles in the parish kitchen freezer for pickup on Monday, January 29th.

The hungry need our help.

Thank you.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update

On December 12, 2023, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Another recipient of funds is: **Wigwamen Terrace** located in Toronto that will receive \$475,000 over five years allowing the organization to hire additional support staff in order to provide their elderly residents with assistance with navigating technology, accessing mental health services and maintaining connections to Indigenous cultural and spiritual communities and resources

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation



The CWL & the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast **Sunday, February 4th** after all masses in the parish hall. Come together with fellow parishioners to enjoy a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausages and more for only \$6 per person or \$10 for 2 breakfasts. All are welcome so bring your family & friends.

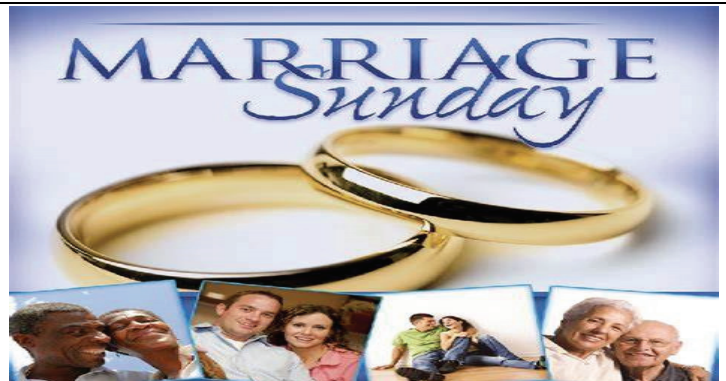
We look forward to seeing you there!

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for qualifying 2023 donations made directly to the parish are now in process and you should receive them in your mailbox on or before February 2nd.

Only donations made **directly** at the parish are included in this tax receipt.

Separate tax receipts are issued for all On-line donations and donations made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Georgina Community Food Bank.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 3:00 pm

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

65 Bond Street, Toronto

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2024** celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60+) in 2024.

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions, those wishing to attend are asked to register online. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 pm. Register at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage



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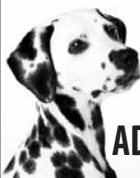
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