

# 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 6: Labour Day

10:00 AM Only Mass Today

Tuesday, September 7

7:30 AM Josephine & Chit Szeto (I)

12:10 PM Simeon Bontogon (D)

Cariaga Family (D)

Romeo Sesbreno (D)

Kaylene Rodrigo-Claveria (I)

Jason Pats (I)

5:30 PM Jan Leonard Gronkowski (D)

Wednesday, September 8

7:30 AM Dino Jordan Jayme (I)

12:10 PM Maria Da Luz Santo (D)

Santino Lam (D)

Benjamin E. Cruz (D)

Dolly Ducepec (I)

For the repose of the souls of those  
laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries

5:30 PM Jessica Smith (I)

Thursday, September 9

7:30 AM Lee Voon Seng Ah-Chong (I)

12:10 PM Joseph Yves Chan (D)

Rev. Alberto Macalipay (D)

Anthony & Fabiana Faria (D)

Abigail Cariaga & Eric Unite (I)

James Tarbox (I)

5:30 PM Eliseo Magtoto (D)

Friday, September 10

7:30 AM Bernadette Tow Ying Ah-Chong (I)

12:10 PM R. Raymond Boissonneau (D)

Salud Gonzales Balangue (D)

Maureen Murphy (D)

Renato Zamora (D)

5:30 PM Gerard F. Ramos (D)

Saturday, September 11

7:30 AM Adelaida Santos-Joaquin (D)

12:10 PM Jacinto Garcia (D)

Vicente Dawis (D)

Sonny Atmospera (D)

Angie & Rich Silva (I)

## MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS SEPTEMBER

<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>
Bangalan Family (I)	Erly Escueta (I)
Micheala & Daniel Kundakci (I)	Lie & Leong Family (D)
Melquiades Garcia (D)	Rev. Favin Alemão (I)

## SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by supporting young parents

Thanks to generous donors like you, ShareLife agencies helped 150,000 people locally last year. They include 1,900 young pregnant and parenting women and their babies. These women take parenting classes, receive diapers and healthy food, and get one-on-one support as they complete their high school education.

We encourage you to support this work by making a gift to ShareLife via the donation envelopes available at the back of the church or the ShareLife website: <https://sharelife.org/>.

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.

## LECTIO DIVINA

After 20 years of leading monthly Lectio Divina evenings from September through June (during his time in both Edmonton and Toronto), Cardinal Collins will not be moving forward with a new season this fall. We express our appreciation to His Eminence for his commitment and dedication in leading Lectio Divina over the past two decades as this prayerful meditation has been a tremendous support for parishioners throughout the archdiocese and beyond.

We also extend our gratitude to the staff of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation for their faithful assistance in supporting Lectio Divina over so many years.

Archived recordings of Lectio Divina along with relevant resources remain available at (<https://bit.ly/LectioArchive>) to access anytime.

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

**REGISTRATION FOR  
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)**

If you have friends or relatives who would like to become Catholic or who are already baptized Catholic but have not been fully initiated into the Catholic Church, please let them know that the registration for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation sacramental preparation program are now open. The registration period is from August 8 – September 22, 2021. Please visit the Parish website to complete the online registration form:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/rcia/>.

**HOPE FOR AFGHANISTAN – VIRTUAL  
INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL**

**Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

*A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE OFFICE FOR  
INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AT THE ARCHDIOCESE  
OF TORONTO*

This is an incredibly difficult time. We are devastated by the fall of Afghanistan's elected government and our hearts break for the Afghan people and all those in grave danger of Taliban retaliation. Chaotic scenes at the airport in Kabul, stories of fear and danger, as well as reports of deaths and increasing violence are still fresh in our mind.

We invite you to a **Virtual Interfaith Solidarity Prayer Vigil** and request that you pray for the families and friends of those who are living in fear and are worried about their uncertain future.

**REGISTER:**

<https://bit.ly/RegisterHopeForAfghanistan>

**FEDERAL ELECTION RESOURCES  
FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

With a federal election scheduled for September 20, Catholics are encouraged to learn more about the parties and candidates seeking our vote. Catholic Conscience is Canada's non-partisan Catholic civic and political engagement organization. They have prepared a number of resources that will assist Catholics in voter education and engagement in the days leading up to the federal election. These resources can be accessed at:

[www.catholicconscience.org/canada-federal-current](http://www.catholicconscience.org/canada-federal-current).

All those eligible to vote are encouraged to do so on, or before, September 20, 2021.

**RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS UPDATE**

**The Ongoing Journey to Healing and Reconciliation**

As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation, and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

We are currently establishing working groups, each enriched by Indigenous voices, to help guide and support our efforts. To that end, the archdiocese has identified the following priorities:

- **Education** – initiatives to educate our clergy, staff and the faithful regarding the tragic legacy of residential schools and its continuing impact on Indigenous people, and to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality.
- **Outreach and Spiritual Support** – initiatives to support survivors of residential schools and those suffering intergenerational trauma. These may include healing circles, personal or group counselling, workshops, speakers, listening sessions, opportunities for prayer, reconciliation services, and other spiritual supports.
- **Financial Support** – the Archdiocese of Toronto is developing a financial campaign to support ongoing healing and reconciliation efforts. A diverse working group will assist in formulating the campaign framework and related details in the weeks ahead. In response to those who have expressed a desire to contribute immediately, the Healing & Reconciliation fund has been established. Donations can be made [online](#), by phone (416) 934-3411 or through any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We will continue to keep you updated as these initiatives develop. Additional information and resources can be found by visiting:

[www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools](http://www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools).

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF NATURAL  
DISASTERS IN HAITI**

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm.

At least 1,900 people are dead, 9,000 are injured and 30,000 are homeless after a strong earthquake devastated the country on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Many people with habitable houses were sleeping outside due to fear of aftershocks causing more damage. Then on Monday evening, Tropical Storm Grace dumped more than 30 cm of rainfall onto Haiti's coastal areas, resulting in floods and mudslides.

Haiti it is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and is unable to adequately respond to these natural disasters without international assistance. The country was already responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, worsening gang violence and a presidential assassination on July 7, 2021.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations with a long history of disaster relief. Caritas is already on the ground assisting Haitians, as it has been when other disasters have struck that country. Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies.

**Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish - please use the Humanitarian Aid envelopes available at the back of the church so we can direct the funds to this cause.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all those who suffer after natural disasters. Thank you for your continued assistance.

**REFLECTING ON THE  
MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP  
IN TODAY'S READINGS**

The healing of the deaf man in today's Gospel was a result of the people bringing the deaf man to Jesus, a beautiful example of the power and necessity of intercessory prayer. Christ came to bring healing, but many times people we know, or even ourselves don't go to Christ because we feel unworthy and stop ourselves from going to Him. Through our prayers, we do what the people in the Gospel did, bringing to Jesus those who need healing and allowing Christ to heal them through us.