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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Archbishop Francis Leo's Invitation to Prayer on Red Wednesday, November 15

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, and throughout all of Canada, we are blessed with freedom of religion where we can all choose to worship Christ openly. Our active parish communities are a profound witness to this. In our diverse archdiocese, we see Catholic and other Christian churches situated close to synagogues, temples and mosques, all able to peacefully and respectfully co-exist in the same city, town or neighbourhood. In our country, one does not run the risk of physical harm or imprisonment while entering the doors of their respective place of worship.

Sadly, this is not the case elsewhere. Throughout parts of Africa, Asia and South America, tens of millions of people are oppressed, victimized and abused for the sole reason of holding a belief in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The treatment of these Christians can extend beyond the inability to worship freely, and often involves violence, imprisonment and in the worst of cases, death.

For more than 75 years, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN-Canada) has been advocating for persecuted Christians worldwide. The annual Red Wednesday event to pray for and raise awareness to the plight of persecuted Christians will take place once again this year. **I will be offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of persecuted Christians at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on November 15 at 5 p.m. I invite you to consider joining me for this occasion. Alternatively, you may also wish to offer the rosary in solidarity with faith communities around the world on Red Wednesday.** For your convenience, a digital copy of the resource can also be found on the ACN-Canada website.

I invite you all to earnestly pray for Christians around the world who are suffering many kinds of persecution. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of peace, intercede for us and bring the needs of these suffering people to the feet of her son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Spiritus West hosts Sacrament of Healing

Young adults, Jesus is calling! "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst." We can never fall too deeply in love with Confession -- it's the Sacrament that brings us back to the Living Water.

Come for a talk by newly ordained Fr. **Branden Gordon S.D.B.** that'll help you do just that; followed by Adoration, Confession, and, as always, the time to socialize and meet other young men and women in the faith. Come join our Spiritus West young adult community!

Wednesday Nov 15, 2023 / 6:45pm / IN CHURCH
Absolutely free, no registration required!

Save the Dates Advent Triduum

St. Benedict Church
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Monday December 18
Tuesday December 19
Wednesday December 20
More Details to Follow



Archdiocesan Consultation with the Faithful

Your Assistance is Requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan.



To participate in the consultation, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/consultation

to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

The Ultimate Deception of Gender Affirming Care, A Lecture & Conversation with Dr. Ann Gillies

FREE EVENT

Thursday November 16th / 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Trinity Hall, the Canadian Coptic Center
1245 Eglinton Avenue West, Mississauga

To reserve your spot, go to:

The Ultimate Deception: Learning the Truth About Gender-Affirming Care
Tickets, Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

Barbara Kay wrote recently in the National Post that "the growing movement to oppose gender activism in schools has science on its side." Our speaker has been at the forefront of making this case since 2019. Speaking from deep personal experience, Ann has dealt with these issues in her practice, research, and writing. **In this lecture, Ann will share the results of her most recent study in her newest book, Ultimate Deception: Learning the Truth About Gender-Affirming Care.**



Ann's research exposes the harm caused when Gender Affirmation is forced on vulnerable children and lays out the path to personal destruction down which this ideology will lead. **She will also share her experience of how compassionate understanding and patient love can bring healing and restoration to relationships broken by the pervasive gender ideology that dominates so much of our culture.**

Sadly, the Christian community has been largely uninformed and inactive in this critical area that concerns the future well-being of our families, communities, and nation. We are now paying a high price in our children's lives, as our culture has absorbed lies about sexuality propagated by the media and political leaders. As a result, we live in a period of unparalleled confusion around sexual identity, and this confusion has overtaken our youth and is now targeted at our children.

The time is now to become informed and work toward a positive change in your communities and at your local school boards. The profound truth about who we are as male and female, created in the image of God, is rooted in reality, and this truth will prevail over the lies of the present time if we dare to proclaim it.



