



Parish Week † Sunday, 5 May 2024

Saturday, 4 May / Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday
Josefa Sardua (Chita)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)
- RCIA: *Special Initiation*
- 6.00 pm CWL: Spring Dance

SUNDAY, 5 MAY / EASTER 6-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *2nd Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Deceased members of
Mariam & Raphael Thattil families (Mary Fernando)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Stella D'Souza & deceased family members
(grandchildren)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 6 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Lily Mandyam (friends)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 7 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edward Mendoza (family)

Wednesday, 8 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
- 7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Thelma John

Thursday, 9 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Cenizal family)
- 7.00 pm St. Albert School Confirmation

Friday, 10 May / St. John of Avila, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Castora Serneo (family)

Saturday, 11 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eugenio Baclig (Vinah Garcia)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. for all mothers (Gilda)

SUNDAY, 12 MAY / ASCENSION OF THE LORD

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *Mother's Day*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Gracious)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (Maria)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Acts 10.25-48; 1 John 4.7-10; John 15.9-17

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The **53,186** victims of the **Covid 19** pandemic in **Canada** from **2020 to now**.



Mel Gibson to release sequel to "The Passion" on theme of Christ's "Resurrection" in 2025

Mel Gibson's new film project, on Jesus' "Resurrection," brings together several actors of the original cast of "The Passion of Christ:" Jim Caviezel, Maia Morgenstern and Francesco De Vito.

The release is planned for 18 April 2025, Good Friday. The production will be filmed with special events, such as the Fall of the Angels and scenes in Hell.

The film will be shot in Israel, Morocco and Italy. "Resurrection" will show events that occurred between the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, the intrigues, Herod's Palace and events that happened in Jerusalem during the Sunday of the Resurrection. "The Passion of Christ," released in 2004, focused on the last hours of Christ's life on earth. The film used Aramaic, Latin and Hebrew with subtitles, to give greater authenticity to the narration.

2nd Collection: 5 May - Pope's Pastoral Works

On Sunday, 5 May, the 2nd collection will be for the *Pope's Pastoral Works*, which cares for all his special charities.

If a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation, the Holy Father offers aid in the name of Catholics everywhere.

If you use a recycled envelope marked "Pope's Works," please remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

COMING UP

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- 19 May **Pentecost Sunday**; the Gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church
- 27 May ▶ St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
- 30 May St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 1 June Wedding: Benito & Gonzalez (1:00 pm)
- 2 June 2nd Collection: *ShareLife #3*
- 3 June Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 9 June 2nd Collection: *MaryGrove Camp*
- 20 June - Archbishop Francis Leo: *birthday* (1971)
- ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:00 am);
St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 24 June St. Albert School Graduation Exercises (5:00 pm)
- 25 June St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Exercises (5:00 pm)
- 4 Aug. Annual Mission Co-op Appeal
- 11 Aug. **Danko Jones** performs at *Alcatraz Metal Festival*, Kortrijk, Belgium;
- 15 Aug. Feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 31 Aug. ▶ *WWE Smack Down & Bash* in Berlin

ShareLife 2024

6th Sunday of Easter, 5 May

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign.

So far, we have raised: \$ 18,540.00

toward our 2024 goal of: \$ 65,000.00

ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters

We call upon your compassionate hearts: Support *ShareLife*. Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community.

2 June is our next *ShareLife* Sunday. Please give generously. Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*, and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



Catholic Education Week

5-10 May 2024

Celebrating the gift of an education that supports our families in their faith.



Catholic schools in our parish will hold a series of events to celebrate the gift of publicly funded Catholic education, which has existed in Ontario since 1841. We are pleased to welcome representatives of our schools as they make a presentation at our Masses at the beginning of the week.



CWL Spring Dance

6.00 pm, Saturday, 4 May

A Time to Celebrate!

Finally: an exciting evening at a real, in-person Spring Dance, thanks to our CWL Council. For more info on this year's Spring Dance, call: **Minda**, 647-985-9065

Sacramental Preparation

9 May: CONFIRMATION MASS

ST. ALBERT SCHOOL & SATURDAY CLASS: 7.00 pm

11 May: FIRST COMMUNION MASS

SATURDAY CLASS: 5.00 pm



RCIA, RCIC

Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults and Youth who will be receiving the Sacraments of the Church at the SPECIAL INITIATION RITE at the 5 pm Mass on 4 May.

