

Parish Week

Sunday, 20 November 2022

Saturday, 19 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Crasto family) 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph) - RCIA Early Initiation

SUNDAY, 20 NOV. / CHRIST THE KING

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Jimenez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Deceased family members (Joseph D'Souza)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday, Glenn Arroya (Gina)
- 1.30 pm Knights of Columbus
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 21 Nov. / Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Victoria Alfred (Caroline)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Alford Williams (CWL)

Tuesday, 22 Nov. / St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Elisabeth Grasse on her Birthday (Christa Hahn)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Marina Christie (John Dunston)

Wednesday, 23 Nov. / St. Clement I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Alex & Mary Cheng (family)

Thursday, 24 Nov. / St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alford Williams (Sofie Salve)
- 9.30 am St. Albert School Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Norah & Anthony Texieira (Lallajee family)

Friday, 25 Nov. / St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † William Bill McKee (Aurora Corpus)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Joebelyn (Evelyn Cureg)

Saturday, 26 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ramon Umali (Marinda Dominguez)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva (Cristeta)

SUNDAY, 27 NOV. / ADVENT 1-A

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- \blacksquare 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- SVDP Bundle up Sunday
- Religious Articles sale
- 9.00 am Mass: † George & Marguerite Chachati (Corine Maulion)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Harvey Pereira & Lawrence D'Cruz (Pereira family)
- 11.30 am CWL
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of CWL
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Christ the King Sunday, Year C Samuel 5.1-3; Colossians 1.12-20; Luke 23.35-43

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Natasha Sarah Abraham, Patricia McKinley, Theresia Zoller, Wilfredo C. Orpiana

The 2 victims of the shooting rampage in Mississauga & Milton in September



R&R Report 20 November

The next Repair & Renewal report will be made at all Masses on 19/20 November, detailing the work underway at our Church.

Overcome Anger by Love

He who holds back rising anger like a rolling chariot, him I call a real driver; other people are holding the reins.

Let a man overcome anger by love; let him overcome evil by good; let him overcome greed by generosity; let him overcome the liar by truth.



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The Dhammapada - Buddhism

COMING UP

| 29 Nov. | Fr. Edwin : 42 nd Ordination Anniversary (1980-2022) |
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| 5 Dec. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 6 Dec. | ► St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm) |
| 7 Dec. | Advent Day of Confessions; - St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am) |
| 8 Dec. | Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary |
| 10 Dec. 17 Dec. 18 Dec. 22 Dec. | Catholic Women's League Advent Reflection (2-4 pm) Pope Francis : Birthday (1936) 4th Sunday in Advent ; - 2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i> Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers : death anniversary (1988) |
| 23 Dec. | ► The Tenors (Roy Thompson Hall) |
| 24 Dec. | Christmas Eve Masses begin at 7.00 pm |
| 25 Dec. | Christmas: Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord; - 2 nd Collection: <i>Christmas</i> |
| | 2023 |
| 1 Jan. | The Solemn Feast of Mary, Mother of God |

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on Parish activities, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Early Initiation, 19 Nov.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

Saturday, 19 November

some of the participants who have been involved since the Rite of Election earlier this year will celebrate the Early Initiation Rites.

The RCIA is for adults who want to be Baptized; those who are Christian and not yet Catholic; and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information on how you can help as a sponsor and prayer partner, call: Fr. Edwin, 416-261-0076.

Sacramental Preparation Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion



Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Soon the families will begin receiving Information packages to register the students in this process. We look forward to resuming the in-person family instruction meetings that will be held early in the New Year.

Confirmation

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive Confirmation in Grade 7. The Information packages will be available soon.

November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the Holy Souls, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November Book of Remembrance, in front of the pulpit.

*An alternative: The Parish has a procedure to submit names via email. The email address for the November book is:

mariagorettichurch@gmail.com

Feel free use this option to submit names; it will eliminate the need to line up at the Book in the Church.

A Special Gift Yellow Chrysanthemums

Our Parish thanks Lina and Maria for their gift of two beautiful yellow Chrysanthemums for our Sanctuary, in time for the feast of St. Padre Pio, 23 September. God bless you for your kindness.

🕑 Your Sabbath Smíle

Q: What hair colour do they put on driver's licenses of bald men?

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 19 December.

The forms are intended to remember one person for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a pair who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the Family."

The Source 7–9 pm, 24 November

Monthly Holy Hour with music sponsored by the Sisters of Life

St. Peter Church, 840 Bathurst St., Toronto. See: sistersoflife.org

Upcoming Weddings

Wagner Dos Santos Silva and Maria Cristina Blanco 2 August 2023, Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Ian Christopher Oliva and Elysse Janine Dagmang October 2023, Cristo Rei Parish, Mississauga

Catholic Women's League

□ Advent Day of Reflection, 10 December, 2 – 4.30 pm □ Advent Shrine Day Trip, 18 December

Check the details for these events on page 3 in the website bulletin.

Knights of Columbus

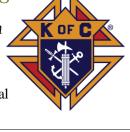
- General Meeting: 20 Nov., 1.30 pm □ 50/50 Draw. 4 December

All members are asked to assemble in the North Classroom for the next general meeting at 1.30 pm on 20 November.

