



Family of Faith

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of the Family of Faith campaign.

The incredible response to the appeal should inspire us in our mission to love God and to show that love by serving others. In my travels throughout our diverse faith community, I am deeply moved by the sacrifice and generosity of parishioners, faithful stewards of all that has been entrusted to them, sharing in the abundance time and again. To all those who have supported this campaign, I am deeply grateful.

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan challenges us to reach out to those who have been away from the church and also to care for those who are with us week to week. The Family of Faith campaign is helping us to raise the resources needed to accomplish this mission. I am pleased to announce that we have now received more than \$160 million in gifts and pledges.

At the local level, many parishes are already proceeding with plans to implement projects identified that will enhance and support your community. These enhancements represent a significant percentage of the overall campaign and you will be able to see your contributions at work as these local priorities unfold.

Family of Faith funds will also support broader initiatives that will address key elements of our Pastoral Plan, making a profound impact for years to come. Already to date, your financial support has enabled us to:

- Care for young people by providing subsidies to hire youth ministers for parishes struggling financially.
- Repair and maintain churches by facilitating interest-free loans to parishes in need.
- Evangelize and communicate the faith through the launch of 80 new parish websites.
- Support extensive restoration work underway at St. Michael's Cathedral.
- Enhance our campus ministry at Ryerson University by upgrading Hogan House, home to Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy.

Be assured that we view every donation as a sacred trust, used responsibly to maximize each gift.

Once again, I extend my sincere gratitude to the community of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, your volunteers and donors, under the leadership of Father Cavoto and his Family of Faith campaign team. May we continue to look for opportunities to partner together in sharing the joy of our faith with one another. Be assured of my prayers for your community, now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

PARISH

Readings ~ Wisdom 9.13-18 ~ Luke 14.25-33

Mass Intentions This Week — September 5–11

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Jimmy Daly	Kathleen Stanley
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Mary Finlay	Linda McCarron
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Doris Vogtle	Nicki Law
Thursday, 9am	✠ members of the Mahoney family	
Friday, 9am	✠ George Thompson	Kathleen Stanley
Saturday, 9am	✠ Jack Panoyan	Helen
5:15pm	✠ Joseph Grimaldi	Gino & Roseann Cinelli and family
Sunday, 8am	✠ Helen and Adolf Pawlowski	The family
9:30am	✠ Desmond McCann	Christine McCann and family
11am	✠ members of the Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families	Linda
12:30pm	✠ Thaddeus Wisniewski	The Family

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher? Information you need to know!

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you, or if your adult child, are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, it is highly recommended that you contact Fr. Nino before Thanksgiving. Plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at a time when applications are to be submitted.

Rosary Group — stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." —Saint Francis de Sales



Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, 9:30am

This program for young parishioners (4–10 years of age) resumes next Sunday, September 11. **All are welcome!**

Youth & Chamber Choirs — new singers are most welcome to join us now!

Our Lady of Sorrows is blessed with 2 vibrant choirs for young people. The Youth Choir is for grades 3–6, and rehearses Thursdays from 4–5pm. The Chamber Choir is for grades 7–12, and rehearses Thursdays from 5–6pm. We sing alternating Sundays at the 9:30am Mass. Please contact Michele DeBoer at micheledeboer@yahoo.ca or 289-521-3710.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Thursday, September 15 at 7:30pm

All are invited to attend this special Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of our Patroness.

Weekly Drop-in Bridge — resumes on Thursday, September 8

Join us in the Parish Hall meeting room from 1–3:30pm. Partners are not required. Please contact Gail Weiler at 416-239-5337 or Rena Guerard at 416-236-0728 for further information.

2016 ShareLife Campaign Update

Thanks to YOU, our generous parishioners, we achieved a **2016 campaign total of \$418,973.40** in support of ShareLife-supported agencies. See the complete list at www.sharelife.org/Public/ShareLife-List-of-Agencies



COMMUNITY

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at Our Lady of Sorrows

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy called for the restoration of the catechumenate, the extended and multi-faceted process leading to Christian initiation common in the early church. Designed to respond to this call for renewal, the modern Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) aims to prepare unbaptized individuals to receive the sacraments of initiation and baptized non-Catholic Christians to be received into the Catholic church.

Combining catechesis with small-group discussion, scriptural reflection and liturgical celebration, this holistic process of faith formation typically begins in the Fall and culminates in the celebration of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Supported by carefully-selected sponsors, team members, and the witness of the wider parish community, candidates are invited to explore and deepen their relationships with God in the context of the Catholic tradition and to harness their gifts in service to the parish and broader world.

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the process you may contact the parish office or join us for an **Introductory Session on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall. This evening will provide an opportunity to learn a little bit more about the program's goals and to meet other candidates and team members.



Rededication of St. Michael's Cathedral

The Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding several events to commemorate the rededication of St. Michael's Cathedral, mother church of the archdiocese. As you know, significant restoration has taken place over the last several years to return the church to its original beauty, expand seating capacity and preserve this historical spiritual home for generations to come.

Friday, September 30

12 noon — Mass of Thanksgiving — in honour of workers/trades who worked tirelessly on the restoration of the cathedral. Cardinal Thomas Collins to preside. A street party on Bond St. will follow Mass. All are welcome. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-seated basis. Please arrive early to guarantee a seat.

7pm — Sacred Music Concert — featuring St. Michael's Choir School and the new Opus 3907 Casavant Organ. Free tickets available online on a first-come, first-served basis as of 10am, September 6 at www.cathedralconcert.eventbrite.ca — Maximum four tickets per person. Please note you must have a ticket to enter the cathedral for the concert.

We look forward to celebrating this exciting milestone with our archdiocesan community! Any questions regarding these celebrations may be directed to events@archtoronto.org

Taste of the Kingsway Festival — September 9, 10 & 11



Discover international cuisines, quality entertainers, fresh food markets — all conveniently located at your doorstep! Stretching along Bloor Street West between Prince Edward Drive and Montgomery Road, this annual fall festival isn't the same old food festival — this is a culinary experience!

The Taste of the Kingsway is renowned for the quality of entertainers showcased on our two Grand Stages with continuous live entertainment from well known artists, performers and musicians. Over 200 exhibitors will be participating in this year's event.

While the parking lot will remain open, parking will be unavailable along Bloor Street and may be restricted elsewhere. Please plan your attendance at Mass accordingly and enjoy the festival! Visit www.thekingsway.ca for more information.



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