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Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant



Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.



Sat. Oct. 7

5:00 pm – +Tecla Terantino

Sun. Oct. 8

8:00 am – +

9:15 am – + **Antoinetta Belli**

10:30 am – +**Antonio Branco**

12:00 pm – +**Nunzio Congiusti, For the People of the Parish**

Mon. Oct. 9

9:00 am – **Thanksgiving Day**

Tues. Oct. 10

9:00 am – **Healing for Andrew Ciccone**

Wed. Oct. 11

7:00 pm – +**Gloria Rolo, +Dr. Eugene Juwah, +Jerry Fiorini, +Mario Quattrocciochi, +Orlando Fiorini, +Attilio Battaglini, +Marilou Acena Geganta, +Rogelio Diana**

Thurs. Oct. 12

9:00 am – +**Stefano Sforza**

Fri. Oct. 13

9:00 am – +**Alexnder Chiapetta and the Unborn.**

Feast Days This Week

Sat. Oct. 7 – **Our Lady of the Rosary**

Mon. Oct. 9 – **Thanksgiving Day**

Offertory Collection

October 1, 2023

- Sunday Collection **\$5,812.95**

Thank you for your support!

Mass Schedule – because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be an evening Mass on Monday, October 9 and the parish office remains closed. However, there will be a 9:00am morning Mass on Monday to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 9

Today it is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Jesus. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy program is has resumed. Sessions will be held exclusively on Sundays at 10:30 am and 12:00 pm. This program offers an invaluable opportunity for children aged 4 to 9 to engage with the

Liturgy of the Word in a more accessible and comprehensible format. If you are aged 16 or above and wish to volunteer, please reach out to the parish office.

Support the Vaughan Food Bank – Celebrate Thanksgiving by helping the Vaughan Food Bank in the fight against hunger. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass. Donations will be accepted up until Sunday, October 8.

ShareLife: Combating hunger through your compassion

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign will make possible this bold action. We have currently raised **\$70,263.65** towards our suggested goal of **\$94,500.00**. Please support our fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

St. Michael's College School

The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2024. Sr. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 24 beginning at 7:00pm.

Blessing of Animals – In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, a blessing of animals will take place on the front steps of the church between 9:30am and 11:00am on Saturday, October 7. Please bring your pets. (no exotic pets such as snakes, lizards, spiders etc. Please!)

First Communion and Confirmation Sacrament Preparation

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation Sacrament Preparation is now open, and will be accepted until Friday, November 10, 2023. To register, please complete the package distributed at the Parent Information Meeting. If you missed the meeting and still need a package, please visit the parish office to pick up the Registration Package and Weekly Reflection Questions, or visit the parish website.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will be facilitating a Life in the Spirit Seminar under the leadership of Deacon Curtis starting on Wednesday evening November 1 after the 7:00pm Mass. There will be 2 inspirational talks combined on November 1 & 2 more talks on Wednesday, November 8 and concluding with 2 talks on November 15.

If you have never experienced a Life in the Spirit Seminar, this is the opportunity to come out and experience what thousands of Catholics have participated in as a way to Fire up their relationship with God and His Church through the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you have been before, now is the time to renew and deepen your relationship with God through Praise and Worship.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex.

Let the Fire Fall.

Women of the Word – Come Follow Me 2023 Toronto Conference

Come join us in-person for an evening filled with inspiring talks, uplifting music, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, friendship and fellowship! Invite others. We look forward to spending this time together!

Friday, October 13, 2023

6:30 pm Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 pm Opening, Welcome and Speakers

9:00 pm Adoration with Taize Music

Tickets Cost \$20.00

To purchase tickets, go online to

www.wowblessingstoronto.com



CWL Meeting

The Catholic Women's League will be meeting on **Thursday, October 12 at 7:00**. We will be bringing forward some important dates and issues so please try to attend. All ladies 16 years and older are welcome to attend.

Human Trafficking Awareness Week Raffle

On September 19, the CWL petitioned the City of Vaughan to proclaim October 16 to October 20 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Week" in Vaughan. The City unanimously supported the motion so we will be raffling Raptor and Leaf tickets among other items to support charities that help trafficked women and children. Please stop by our table to help us help them.

Human Trafficking Awareness Flag Raising

On behalf of the parish of St. Padre Pio, the CWL requested that a "STOP Human Trafficking Flag" be raised. The City of Vaughan unanimously voted YES. On Oct 15th from 2 - 3p, there will be a flag raising ceremony at the City of Vaughan, 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr. The guest of Honour will be Chief R. Stacey Laforme of the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nations. Please come out to support this historical event so we can bring awareness to the horror of human trafficking and child exploitation happening in Canada.

St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul meeting on **Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30pm**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please come to the meeting.

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

A gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is still one of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto. When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others.

To donate securities, follow this link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/> to download:

How to Gift Securities Info Sheet

Letter of Direction

To ensure you will receive a 2023 tax receipt, kindly submit a completed Letter of Direction to us no later than on **December 21, 2023**, either via email to development@archtoronto.org or by fax at 416-934-3412. For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.



Marriage

We offer **David Ferrara and Navjot Cheema** who will celebrate the sacrament of marriage on October 14, our best wishes and ask God to bless them and grant them happiness, peace, and joy and strength in trials, all the days of their lives together.

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