Parish Week ♦ 14 June 2020

Saturday, 13 June / St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor
8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Audrey Caza)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Eric Anthony (Josephine)

SUNDAY, 14 JUNE / CORPUS CHRISTI

Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
2nd Collection: Marygrove Camp
9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Cesario & Marcelina on their 25th Wedding Anniversary
10.30 am Mass: † Rita D’Souza (family)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Fely Mawirat)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 15 June
8.00 am Mass: † Linda Durano Magdadaro (Antigua family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Michael Dennis Solomon (Anne-Marie)

Tuesday, 16 June
8.00 am Mass: † Fe Tablada (family)

Wednesday, 17 June
8.00 am Mass: † Helen Bautista (friend)

Thursday, 18 June
Fr. Edwin Galea: Anniversary of birth (1954)
8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Edwin Galea (CWL, SMG Council)
8.45 am St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Mass

Friday, 19 June / Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8.00 am Mass: Int. Lucy & Patrick Lui family (Paul)
11.00 am Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, 20 June / Immaculate Heart of Mary
8.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis & Christy Andreas (Mary Thanarajan)
1.00 pm Wedding: Steven Valencia & Laura Bastian
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Elson Yong-Ping (Agnes Joseph)

SUNDAY, 21 JUNE / 12-A

Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
Father’s Day
9.00 am Mass: † Charles D’Silva (Lydia & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Glen Humber (Tina & Jerry Koenig)
12.00 pm Mass: † Teofilo Adriano (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Corpus Christi Sunday, Year A
Deuteronomy 8.2-16; 1 Corinthians 10.16-17; John 6.51-59

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Pray for the Deceased
Carmela Giancarlo Fr. Francis Morrisey
Sr. Bertha LaForest Nicholas Minichiello
Sr. Yvette Rivard Carlos Sih

The 70 victims of the January flooding in Brazil

Corpus Christi
Eucharistic Devotion
On CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, all Masses will conclude with Benediction.
In the morning, the Blessed Sacrament will remain on the Altar for Adoration:
after the 9.00 am Mass until 10.30 am; & after the 10.30 am Mass until 12.00 noon.

Spiritual Reflection
“My dear friend, the secret of my success is that at an early age, I discovered I was not God!” - Oliver Wendell Holmes

2nd COLLECTION
14 June: Mary Grove Camp
On Sunday, 14 June, the 2nd collection will be for Marygrove Camp, run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Marygrove offers 1,100 girls from less fortunate families an opportunity to attend summer camp. Many children will benefit from your generosity.
If you use one of the recycled envelopes marked “Marygrove,” remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

COMING UP
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1 July Canada Day
6 July Feast of St. Maria Goretti
6 Aug. Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For the Prayer to St. Michael, and details of other events in our Parish, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.
Update from the Archdiocese of Toronto

8 June 2020

Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto regarding Re-opening of Places of Worship

Earlier today, Premier Ford announced a plan for re-opening places of worship, in light of restrictions that have been in place for the last number of months relating to the coronavirus pandemic.

We thank Premier Ford and Minister Monte McNaughton (who coordinated with faith communities during this period of pandemic), for recognizing the importance of places of worship for many Ontarians. We also appreciate the opportunity for constructive dialogue over the last number of weeks regarding our concerns and suggestions for a path forward.

I am grateful to Catholics in our archdiocese for their patience and understanding as we worked collectively to minimize the potential spread of Covid-19 over the past several months. I am also keenly aware that closing our more than 200 Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto has been a painful and difficult period for all of us.

As announced by Premier Ford, there will be capacity restrictions (30%) as we move to an initial phase of re-opening our churches. We will also be employing measures to ensure the safety of all those who worship at Catholic churches in the archdiocese. Our re-opening plan will be issued publicly later this week after we have the opportunity to consult our Council of Priests and provide in-service sessions for clergy and staff.

We very much look forward to returning to the celebration of the sacraments in our churches as we continue to pray for all those who are sick, those who have died and for all those front-line workers who are serving so faithfully.

Re-opening Committee

Many thanks to Gavin Moniz, and the members of the Parish Re-opening Committee, for their dedication to our faith community, and for their help in making sure that everything is in order to allow us to reassemble, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Provincial government and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

As it becomes available, pertinent information will be posted directly on our website home page.

Thanks to everyone for your patience, collaboration and prayer. – Fr. Edwin Galea

Stewardship Message

Dear Parishioners,

We hope and pray that you are staying healthy – both physically and spiritually. Please let us know if the parish can help you during these difficult times. Our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to function. Without the weekly offertory collection during this COVID 19 crisis, the Archdiocese has identified ways that we can continue our support.