Stewardship

2023 Receipts,
2024 Envelopes



The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2023 are in the Vestibule for pick up at Mass. Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

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Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Justin Orprecio and Mary Madarang

25 May, Blessed Trinity

Angelo Ranjan and Michaela Perdurupillai

1 June, Holy Name

Roland Benito and Jill Gonzales

1 June

Karthigan Puvanendran and Sofia Alfred

22 June, St. Paul Basilica

Sinclair D'Costa and Sharon D'Souza

St. Isaac Jogues

Mukesh Kapadia and Maria Helen Iyer

13 July

Vincent Gomes and Remi Rozario

20 July, St. Paul Basilica

David Masci and Alcia Alvares

26 July, Annunciation

Jude Rozario and Luxmi Cruze

9 August

Hena Potluri and Jolina Cuevas

9 August

David Cooney and Lorelle Vase

10 August

Niel Brent Yee and Jeanna Marie Mangurat

10 August, St. Paul Basilica

Praveen Thevarajah and Nareesa Alli

31 August, St. Patrick, Markham

Carmine Tang and Cassie Peralta

6 September

Bryan Chiu and Cassandra Chen

7 September, Prince of Peace

Aaron Opiniano and Charmaine Dimaculangan

19 October

Benjamin Liang and Samantha Buyser

2 November



Top: (29 April) St. Maria Goretti School Grade 8 volunteers join Parishioners in loading the St. Vincent de Paul truck with clothing donations from the Bundle Up Sunday drive, 26 April.

Middle: Family and friends gather with Profetiza Dias on 14 April to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Bottom: Our Lady of Fatima Church in Easter Season.

Ireland to undergo diocesan restructuring by the Pope

The restructuring of the ecclesial government in Ireland, after nine centuries without marked changes, will reduce the number of Bishops in the West of the country.

The borders of Ireland's 26 dioceses have remained practically unchanged since the 12th century. The decrease in attendance of religious services and in the number of priests calls for a restructuring of the whole Church in a country of great Catholic tradition. The announcement of the changes was made on April 10 by Argentine Archbishop Luis Montemayor, Papal Nuncio in Ireland.

The number of Bishops in the western region is being reduced from six to three. The reorganization will see the Archbishop of Tuam, Dr Francis Duffy, be the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Killala, after the retirement of Bishop John Fleming. Dr Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin will also be appointed Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Achonry, whose Bishop, Dr Paul Demsey, is moving to Dublin as Auxiliary Bishop to work especially with young people. Already in 2021, the Bishop of Clonfert took the direction of Galway and Kilmacduagh and the Apostolic Administration of Kilfenora. The metropolitan province of Tuam, which encompasses the greater part of the West of Ireland, will only have three Bishops. The small size of some of the dioceses calls for greater service to the faithful. For example, the diocese of Achonry, with a population of 40,000 people, has only 23 parishes.

The Apostolic Nuncio said: "In due course, and after a careful evaluation and consultation, the present dioceses of Tuam and Kilala, on one hand, and Elphin and Achonry, on the other, could be governed by a Bishop in each case, as the dioceses of Galway and Clonfert are governed today by only one. If this process evolves even more, the associated dioceses can then fuse completely under their Bishop and, in this way, the six dioceses of the province of Tuam will eventually become three."

In the Ráth Breasail Synod of the year 1111, the transition took place of the monastic system in the government of the Church to the diocesan system. It was followed by the Kells Synod in 1152, which established four metropolitan provinces: Armagh, Dublin, Cashel and Tuam, which continue at present. Only in 1831 was the diocese of Galway established. The fusion of Ross with Cork occurred in 1958.

The western side of Ireland is very rural and sparsely populated, with the exception of the city of Galway and its suburban belt, and some larger cities, such as Sligo and Castlebar. By contrast, about 40% of the Republic's population lives in Dublin and in the adjacent counties of Wicklow, Kildare and Meath. Ireland's Catholic immigrant population has saved many parishes from extinction. The reduction of dioceses also takes into account the general decrease of the Catholic population.



