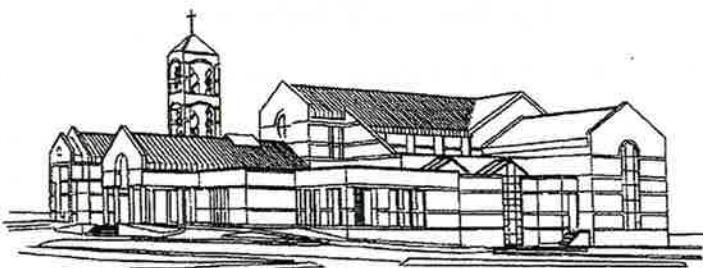


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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 28, 2025

### Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters,  
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to reflect on the figure of Lazarus, the poor man who was disregarded by the world but remembered by God. On our journey of faith, we also encounter hardships and struggles, yet amid these challenges, God's promise remains firm: He is with us in every spiritual battle. He lifts up the weak, the fallen, and the forgotten, showing His faithfulness and unfailing love. Like Lazarus, many of us may feel overlooked or find it difficult to remain faithful in our daily commitments and responsibilities, especially in a world that often forgets God and His supremacy. But as we celebrate the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, our patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are reminded that heaven fights for us. God Himself will defend us and reward our faithfulness, often in mysterious and unseen ways.  
So, dear friends, do not lose heart. Your struggles are seen, your prayers are heard, and your faith will be honoured. May the protection of St. Michael guard us from all distractions and lead us closer to God, our loving Father.

*Cari fratelli e sorelle,  
La 26<sup>a</sup> Domenica del Tempo Ordinario ci invita a riflettere sulla figura di Lazzaro, il povero uomo trascurato dal mondo ma ricordato da Dio. Nel nostro cammino di fede, anche noi incontriamo difficoltà e prove, ma in mezzo a queste sfide, la promessa di Dio rimane salda: Egli è con noi in ogni battaglia spirituale. Egli solleva i deboli, i caduti e i dimenticati, mostrando la Sua fedeltà e il Suo amore incrollabile.*

*Come Lazzaro, anche noi possiamo sentirci trascurati o trovare difficile rimanere fedeli ai nostri impegni e responsabilità quotidiane, soprattutto in un mondo che spesso dimentica Dio e la Sua sovranità. Ma mentre celebriamo la festa di San Michele Arcangelo, nostro patrono dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto, ci viene ricordato che il cielo combatte per noi. Dio stesso ci difenderà e ricompenserà la nostra fedeltà, spesso in modi misteriosi e invisibili.*

*Perciò, cari amici, non perdetevi d'animo. Le vostre lotte sono viste, le vostre preghiere sono ascoltate, e la vostra fede sarà onorata. Che la protezione di San Michele ci custodisca da ogni distrazione e ci avvicini a Dio, nostro Padre amorevole.*

*Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel*

### Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel on **Sunday September 28, 2025 at 2pm**.

*Celebreremo la Festa di San Michele Arcangelo, domenica 28 settembre, 2025 alle ore 14.*

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

On behalf of our Family Outreach Committee and the Friends of Fr. Monti, we kindly ask for your help with this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive, running from **September 22 to October 10, 2025**. Our mission to support those in need is crucial for many families. Donating food is a quick and tangible way to make a difference. Every food donation counts. Our families especially need nut-free school snacks, cereals, and canned fish. Every contribution of non-perishable food helps.

*Il Comitato Outreach della Parrocchia e Gli Amici di Padre Monti organizzano una raccolta di cibo in occasione della Festa del Ringraziamento dal 22 settembre al 10 ottobre 2025. Le famiglie hanno soprattutto bisogno di merende per la scuola, cereali e pesce in scatola. Ogni contributo di alimenti non peribili è prezioso.*

### Clergy Appreciation Night

Everyone is invited to attend the **Clergy Appreciation Dinner Dance on Saturday October 18, 2025 at 6pm in the parish hall**. The evening will include dinner, fellowship, and a special presentation by Fr. Eugene. Tickets are available in the parish office at the cost of \$60. Let us come together as a community to express our gratitude for our clergy.

*Siete tutti invitati ad una Serata di Apprezzamento del Clero con cena e ballo, sabato 18 ottobre 2025 nella sala parrocchiale. La serata includerà cena, momenti di convivialità e una presentazione speciale di P. Eugene. I biglietti sono disponibili in ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$60. Riuniamoci come comunità per esprimere la nostra gratitudine il nostro clero.*

## This Week's Marriage



Alyssa Rubino & Gianfranco Catalano

## Needs of the Canadian Church Second Collection

Today there will be a second collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada.

*Oggi si farà una seconda colletta per i bisogni della Chiesa Canadese.*

## Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection

Next weekend, **October 4 & 5, 2025** there will be a second collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. This fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

*Il prossimo fine settimana, 4 & 5 ottobre, 2025 si farà una seconda colletta per il Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. Questo fondo fa parte di uno sforzo nazionale annunciato dalla Conferenza Episcopale Canadese per favorire la guarigione e la riconciliazione con i popoli indigeni di questa terra.*

## Pilgrimage to Europe

Fr. Eugene will be leading a pilgrimage to Europe from May 11 – May 22, 2026, visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Avila, Madrid, Loyola, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Barcellona and more.

*P. Eugene guiderà un pellegrinaggio in Europa dall'11 al 22 maggio 2026, visitando Lisbona, Fatima, Madrid, Loyola, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Barcellona e altre località.*

## “Jesus Heals” Event

Shalom World Media Canada is organizing the “Jesus Heals” event on **Thursday October 2, 2025** from **7:00pm-9:00pm**. Led by Fr. Julian Studden, this event will include the celebration of the Holy Mass, preaching, Eucharistic Adoration and special prayers for healing and blessing of the sick.

## Children’s Liturgy is Resuming

Children's Liturgy resumes the **weekend of October 11 & 12, 2025 at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and the Sunday 9:30am Mass**. Children will hear the Sunday readings and Gospel explained in a fun and simple way! No registration is required; simply have your children join in when called during Mass.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Monday September 29**  
**St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael**

7pm Phyllis Simone

**Tuesday September 30**  
**St. Jerome**

7pm Carmine Cesario  
8pm Benito Biasone, Antonio Biasone

**Wednesday October 1**  
**St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

7pm Rosaria Palma  
8pm Umberto Macri

**Thursday October 2**  
**The Holy Guardian Angels**

7pm

**Friday October 3**

7pm Antonia Alati  
8pm Roberto Damiani

## Evening Rosary

During the month of October, we will be praying the rosary in the Chapel from **Monday-Friday at 7:30pm**.

*Durante il mese di Ottobre, pregheremo il Santo Rosario dal lunedì al venerdì alle ore 19,30 in cappella.*

## 2026 First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration

Registrations will close on **October 8, 2025**. A fee of **\$50.00 for Communion and \$60.00 for Confirmation** (cash or cheque only) will be applied to cover the expenses. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of the candidate is required at the time of registration.

## Parent/Pastor Meeting

The meeting for parents/guardians and candidates who have registered for **First Holy Communion** will be held on **Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 7pm** in the parish hall. **Attendance is mandatory**.

The parents/guardians and candidates for **Confirmation** are invited to a meeting on **Thursday October 16, 2025 at 7pm** in the parish hall. **Attendance is mandatory**.

## CWL Meeting

The Catholic Women's League of this Parish will be having their monthly meeting on **Monday September 29, 2025 at 7:30pm** in the parish hall. The focus of the meeting will be CWL information updates, upcoming events and welcoming of new members.