



Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre

1225 Township Road 535
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for Canadian Carmelite Charitable Society



Everyone is welcome
to our Half-Day **Retreat**

December 11th 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Date change for retreat and talks times

Advent

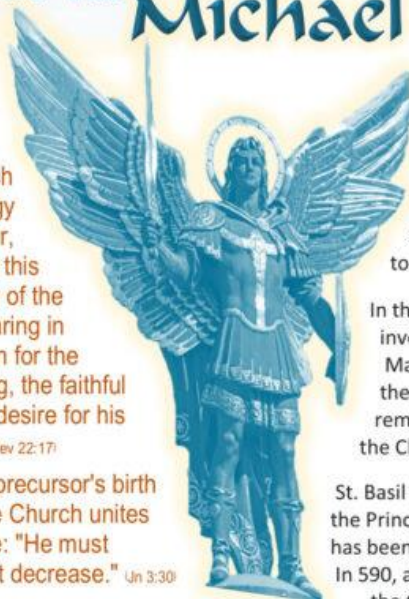
PREPARE THE WAY

Michael the Archangel

Catechism of The Catholic Church Says:

524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. (Cf Rev 22:17)

By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (Jn 3:30)



Michael the Archangel, whose name means, "one who is like God," led the army of angels who cast Satan and the rebellious angels into Hell; at the end of time, he will wield the sword of justice to separate the righteous from the evil (cf. Revelation 12:7ff).

In the Tridentine Mass since the 1200s, St. Michael was invoked in the Confiteor, along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, and Saints Peter and Paul; the invocation of these saints inspired the faithful to remember the call to holiness and the sinlessness of the Church Triumphant in Heaven.

St. Basil and other Greek Fathers ranked Michael as the Prince of all the Angels. Michael the Archangel has been invoked for protection on various occasions. In 590, a great plague struck Rome. Pope St. Gregory the Great led a procession through the streets as an act of penance, seeking the forgiveness of and atoning for sin.



10:00 am talk **Calling Upon
Archangel Michael**

11:00 **Holy Mass**

11:35 talk **Preparing for ADVENT**

12:10 talk **Fear Not**

12:50 **Benediction (10 min) &
Confessions for those who want**

**Cost:
Donation**

Retreat given by **Fr. Mario Fernandes, ocd**
Director of the Centre

He has a Masters Degree in Sociology, Bachelor of Arts and Philosophy, Counselling in Addictions, and CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education).
He has given many talks and retreats in Canada & U.S.



IMPORTANT! (Please remember to **BRING YOUR OWN MASK**)

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