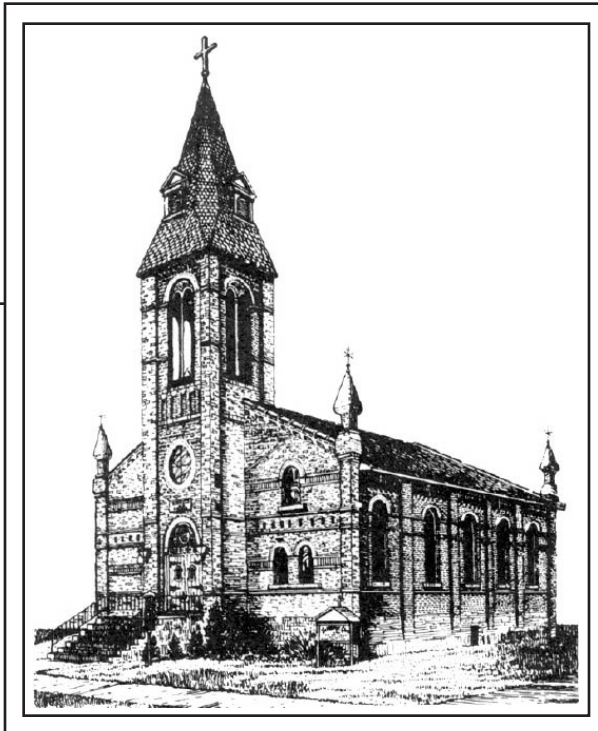


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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PROPHECY IN AND FOR OUR TIME

In September of 1976, the then Polish Cardinal, Karol Wojtyla planned to go to Philadelphia, US, for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress. While there, near the end of the congress, he spoke to American Bishops and his speech included the following words:

“We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of the American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully.

We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel.

This confrontation lies within the plans of divine Providence; it is trial which the whole Church must take up. It is a trial of not only our nation and the Church,

but, in a sense, a test of 2,000 years of culture and Christian civilization with all of its consequences for human dignity, individual rights, human rights and the rights of nations.”

These highly prophetic words were spoken by the Cardinal who would just two years later be voted in by the College of Cardinals as Pope John Paul II. But this part of his speech would not immediately be understood at the time and would have remained elusive to scholars. Yet we can hear in those words a strong warning of what is to come to a divided world.

Just a year earlier, on the Monday of Pentecost, May, 1975, a little-known man at the time named Ralph Martin, was in Rome to present to Pope Paul VI a prophecy he had received. Ralph became one of the founders of what would become known as the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. His prophecy reads as follows:

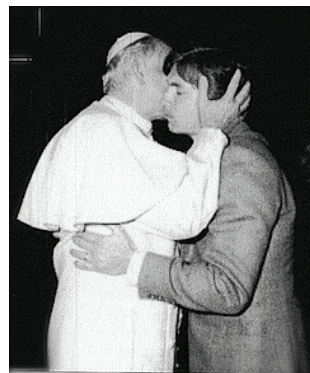
“Because I love you, I want to show you what I am doing in the world today. I want to prepare you for what is to come. Days of darkness are coming on the world, days of tribulation. . . . Buildings that are now standing will not be standing. Supports that are there for my people now will not be there. I want you to be prepared, my people, to know only Me and to cleave to Me and to have Me in a way deeper than ever before. I will lead you into the desert. . . . I will strip you of everything that you are depending on now, so you depend just on Me. A time of darkness is coming on the world, but a time of glory is coming for my Church, a time of glory is coming for my people. I will pour out on you all the gifts of my Spirit. I will prepare you for spiritual combat; I will prepare you for a time of evangelism that the world has never seen. . . . And when you have nothing but Me, you will have everything: land, fields, homes, and brothers and sisters and love and joy and peace more than ever before. Be ready, my people, I want to prepare you.”

When we hear the words “Buildings that are now standing will not be standing”, we recognize while that line wouldn’t have

meant much to any of us way back in 1975 it so suddenly did when, just 22 years ago, on the day we still call 9/11, the Twin Towers in New York City suddenly came down. In the morning they were there but after a few short hours almost 3,000 Americans were dead and the buildings fell and crumbled to ash and dust.

Note, too, the beginning of the prophecy which gives the context of Jesus’ warning to us – “because I love you”. Ours is not a God of anger, wrath or vengeance, but the God who loves us. God is love. A parent who loves their child will correct and sometimes even punish a child for their behaviour or disobedience so that the child will change its ways and grow into the child the parent knows the child ought to be: kind, considerate of others, well-mannered, obedient, honest, etc. God has laid out for the people of the earth he created, a path to walk and live by that leads to Him. To choose not to walk in that way (sin and disobedience) naturally leads to the consequences. God is not a big NO to our living but a huge YES when we learn that happiness, which no one can take away from us, truly comes from living with and walking with Him and being close to Him in all things. Even the warnings themselves which come from God are but further proof of this tremendous love of God for sinful humanity.

It is a great grace, therefore, that God would patiently wait for us to come back to Him, change our ways, minds and hearts and love Him back. Looking around the world we inhabit and have made as we’ve gone our own way and not God’s, we can see the fruits of this great and serious rebellion: abortion, increasing euthanasia (esp. in Canada), child sex trafficking, greed for wealth, the sudden rise of transgenderism in children, confusion about human sexuality, godlessness, and the list goes on. Our God sees a world that has increasingly rebelled and rejects him and even openly blasphemes His holy name. Yet it is a tragic time for the confusion within the Church when leaders have grown silent to what man has done to God’s gift of life, freedom and relationship. The ‘darkness’ the prophecy speaks of is walking in this life without God by our own choosing, and scoffing at God’s gift of His Son in whom we are saved. The last four years have been but the continuance and ramping up of a great rebellion against God and a foolish, evil, response to grace, mercy and forgiveness.



St. Paul tell us: “Do not despise prophecy, but test everything; hold fast to what is good.” 1 Thess. 5:20,21. Yes, in this time when things appear to be falling apart in man and our shunned relationship with God, the remedy is faithfulness, prayer, obedience to Christ and a heart which desires to see all people come to the truth of God’s salvation. God has given us so much and expects a holy

return from us: our hearts, minds, love and our “yes”. (FRc)
(Photo of Dr. Ralph Martin being embraced by Pope John Paul II)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Sept 19 th	
7:00pm	+Thomas O'Neill Requested by the Godin Family
Wednesday Sept 20 th	
8:30am	Intentions of Luke & Andrew Requested by Mom
Thursday Sept 21 st	
8:30am	Private Intentions
Friday Sept 22 nd	
7:30pm	Holy Hour
8:30am	Special Intentions of my Support Team Requested by Barbara Gal
Saturday Sept 23 rd	
3:30pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Patrick Sloan Requested by Lynda McKay
Sunday Sep 24 th	
9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+John Sanfilippo Requested by the Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla.

Pray for those who have died recently

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Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

Annual Collingwood Life Chain- will take place on **Sunday, October 1st from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** We will meet at Harbourview Park-off Birch Street at 1:45 p.m. Please join us for this silent, peaceful and prayerful witness for life.



If so, please call the parish office at 705 445 1790, leave your name, and phone number. St. Mary's R.C.I.A. Program will begin soon.

Those adults who have never baptized, or have been baptized and wish to join the church, please call the parish office promptly so you can be included.

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With Fr. Eric Mah

Wed Oct 4th, 2023

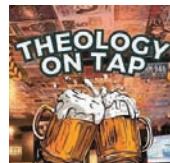
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