

Email Update Wednesday September 14, 2022

From the Desk of Fr. Tim...

Stewardship Sunday – Archdiocese of Toronto

Cardinal Thomas Collins has announced the institution of Stewardship Sunday as an annual occurrence across the entire Archdiocese on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time which this year will be this weekend, September 17/18.

As we return to worship at our parish church this fall, we must also reflect on our own stewardship of the gifts that the Lord entrusts to us. As Cardinal Collins points out in his homily for Stewardship Sunday this year:

We are stewards. We are servants who are entrusted with the gifts of time, talent and treasure. God has given us our very life and the precious gift of time. He has given us our talents and has helped each one of us in different ways. Above all, He has given us the great gift of our faith, as well as the material goods we possess. We've been entrusted with these gifts only for a while, in order that we might use them wisely and astutely, with at least the creativity and the energy that the people who serve false gods, or no God at all, use in the pursuit of the far lesser things that they cherish. In the traditional wisdom of the church, there is a great way of looking at stewardship, or how to live as one entrusted with the gifts that God has given to us of time, talent, and treasure, and how to use them fruitfully for the glory of God in the service of our neighbour.

The full text of the Cardinal's homily can be found here:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/stewardship-sunday/>

I ask you to pray and ponder how you might exercise Stewardship right here in our parish by thinking of one or two ministries that you might wish to join as we look towards our planned Ministry Fair on the weekend of October 14/15.

Altar Servers are Back!

We are delighted to welcome our altar servers to our Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday masses. We need more servers (boys and girls Grade 4 and up). If you or your son or daughter are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Fr. Tim or Fr. Alex by email or after one of the masses.

Liturgy of the Word with Children, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass

I am pleased to announce that we resumed this ministry on Sunday, September 11 at the 10:30 a.m. mass and it was well attended! This ministry is for school-aged children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators Marise Mascarenhas and Amita Matias and to the volunteers who are returning to this important ministry for our children.

We are looking for more catechists (aged 18 or over) to lead or assist in leading this ministry once a month...instruction and manual provided! Please contact Caroline or Fr. Tim at the parish office if you are interested.

Main Washroom Renovations

Thank you for your patience over the summer- our new washrooms are now finished and operational! Please note that you can open the door to the washroom simply by waving your hand in front of the door opener, and that all features in the washroom (including flushing toilets, soap, and sinks) are touchless.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins September 28

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for adults who would like to become Roman Catholic will begin on the last Wednesday of September. If you or a loved one would like to consider becoming a Roman Catholic, please have them speak to Fr. Tim or Fr. Alex after mass or contact us by e-mail or telephone to arrange for an interview.

UTM Catholic Chaplaincy Update

If you or someone you know is a university student, then this announcement is for you! The UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga) Catholic Chaplaincy exists to provide a supportive community for students to learn, grow, and celebrate their Catholic faith.

While many schools continue to offer online learning for this Fall Term, the increased isolation creates a deep need for authentic community. Whether you are at UTM student or a student studying remotely at another university or college, we invite you to join our community. Our chaplaincy is working hard this fall to plan safe in-person gatherings as well as virtual gatherings for those wishing to connect remotely.

For more information visit our website www.utmcatholics.com ...and feel free to share our website with any university-age students that may be interested in joining or learning more about our chaplaincy.

ShareLife 2022: Support our Seniors

The pandemic has disproportionately threatened the lives, relationships, and wellbeing of seniors. Many have become isolated since the start of quarantine and remain lonelier than ever. "During this difficult time within the COVID-19 pandemic, Society of Sharing is, more than ever, grateful for the continued support from our *ShareLife* donors," says the agency. "Without your support, we could not continue to provide seniors with our critically needed services." Society of Sharing does not charge for services.

Our parish goal this year is \$255,000. To date we have received \$184,000. Please give at the parish using a *ShareLife* envelope, online through our parish website, or <https://sharelife.org/>. Thank you for generously supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign.

Respect for Life Sunday

On Sunday October, Respect Life Sunday, come out to support LIFE CHAIN. Please join us for an hour as we stand together with thousands across Canada to pray for victims of abortion and raise awareness that all, even the preborn, have human rights - the right to life. We will be standing outside the church along Burnhamthorpe Rd. West from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (immediately following the Noon Mass.)

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign will take place from September 28 to November 6. We encourage our parishioners to take part by committing to an hour to stand vigil in prayer near the Mississauga Women's Centre at 101 Queensway.

Our parish date is on Thursday, October 27th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more info, and to register online visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/mississauga> . Please support this important endeavour to save the lives of precious and helpless babies.

Fall Bible Study

The registration evening for our next 6-week bible study from the Augustine Institute entitled "*Philippians: Life in Christ*" will take place on Thursday October 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. We hope you will enjoy this study. Registration is \$40 per person and materials will be provided. This study will take place in the parish hall and will begin on Thursday October 20 and will end on Thursday November 24.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Bible Study here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, and please invite a new fellow parishioner to participate in this fall's bible study.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Registration Meeting for Grade 2 Parents/Guardians and Children

Parents/Guardians and their children are invited to a Registration Meeting on either Tuesday October 4 or Wednesday October 5 (family choice) at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The Parent Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The registration package was distributed through our parish schools, All Saints, St. Clare, and St. Mark this week. Copies are available in the parish office.

Students in private or public schools or students who missed receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion in grade 2, will receive instruction here at the parish through the after school RCIC preparation program. Registration packages are available in the parish office.

Families are reminded to bring their completed registration forms, a copy of their child's baptismal certificate (even if they were baptized here) and the \$40 registration fee.