Thiago Cordeiro Alves receives a blessing before his flight to Sao Paulo, Brazil, where his daughters Mariana and Julia will be Baptized at Santa Cecilia Parish. (26 April)



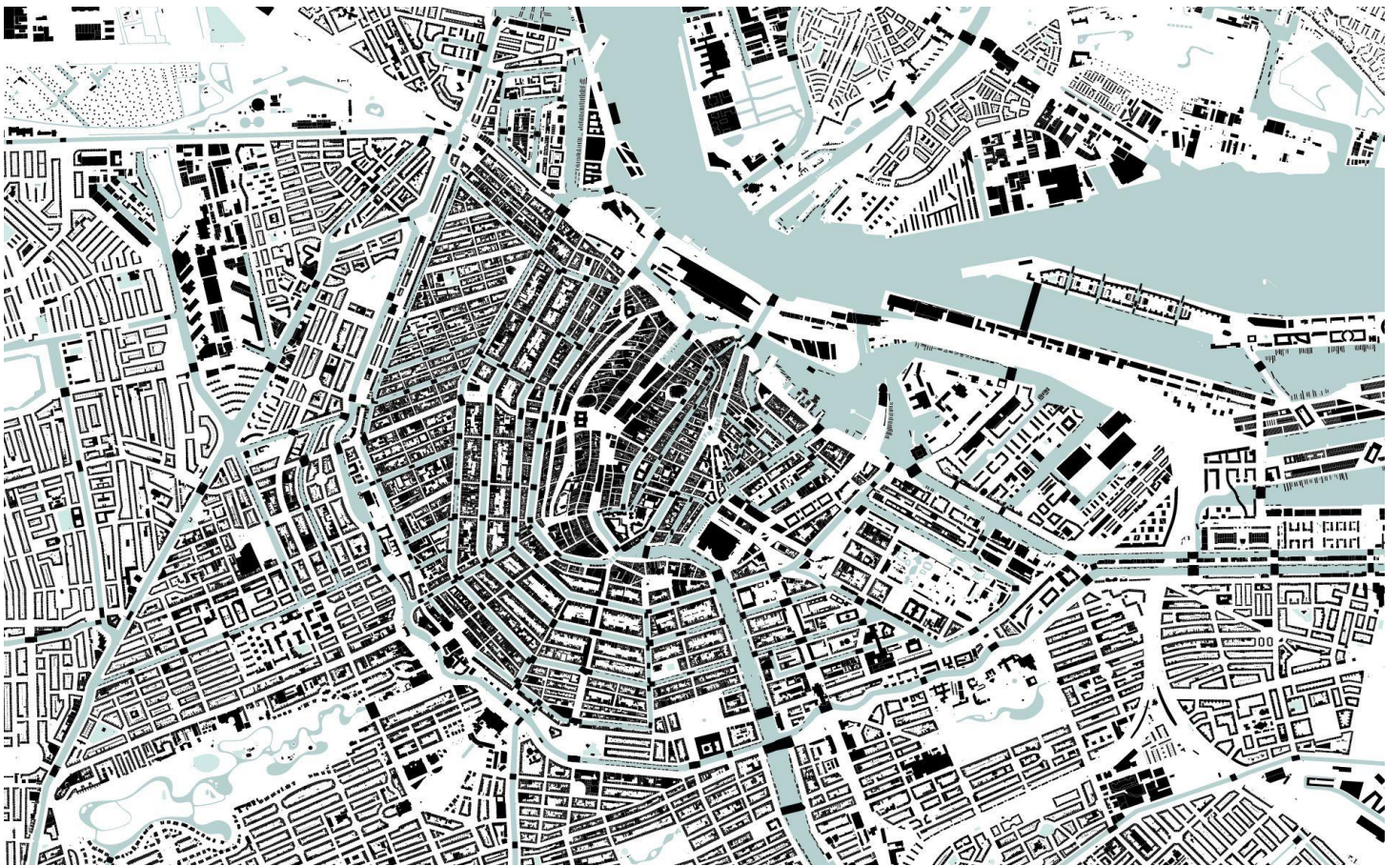
Sharon Sasikaran with his mother and sisters.