Here are the ways that you can support our parish:

→ P.A.G. You can contribute through Pre-Authorized Giving.

See the link for this in the letter on our website for more information on pre-authorized giving. You can click in the letter our website to download an enrollment form which can be printed and completed. Return the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to:

development@archtoronto.org

Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

→ Hold on to your regular weekly offertory contribution until the parish office can re-open.

If you have any questions, contact the Development Office. Phone: 416-934-3400, ext. 540, or email: development@archtoronto.org.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish. We miss seeing all of you at Mass, and we pray daily that we will be able to gather together again soon.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Edwin Galea, pastor

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Due to ongoing precautions to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic, instruction for the Adults and Youth in our RCIA and RCIC processes is being provided on line, and information is being disseminated through email messages.
Photos above: COVENANT HOUSE helps homeless youth to leave the street, and find safety and guidance.

Remember our SHARELIFE Agencies at this critical time

Community / Family Services
Catholic Community Services of York Region, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe Country, Catholic Family Services of Toronto, FertilityCare Toronto, Natural Family Planning Association

People with Special Needs
Mary Centre, Our Place Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, St. Bernadette’s Family Resources Centre, St. Michael’s Homes / Matt Talbot Houses, Silent Voice Canada (ministry to the deaf)

Children and Youth

Affiliated Organizations
Camp Ozanam (Society of St. Vincent de Paul), Good Shepherd Ministries, Birthright International

ShareLife 2020
Living the Gospel!
Corpus Christi Sunday, 14 June

Living the Gospel by helping vulnerable youth

Incarcerated at a youth detention centre, 18-year-old Rodrigo didn’t know what his future held. Upon his release, he was referred to COVENANT HOUSE, which partnered him with a Youth in Transition worker. Together they developed a plan that included regular counselling sessions and enrolling in an alternative school program. Now living back at home, Rodrigo’s future is open to so many possibilities.

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. 12 July is the ShareLife Freewill Sunday. Please give generously; thanks for helping ShareLife!

* An important update:
After much consideration, @ocytoronto and @vocationsTO have decided to cancel this Summer’s TOTUS TUUS camps due to continued uncertainty surrounding #Covid19. Our top priority is to keep our missionaries and campers safe. Our prayers remain with all of you! #TotusTuusTO #CatholicTO
With deep sorrow and grieving hearts, the family of Maria Bibiana Coutinho announces her peaceful passing away on 30 May 2020, while on the road to recovery. Born and raised Goan Catholic, she had a passion for travel and was quick to overcome language barriers, making friends wherever she went. Maria began her career in a travel agency where she met her soulmate Lawrie which began a lifelong romance of 45 years. She moved on to Canada in 1997. Maria enjoyed music and it brought her great joy to play the guitar, Church organ, and worship in song during Mass and other services. She loved dancing and became an amazing dance teacher. Many were inspired and learned from her natural ability to move to any beat. Her family meant everything to her. She wanted only the best for them and did everything to make it happen. Her deep faith, love for God, love for her husband and son, saw her through hard times. Always warm, smiling and friendly, Maria will be fondly remembered by her beloved, and caring husband Lawrie, loving son Rosano, mother Rita, (late) father Andrew, and her siblings; Fr. Christopher, Stan & Blossom, Mary & Jonas, Joseph & Bhenie, Annie, Tessie, nieces/nephews; Randolph & Samantha, Faye, Joben, Joanna, Ross & Angela, Samantha, Benito, Stefano & Yulette and grand-niece Katie.

Maria’s Interment has taken place at CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CEMETERY. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date.

**Spiritual Communion**

*St. Alphonsus Liguori’s Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Prince Philip: 99th Birthday**

Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, the spouse of Queen Elizabeth II, was born in Mon Repos on the Greek island of Corfu on 10 June 1921. His parents were Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark, and Princess Alice of Battenberg. A member of the House of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksborg, itself a branch of the House of Oldenburg, he was a prince of both Greece and Denmark by virtue of his patrilineal descent from George I of Greece and Christian IX of Denmark. After World War II, due to anti-German sentiment in England, Philip changed his family name from Battenberg to Mountbatten (the English form).

When Philip became engaged to Princess Elizabeth, he joined the Anglican Church, since he had been Baptized Greek Orthodox. Philip and Elizabeth were married on 20 November 1947, at Westminster Abbey, which had been the chapel of the Catholic Benedictine Abbey at the West end of the City of London, until Henry VIII closed it and dispersed the monks in 1539.

**Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
St. Bede the Venerable
Survivor of an English pandemic

St. Bede the Venerable, 672-735, was a Benedictine monk at the monastery of St. Peter and its companion monastery of St. Paul in the Kingdom of Northumbria of the Angles (today, Monkwearmouth–Jarrow Abbey in Tyne & Wear, England). His feastday is 25 May.

Born on lands belonging to the twin monastery of Monkwearmouth-Jarrow, Bede was sent to the Abbey at the age of seven, and later joined Abbot Ceolfrith at Jarrow, both of whom survived a plague that struck in 686, and killed a majority of the population there.

While he spent most of his life in the monastery, Bede travelled to several abbeys and monasteries across the British Isles, even visiting the Archbishop of York and King Ceolwulf of Northumbria.

He is well known as an author, teacher (a student of one of his pupils was Alcuin), and scholar. His most famous work, Ecclesiastical History of the English People, gained him the title “The Father of English History.” His ecumenical writings were extensive and included a number of Biblical commentaries and other theological works of exegetical erudition. Another area of study for Bede was the academic discipline of computus, also known as the science of calculating calendar dates. One of the more important dates Bede tried to compute was Easter, a complex effort. He also helped establish the practice of dating forward from the birth of Christ (Anno Domini – in the year of our Lord), a practice which eventually became commonplace in medieval Europe. Bede was one of the greatest teachers and writers of the Early Middle Ages and is considered by many historians to be the most important scholar of the period between the death of Pope Gregory I (604) and the coronation of Charlemagne (800).

In 1899, Pope Leo XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church, the only native of Great Britain to be so named. St. Anselm of Canterbury, also a Doctor of the Church, was originally Italian. St. Bede was also a skilled linguist and translator, and his work made the Latin and Greek writings of the early Church Fathers accessible to his fellow Anglo-Saxons. This contributed critically to English Christianity. St. Bede’s monastery had access to an impressive library which included works by Eusebius, Orosius, and many others.

Prayer of St. Bede

“I implore you, good Jesus, that as in your mercy you have given me to drink in with delight the words of your knowledge, so of your loving kindness you will also grant me one day to come to you, the fountain of all wisdom, and to stand for ever before your face.”

Laudato Sì

Prayer for the 5th Anniversary of the Encyclical “Care for our Common Home”

Laudato Sì was published on 18 June 2015.

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, of earth and all they contain.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift. Be present to the needy in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes geared to the search for the common good.

Now more than ever, may we be able to feel that we are all inter-connected and interdependent. Make sure that we truly listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray to You through Christ Our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians. Amen.
Corpus Christi Sunday
And the Re-opening of our Church
10 June 2020

Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

In light of the government announcement of 8 June 2020 regarding the re-opening of places of worship, I have provided direction to all parishes on our re-opening timeline after consulting with the Archdiocese of Toronto’s Council of Priests and Episcopal Board.

While the government has indicated that places of worship may open as of 12 June, we recognize the extensive protocols that must be in place to safely re-open our churches. These include the training of clergy, staff and volunteers as well as ensuring appropriate cleaning supplies, signage and capacity control mechanisms can be prepared.

As per government direction regarding capacity, churches are limited to 30% of their worship space. Funerals and weddings are restricted to 10 people including the presider at this time.

Mindful that we are still in a period of pandemic, our goal is to ensure we can welcome the faithful and provide a safe environment for all. Recognizing these challenges and balancing them with the understandable desire of the faithful to return to their spiritual home, all parishes have been asked to adopt the following timeline:

**12 - 13 June**

Period of preparation. Churches remain closed.

**Sunday 14 June**

On the feast of Corpus Christi, parishes are asked to open their doors throughout the day for private prayer and adoration only.

**Monday 15 June**

Churches may open for private prayer.

**Tuesday 16 June**

Churches may open for private prayer.

**Wednesday 17 June**

Churches may begin to celebrate daily Mass.

**Sunday 21 June**

Churches may begin to celebrate Sunday Mass.

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**Note:**

Friday, 19 June - The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 20 June - The Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Before opening the Church, the Pastor must be satisfied that the Archdiocese of Toronto Return to Church Guidelines can be followed. Parishes are currently finalizing their plans regarding operating hours and times for prayer/Mass as well as the method they will utilize to limit capacity. These will be communicated at the parish level shortly.

I continue to provide dispensation from Sunday Mass for those who may not be able to attend for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions. St. Michael Cathedral will continue to livestream Masses. Parishes may choose to do so during this transition period, or publicize the Cathedral livestream, DailyTVMass.com as well as Masses offered through Salt & Light Catholic Television, EWTN and others.

