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Tuesday to Friday
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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Monday to Friday 8:40 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays:

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
24 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
25 Tues, 9am	Val Gementiza +	Zen Valencia
26 Wed, 9am	Carmelo V. Barba Jr. +	Honey Barba
27 Thurs, 9am	Pedro Bato +	Patricia Boyer
28 Fri, 9am	Tecson Family - Thanksgiving	Tecson Family
29 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Special Intentions of Calitri Family & for the soul of Luigi+ Cecilia de Geron + Margherita Calitri Patricia Boyer
5:00pm	Audrey Jacinto - 15th Birthday Thanksgiving	Nerissa Jacinto
30 Sun, 9am	Bill Doumouras +	Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
11 am	Teresita Macarayan – Thanksgiving	Legion of Mary members

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: Luke 18.9-14 - The Parable of the Pharisee
and the Tax Collector

Imitating the Blessed

This upcoming week the Church will be celebrating the great solemnity of All Saints Day. The beauty of this solemnity lies in the vast diversity of all those who've gone before us. The heavenly courts are made up of patriarchs, martyrs, doctors, monks, virgins, priests, laity and more, all dwelling in unity. We can ask ourselves, what is a unifying attribute that ties all these saints together? One such attribute is the generous stewardship of their particular gifts for the glory of God and the good of the Church. God does not want us all to be martyrs, or monks, or virgins, but He asks all of us to faithfully use the gifts given to us to live out the Gospel message as best as we can. For example, if the Lord has gifted us with a musical ability, we should try to share that with our parish community by joining the choir. Likewise, if we have the gift of gentleness and care, we should seek ministries that serve the poor, the sick and the elderly. The same can be said of any gift that we possess from God. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "if we truly have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but use them generously to serve others, and in so doing give glory to God." How deeply do we live out this message from Cardinal Collins? Let us challenge ourselves to imitate the saints and seek to serve God through the particular talents He has graciously bestowed on us.

Summary

As we celebrate All Saint's Day this week we notice that one attribute that unites all the saints is their generous stewardship of their particular gifts for the glory of God and the Church. God does not want us all to be martyrs, or monks, or virgins, but He asks all of us to faithfully use the gifts given to us to live out the Gospel message as best as we can. Let us challenge ourselves to imitate the saints and seek to serve God through the particular talents He has graciously bestowed on us.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church **except on holidays.**



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



Confirmation : For Grade 7 October 29 (Saturday)	
Enrollment Ceremony (with Parents)	Parish Hall @ 11:00am
Registration & Parent info. Session	

21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023 – October 4 to January 16, 2023 Theme: “Do good; seek justice” (Isaiah 1:17). High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred word essay that explores the 2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>. Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions. POSTER: <https://bit.ly/FriarsStudentWritingContestPoster>

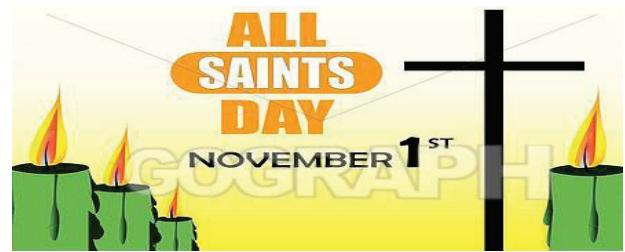


MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 1 and 2

9:00 am and 7:00 pm

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE



The Book of Remembrance for the Deceased will be on display.

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the “**ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES**” available at the church entrances. In memory of our faithful departed, we will offer prayers for the eternal repose of their souls for the whole month of November.

You can put your donations inside the envelope and drop in the donation box placed near the Altar.



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

All Souls Day Mass
 Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services -
 Archdiocese of Toronto
 wishes to invite all families to participate

in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 5 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations: • Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum • Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre • Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum • Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English) • Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

THE CATHOLIC ROOTS OF HALLOWEEN, THE VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

The word itself is taken an older English term, “hallows,” meaning “holy”; and “e'en”, a truncation of the word evening, in reference to the Vigil of the feast. “So really, Halloween is the feast of the celebration of the feast of All Hallows”, “So it's a day when Catholics celebrate the triumph of the Church in heaven, and the lives of the saints on earth”. The memory of those who have gone before us naturally leads to thoughts of mortality, and the liturgical focus on the end times during this period of the Church year adds to the atmosphere of gloom.

“Let us make this year's celebration”, an act of true devotion to God, whose saints give us hope that we too may one day enter into the Kingdom prepared for God's holy ones from the beginning of time”.

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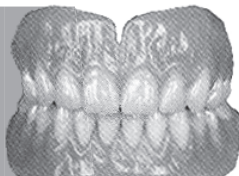
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