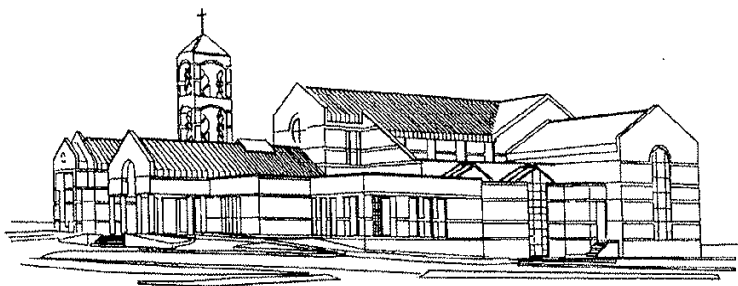


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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 22, 2024

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
May the grace and peace of Christ be with you!

#### **FEAST OF BLESSED LUIGI MONTI**

Today, we celebrate the feast day of Blessed Luigi Maria Monti, founder of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. This feast is not just a sentimental commemoration of the life of a man who gave eloquent witness to the gospel of Christ by loving and serving the poor, the sick and the orphaned. It is also a reminder to focus our gaze on Fr. Monti's spirituality and through his intercession ask the Lord for the special grace to imitate his heroic virtues in order to be "perfect as your heavenly father is perfect" (Matt 5:48). My fervent appeal to you is to dream to become saints by doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way. Do not be afraid to become a saint. Sainthood is not an illusion, it is not wishful thinking, it is not reserved for a privileged elitist class, it is not old fashioned. Rather, it is rooted in our baptismal vocation. Yes, you can become a saint, by walking in the light of the gospel values like Father Monti. Happy Feast Day!

#### **SUPPORT THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S MISSION**

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (1 Cor 9:7).*  
Last weekend, Fr. Elvis Lukong preached on the children's mission of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception in Africa. This weekend we shall be taking up a second collection to support these less privileged children in Africa. I have personally visited the orphanages and foster care homes and I can testify that our missionaries are facing gigantic challenges in providing good healthcare, basic education, food, clothing, shelter, clean water, mosquito nets and other basic needs to these children. I appeal to each one of you to generously support these poor and needy children "for God loves a cheerful giver (1Cor 9:7). Thank you for your generosity!



#### **GET INVOLVED IN THE PARISH (STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY)**

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).*

Today, we celebrate stewardship Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. What is Stewardship? It is the wise use of the resources God has given us, develop those gifts responsibly and share them lovingly with others. According to Cardinal Collins "the goal of stewardship is to increase the engagement of everyone in the life of their parish, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve others." Today, I would like you to ask yourself: How am I involved in my parish? How do I share the wonderful gifts of my time, talent and treasure for the benefit of Immaculate Conception parish? I strongly encourage you to do something for Jesus by joining any of the parish ministries to help promote the mission of the church and the Gospel of Christ. You have the charism and the talents to serve the parish. Don't hesitate! Contact the parish office for more information. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) to view Archbishop Leo's message.

#### **CLERGY APPRECIATION NIGHT**

My dear friends, I would like to join my voice to those of the members of the Clergy Appreciation Committee of our parish to invite you to the second Clergy Appreciation Night Dinner Dance on **Saturday October 19, 2024 at 6pm in the Parish Hall**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to spend quality time in the company of the clergy and express our gratitude to them for their selfless service to our family of faith, for celebrating the sacraments and for being by our side in times of joy and in moments of sorrow. The clergy will love to spend time with you. Tickets are available in the parish office at the cost of \$50.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Eugene Chianain

## This Weekend's Marriage



*Natasha DeMonte & Corey Rigon  
Francesca Consiglio & Gabriele Bancheri  
Natasha Pavese & Anthony Polito*

## Needs of the Canadian Church Second Collection

Next weekend, **September 28 & 29, 2024** there will be a second collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity.

*Il prossimo fine settimana del 28 & 29 settembre, 2024 si farà una seconda colletta per i bisogni della Chiesa Canadese. Le vostre donazioni saranno usate per varie attività pastorali nazionali e internazionali.*

## Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

Archbishop Francis Leo invites all the faithful of the archdiocese to join the entire archdiocesan family in a Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel in preparation for the liturgical celebration of St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of the Archdiocese. The **novena continues until Saturday September 28, 2024**. A copy of the novena can be found at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

## Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel on **Sunday September 29, 2024 at 2pm**.

*Celebreremo la Festa di San Michele Arcangelo, domenica 29 settembre, 2024 alle ore 14.*

## Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina on **Monday September 23, 2024 with a Holy Mass at 8am in Italian and 7pm in English**.

*Celebreremo la Festa di San Pio da Pietrelcina, lunedì 23 settembre, 2024 con una Santa Messa alle ore 8am in Italiano e alle ore 19 in Inglese.*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday September 23 Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

8am	St. Padre Pio Feast Mass - Italian
7pm	St. Padre Pio Feast Mass - English
8pm	Lucia & Ottorino Torelli

### Tuesday September 24

7pm	Giovanni Prospero
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### Wednesday September 25

7pm	Armando Caracciolo
8pm	Santo Colosimo

### Thursday September 26

7pm	
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### Friday September 27 Saint Vincent de Paul

7pm	Maria Rosa Pitaro
8pm	Carmela Palma

## Weekly Rosary

Come and immerse yourselves in a beautiful prayer experience **every Monday night at 7:30pm** in the chapel, as we pray the holy rosary for the needs in our lives and in the whole world.

## Bequests to the Parish

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values.

## Did You Know?

The Archdiocese of Toronto, Canada's largest diocese, is one of the most diverse faith communities in North America, serving as the spiritual home to approximately two million Catholics with close to 400 priests celebrating Mass in more than 30 languages each week at 225 parishes. The archdiocese stretches from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga.