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***St. Michael the Archangel:
Name meaning: "He who is like the Divine"***

HISTORY OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Archangel Michael is God's top angel, leading all of the angels in heaven. He is also known as Saint Michael. Michael means "Who is like God?" Other spellings of Michael's name include Mikhael, Mikael, Mikail, and Mikhail.

Michael's main characteristics are exceptional strength and courage. Michael fights for good to prevail over evil and empowers believers to set their faith in God on fire with passion. He protects and defends people who love God.

People sometimes ask for Michael's help to gain the courage they need to overcome their fears, obtain strength to resist temptations to sin and instead do what's right and stay safe in dangerous situations.

Role in Religious Texts

Michael holds the distinction of being featured more often than any other named angel in major religious texts. The Torah, Bible, and Qur'an all mention Michael.

In the Torah, God chooses Michael to protect and defend Israel as a nation. Daniel 12:21 of the Torah describes Michael as "the great prince" who will protect God's people even during the struggle between good and evil at the end of the world. In the Zohar (a foundational book in the Jewish mysticism called Kabbalah), Michael escorts the souls of righteous people to heaven.

The Bible describes Michael in Revelation 12:7-12 leading armies of angels that battle Satan and his demons during the world's last conflict. The Bible says Michael and angelic troops finally emerge victorious, which also mentions in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 that Michael will accompany Jesus Christ when he returns to Earth.

The Qur'an warns in Al-Baqara 2:98: "Whoever is an enemy to God and his angels and his apostles, to Gabriel and Michael - lo! God is an enemy to those who reject the faith." Muslims believe that God has assigned Michael to reward righteous people for the good they do during their earthly lifetimes.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/feast-of-stmichael/home/historyofstmichaelthearchangel/>



Patron Saint

St. Michael has been invoked as patron saint and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. He is also the patron saint of soldiers, police and doctors.

Wings

St. Michael's wings are styled on those of a swan to symbolize purity.

Armour

St. Michael is shown dressed in Roman armour. This military attire symbolizes his role in the war in heaven, mentioned in Revelation.

Defeating the Devil

St. Michael is often depicted trampling on the defeated Devil in the form of a dragon or large serpent, symbolizing his victory over the power of evil.

He is the most well known of all the Archangels, and is often referred to as the Archangel of Protection. In the Book of Revelation, St. Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026

For me to live is Christ.

MT: 21 : 28 - 31



Reflect today on the first son, and humbly see yourself in him. In what ways do you find it difficult to say "Yes" to God's will right away? It is not a sin to struggle with obedience. This struggle is part of our fallen human nature. Like the first son, we must allow grace to work within us, forming our conscience and compelling us to act in accordance with God's will, especially in the areas where we resist. When we allow grace to move us beyond our initial hesitation, we grow in virtue and become more like our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus, who both said "Yes" to the Father and followed through completely.

My obedient Lord, You and Your Blessed Mother always responded with wholehearted fidelity to the Father's will, both in word and in deed. Grant me the grace to imitate Your example and to share in the very obedience You lived in union with Your Mother. Root out my fallen tendencies toward selfishness, and make me generous in charity, living in full accord with and in obedience to the Father's glorious will. Jesus, I trust in You.¹

C'è una frase conclusiva, comune alle due parabole della XXVI e XXVII domenica, che svela il segreto intendimento del discorso complessivo di Gesù: "Perciò vi dico: vi sarà tolto il regno di Dio e sarà dato a un popolo che lo farà fruttificare" (Mt 21,41).

La domanda posta da Gesù è la seguente: "Chi è allora il vero destinatario della promessa, il vero credente?". Anche la parabola dei due figli deve essere letta in questa prospettiva.

Molte volte, infatti, può verificarsi una forma di sintonia solo apparente, perché ultimamente interessata, tra la nostra volontà e quella del Padre. Siamo capaci di dirgli dei "sì" speciosi e superficiali, non maturati al sole di quella vera obbedienza interiore, che può solamente essere il frutto di una profonda conversione a Dio. Una forma di obbedienza disobbediente perché non tocca le radici del nostro cuore e non cambia la nostra esistenza.

In questa ipotesi è vero che, pur immersi in una vita ancora disordinata, coloro che hanno deciso di seguire Cristo, senza reticenze e senza cercare in ultima analisi il loro interesse, si riscatteranno e avranno la precedenza nel regno dei cieli.

La parabola ci fa capire quanto sia anche per noi reale il pericolo di partecipare, con apparente docilità, durante tutta la nostra vita, alle celebrazioni liturgiche e alle attività della Chiesa, senza mai diventare veri cristiani.²

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Come and spend some quiet time in prayer

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MON - THUR 9AM - 12PM (CHURCH)*
EVERY FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM (CHURCH)*
*IN CHAPEL, WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN ON
SUNDAYS - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Mary & Tony Schwaneur

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Ernesto Buenaventura

10:00 A.M. In Ringraziamento a San Michele

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Leonello Pecorari
Luigi Cornacchia
Totonno e Rosaria Francella
Paolo Modica

11:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

5:00 P.M. + Frank, Teresa & Joseph Lovrek

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. Peregrine Rhea Bagasan

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. Elizabeth Robles

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST - GIOVEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Kathleen Agar

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2ND - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Anne D'Lima

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Amelia Tan

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 5,687.30
Climate Control: \$ 4,247.00



This Week Second Collection:
Needs for the Canadian Church
Next Week Second Collection:
Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation



ShareLife 50th Anniversary
Open House at St. Augustine's Seminary

Tour the seminary and meet the agencies your kindness supports!

Saturday, October 3, 2026
Doors will be open from
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough,
ON M1M 1M3
Please register at sharelife.org/50

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026



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WE STAND ON GUARD FOR LIFE

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish

STAND ON GUARD FOR LIFE

What: Annual Life Chain
Time: 2 PM to 3PM
Where: Intersection of Lawrence/ Kennedy.

*Starting from the Church, we extend towards Kennedy Rd.

Contact: Joeman Martin
647-406-6103



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) / Adult Confirmation

We are now accepting registrations for the 2026-2027 RCIA Program. Please visit our [website](#) for information and to download the [RCIA Initial application form](#)



Y'all are invited to
ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH'S

THANKSGIVING COUNTRY DANCE
OCTOBER 17, 2026 | 6:30 PM
PARISH HALL

Come ready for good food, fun & fellowship!

Meat & Veggie Chili
Pulled Pork Sliders
Mac & Cheese
Cornbread
Salad & Dessert

Line Dancing
Country Tunes
Games

Tickets are available online & In-person Oct 3/4th & 10/11th Come visit us!

ADULTS \$40
CHILD \$20

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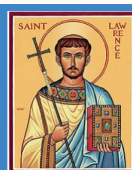


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The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited?

Contact Fr. David Twaddle, [Director of Vocations](#), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext. 801.

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