I recognize there will be a period of adjustment and transition as we move to this new phase of operations. Thank you for your patience in this regard.

We also continue to remember in prayer those who have suffered during this period of pandemic and for all those who continue to care of them.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto
Una Voce
Dedicated to the development of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite in the Archdiocese of Toronto and its suffragan dioceses for the restoration of Catholic piety and culture.

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI issued his motu proprio, SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM, which encouraged the use of the traditional Latin Mass, and addressed a number of points about its use. In the Toronto Archdiocese, Una Voce provides information for Catholics who wish to participate in traditional Latin Masses. They are held in a number of locations, including:

**St. Patrick Church**, 91 Church St. Schomberg, Ontario L0G 1T0
Sundays: 9:00 A.M. — Sung Mass

**St. Vincent de Paul Church**
263 Roncesvalles Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6R 2L9
Sundays: 9:30 A.M. — Read Mass

**Holy Family Church**
1372 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M6K 1H3
Sundays: 11:00 A.M. — Solemn Mass
Mon – Fri: 11:30 A.M. — Read Mass
Saturdays: 8:30 A.M. — Read Mass

**St. Lawrence the Martyr**
2210 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough, ON M6K 1H3
Sundays: 1:00 P.M. — Read Mass with hymns
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11 A.M. — Read Mass
Thursday: 7:00 A.M. — Read Mass
Friday: 7:00 P.M. — Read Mass

**St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church**
1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering, Ontario L1V 1J6
First Saturday, 11:00 A.M. — Read Mass

St. Maria Goretti School
2020 Grade 8 Graduation

Message to the Graduates from their Pastor

A graduation, more than anything else, is a time of reflection. It is a time of looking back and of looking forward. As you look back you will see how far you have already gone. As you look forward, you will realize that there is still so far to go, and so much to do. This time, therefore, is a wonderful moment to appreciate the past and contemplate the future.

Where will you go from here? What will you do? Who will you become?

Over the years, at our School and Parish Mases, you have listened to readings from the Bible. The Word of God is really helpful in guiding us as we move forward. It helps us to realize that the really important thing is not to simply live, but to live well. You have learned much from the school over these past years, but more importantly, it has taught you how to live well. Think back. St. Maria Goretti Catholic School has not only taught you how to survive academically, but it has also taught you how to thank God, how to care for others, how to forgive, how to love, how to give back to the community what it has given to you. These lessons are priceless. This is why you have gained so much.

I am sure that each and every one of you will someday be able to look back and remember how your time in St. Maria Goretti Catholic School strengthened your faith, developed your character, shaped your future, and prepared you to deal with life’s many twists and turns. St. Maria Goretti Catholic School has given you a strong foundation.

The goal of a Catholic school is to unite our minds, our hearts and our wills with the mind, the heart and the will of God. That’s a big order, but our faith tells us that we can do it. God is the master artist. We are his works of art.

Congratulations!

*Fr. Edwin A. Galea*
Pope Francis and George Floyd

In his General Audience on 3 June 2020, Pope Francis commented on the anti-racial protests in the world.

“Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd.

My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that “the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.”

Today I join the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism. Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us seek national reconciliation and peace. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world.

May God bless all of you and your families.

Pope Francis

Cebu Priests and Staff Quarantined

The priests and staff of the Basilica del Santo Niño de Cebu in the Philippines are under quarantine after “suspected” cases of Covid 19 were detected inside the convent. Fr. Andres Rivera Jr., the prior provincial of the Augustinian Province of Cebu, said that, “While waiting for the test results, all friars and personnel are being quarantined.” The Priest informed the public that the Basilica will remain closed until further notice but the faithful can take part in the online mass through the Basilica’s Facebook page. Fr. Rivera also said, “We are in constant coordination with city health officials and with the barangay officials. With their help, we ensure the public that everything is properly managed.”
Dad reviews his little girl’s “Restaurant”

“So I tried to support another Black Owned Business for lunch today. It’s called Ava’s Kitchen, just opened at the end of April. It’s a very clean establishment, but whewww, let me tell you about this owner. I’ve been waiting for my order to get done for 45 minutes, and I’m the only customer here. She was making good progress at first. Then she stopped for 20 minutes to go watch Paw Patrol. Overall, the customer service could be better, but the cook is a cutie; so I’ll give her another chance.” — Chris Kyle

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Above: Africa healing during the pandemic. [Sergey Gaydaburov]  
Below: Earth heals as carbon pollution falls. [Economic Times]