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## LIFE CHAIN

SAVING LIVES FROM COAST TO COAST

JOIN THOUSANDS ACROSS CANADA STANDING UP

AGAINST ABORTION IN THIS PEACEFUL WITNESS!

### LIFE CHAIN THIS SUNDAY

Join Pro-Lifers in your community and across Canada to pray for the end to Abortion. Life Chain is sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition. Visit the [website](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com) for more information [www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com)

Life Chain this year will take place  
**THIS Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Join in from 2:00 to 3:00p.m at **Overlea and Thorncliffe Park** (by Petro-Canada)

Together we can change hearts and save precious lives.

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

*For the Synod: "Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries."*

### Canadian Bishops Statement for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) released a statement to the Catholic faithful on the occasion of the 2023 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

The Bishops welcome the day as an opportunity to reflect on the tragic legacy of the former Indian Residential Schools and called on the faithful to pray for a continued path of healing with our Indigenous Peoples.

.... "The Catholic faithful of Canada are invited to enter into this day with a spirit of charity and compassion, as followers of Jesus Christ, members of his "living body of reconciliation," so that together with all Canadians, we may continue to walk forward with Indigenous Peoples on the path of truth, justice, healing, reconciliation, and hope."

To read the full statement, [please visit the CCCB website](#).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

- all by appointment only

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION**

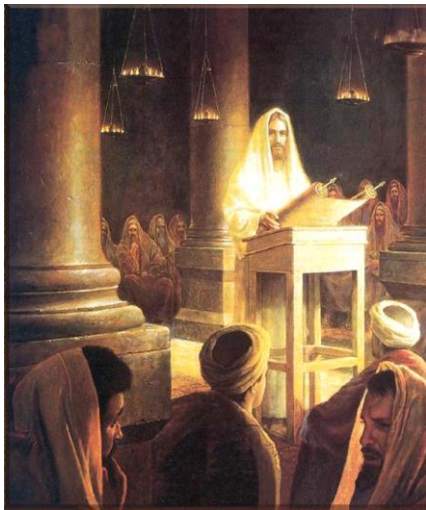
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

**For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).**

**Schools in the area:**

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| <b>St. Anselm</b>       | <b>416-393-5243</b> |
| <b>Holy Cross</b>       | <b>416-393-5242</b> |
| <b>Canadian Martyrs</b> | <b>416-393-5251</b> |
| <b>St. John XXIII</b>   | <b>416-429-4000</b> |



**"Which of the two did the will of his father?"**

## From NO to YES

Adam and Eve said "No" to God. Since then each member of the entire believing community has been engaged in the daily and lifelong struggle of changing that all too naturally arising "No" into a thoughtful and decidedly deliberate "Yes!." Something of that struggle is reflected in today's first reading from Ezekiel (18:15-28) as well as in the gospel parable of the two sons (Mt. 21:28-32). Appointed as God's watchman for the sake of his contemporaries, it was the prophet's task to warn them to avoid sin and evil. Those who heeded him, i.e., **those who transformed their disobedient "No" into a willing "Yes", were promised life**; those who refused, warned Ezekiel, would reap the dire consequences thereof.

In today's gospel, the no-yes struggle is epitomized in the responses of two sons to their father's request that they go and work in the vine-yard. One son said yes but lived no...no struggle here, just a lie and refusal to obey; the other son

said no but then struggled to turn his initial negative response into an obedient one. *Though the tax collectors and the prostitutes during Jesus' time gave a negative response initially, they changed their "No" to "Yes" later.*

Similar struggles are also reflected in the lives of many other biblical characters. Recall Mary of Magdala and the prodigal son, both of whom turned what had become a habitual no into a definite and obedient yes to God, to grace and to a new way of life. **We find this no-to-yes transformation in Peter** who denied our Lord and then repented...and **in Thomas** from the no of doubt to the yes of belief...**in Paul**, whose no was exercised in wrathful persecution and whose yes continues to preach the good news and prompt his readers to continue to struggle as to respond positively to God.

The point of such stories is precisely the point made in today's gospel, viz., **the past is not prologue, the past is not destiny. Even the worst "No" can become a glorious "Yes"** if the one who struggles to make it so will surrender to God and accept to be graced by God's mercy.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Mon.	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wed.	St. Francis Of Assisi
Thurs.	St. Faustina Kowalska
Fri.	Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher St. Bruno
Sat.	Our Lady of the Rosary

<b>Readings:</b>
1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28
2nd reading: Philippians 2.1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32