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us

November 18/19

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood and for those who have given their life to serve the church we are grateful for the generosity of parishioners to ensure that priests will be taken care of during their golden years. It is one of the greatest ways we can say "Thank you, Father" for those who have always cared for us.

To Donate: Special envelopes for this second collection will be in the pews next weekend. Sunday envelope users kindly enter your envelope number in the space indicated
OR visit www.archtoronto.org & click on DONATE.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

1617 Blythe Road 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Invites both Women and Men to an Advent Retreat

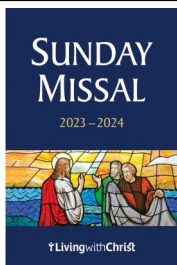
Saturday, December 2nd — 9:30 am to 2:20 pm

Facilitated by the Centre Team

Registration: 8:30 am

Cost: \$45.00 - includes Coffee/Tea with Muffins and a Hot Lunch

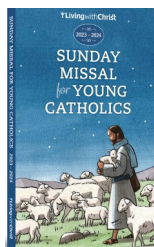
We will close the Retreat Day with Mass.



SUNDAY MISSALS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES

**\$5.50 ADULTS
\$10.00 YOUTH**

NOVEMBER 4/5 & 11/12



The liturgical year ends with the Feast of Christ the King later in November and the new church year begins with Advent. **You'll need a new missal for the start of Advent: December 2/3.**

The Sunday Missal is intended to be a tool used at home to prepare for the weekly Sunday Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to purchase a missal for themselves for personal prayer during the week by reading and reflecting on the gospel and readings for the upcoming Sunday. This prayer style better prepares us to listen to God's Word as it is proclaimed on Sunday.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): \$7,447

All Souls' Offering (envelopes & loose only): \$3,878

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact Susan:
speresso@archtoronto.org /416-743-3830 X0

Monday, November 13

8:00am Ancizar Valdez by Daughter

Tuesday, November 14

8:00am Fr. Gerard Breen by Salesians of Don Bosco

7:30pm Victoria Bonanno by Mario & Rita Borg

Wednesday, November 15

8:00am Deceased members of the Durante family by Maria Rossi

Thursday, November 16

8:00am David Curtis by Maureen Curtis

Friday, November 17

8:00am Alberto Rossi by Maria Rossi

Saturday, November 18

8:00am Living Intention for David Andrew by Mom, Dad and Cathy

5:00pm Leonardo Mannarelli by Daughter

Sunday, November 19

8:00am Deceased members of the Costantini & Zucchi families by family

9:30am Salvatore & Vittoria Galluzzi by Joe Galluzzi (Ital/Ch)

9:30am Maria & Piotr Wojdat by the Marcelli family (Eng/Hall)

11:00am For the People

12:45pm Living Intention for Danielle Paties by the Paties family



Forgiveness

What is It and Why Is It So Hard
Saturday November 25th

9:30am-3:30pm - Cost: \$70 includes lunch

Have you experienced deep disappointment, hurt or betrayal in an important relationship? Do you continue to suffer from a conflict or trauma that occurred long ago? Are unresolved issues affecting your health, finances or relationships?

This interactive Workshop identifies the stumbling blocks to forgiveness, and then provides positive, practical methods to work through the anger, blame and resentment.

Forgiveness is about letting go of the past, understanding and moving on. Forgiveness is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself!

Presenter: Anna Racine

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre

7020 Stanley Avenue Niagara Falls, ON



**2024 SUNDAY ENVELOPES NOW
AVAILABLE & SORTED IN
ALPHABETICAL ORDER.**

Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible in the Church **this weekend after all masses.** The use of these envelopes is an excellent way of supporting your parish on a regular basis and also ensures that a receipt for tax purposes is available at the end of the year.

Do NOT use these new envelopes until the New Year. In January 2024, ALL remaining envelopes from 2023 and prior years should be DISCARDED. Please contact the parish office, if your boxed set is not available and if you wish to receive one or if you have never been registered and wish to do so. Finally, your co-operation in writing your donation amount clearly on the envelope each week is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who record donations.