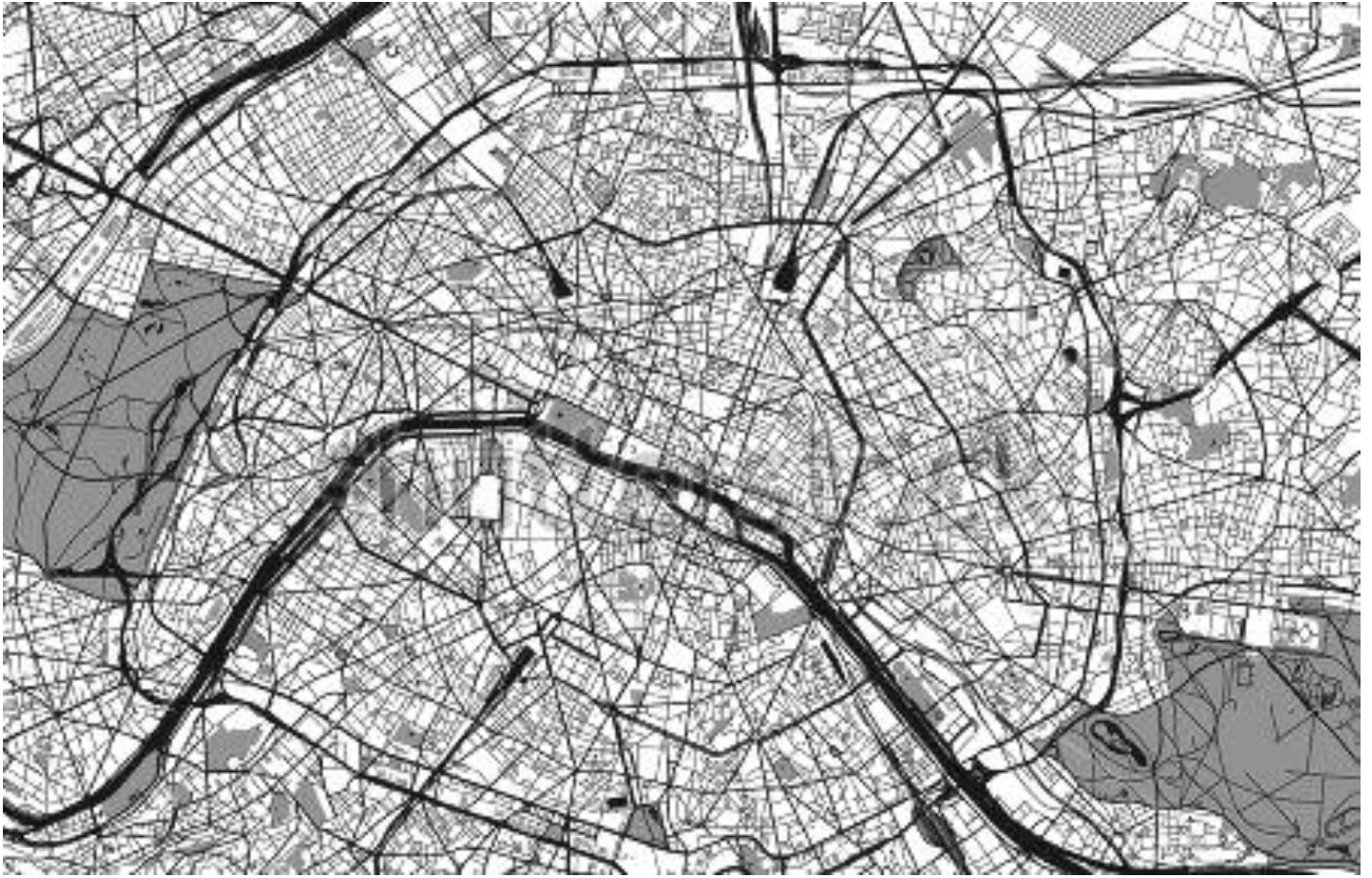
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