Altar Servers

Training resumed 5 November

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will continue at 9 am each Saturday until 26 Nov. Applicants must be members of





registered parish families, and be in Grade 2 or over.

Catholic Women's League

Advent Day of Reflection 10 December, 2 – 4.30 pm



An Advent Reflection Day talk on "The Sixth Joyful Mystery"

Speaker: **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy, Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough.



St. Cecilia, *Patroness of Musicians* Feastday: 22 November

St. Cecilia's musical fame derives from her legend that she was beheaded and at the same time praised God, singing to Him, as she lay dying a martyr's death. She is often depicted playing an organ or other instrument. Music societies often have been named for her.

Her feast day became an occasion for musical concerts and festivals that occasioned well-known poems by John Dryden and Alexander Pope, and music by Henry Purcell (*Ode to St. Cecilia*), George Frideric Handel (*Ode for St. Cecilia's Day*), Charles Gounod (*Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cecile*) and Benjamin Britten, who was born on her feast day, (*Hymn to St. Cecilia*), as well as Herbert Howells with text from a poem by W. H. Auden. Gerald Finzi's "For Saint Cecilia", Op. 30, was set to verses written by Edmund Blunden. Frederik Magle's *Cantata to Saint Cecilia* is based on the history of Cecilia.

The New York band Polar Bear Club refer to St. Cecilia in their song "Song to Persona." David Byrne and Brian Eno's song, The River, on the album, Everything that Happens Will Happen Today, also refers to St. Cecilia's Day. Paul Simon (Of Simon and Garfunkel fame) wrote the song "The Coast" which refers to a family of musicians who take refuge in the Church of St. Cecilia. Another of Paul Simon's songs was also in her honor, as "Cecilia" can be interpreted to refer to her and the frustration of song writing. English lyrics were written for a Swedish popular song "Min soldat" and released as "The Shrine of Saint Cecilia." It was recorded by a number of American groups during the 20th century like Willie Winfield and the Harp-Tones. Others were the Bon Aires and The Andrews Sisters. Stalk-Forrest group (an early incarnation of Blue Öyster Cult) recorded a song called "St. Cecilia" on their album that was released in 2003 under the title St. Cecilia: The Elektra Recordings. Then in 2007 Radioactive Records released the album (on CD and vinyl) as St. Cecilia: The California Album - Remastered.



Holy Communion Received By All Our Senses

Whether it has been a month or decades since our First Communion, it is good to remember that when we receive Christ in Communion, it should involve our whole person and all our senses.

Cyril, a fourth-century patriarch of Jerusalem, gave great advice to the newly baptized on how to receive the sacrament: "In approaching therefore, come not with your wrists extended, or your fingers spread; but make your left hand a throne for the right, so as to receive a King." He then described how we are made holy by the touch of the sacred species on our hands and by looking at it with our eyes. He also talked about receiving from the cup: "Draw near also to the cup of his Blood, not stretching forth your hands, but bending and saying with an air of worship and reverence, Amen." The key is that Communion is something received by all of our senses.

What does this mean? First, our whole person should be focused, with an attitude of reception. When we do something repeatedly, it becomes easy to think of it as a given. Even with something as special as Communion, we need to work to ensure that Communion is not taken for granted. Here are some specific suggestions.

We should spend time preparing for Communion during the week: praying, being reconciled (including Sacramental reconciliation), and doing works of justice. We also prepare by fasting for at least an hour before receiving Communion.

During Mass, we should keep Communion in mind throughout the celebration. The Introductory Rites help us to prepare us for Communion. So do the Readings, Homily, Creed, Intercessions and the Eucharistic Prayer. We should pay special attention to the elements of the Communion Rite. This includes everything from the Lord's Prayer to the Communion Antiphon, offering moments that encourage us to prepare both with the community and in personal prayer.

Once Communion begins, we praise God for the Eucharist by singing. The Communion Chant starts as the priest receives Communion and should last until the end of Communion. The Communion procession engages our whole person in an attitude of reception, in union with the whole Church in the great parade that will one day end in the heavenly banquet. Once we reach the altar area, some form of reverence, such as a small bow, is required. "This varies from diocese to diocese.

Receiving Communion should engage our heart and mind, but also our senses. Think about what is happening. If you receive in the hand, offer both hands, with the one that will lift the host to your lips supporting the hand where the host is placed. It is important that you not wear gloves, both for practical reasons and because part of the experience of receiving the Sacrament is the sense of touch.



Reverently consume the sacred species. If you receive on the tongue, make sure there is no danger of the host falling. If a host falls, the minister of Communion will know to set it aside and see that it is handled in an appropriate manner.

The ritual does not mention those not receiving Communion. If they wish, they may come forward for a *blessing*; they indicate this by crossing their hands across their chests.

After Communion, we kneel in personal prayer. Being called to this assembly and to receive Communion, as Cyril tells us, is having been "deemed worthy by the Holy Spirit."

For the rest of Sunday and during the week, we should pause from time to time in our prayer to remember that we have been fed by Jesus, our God. Whether in adoration in Church, or in the privacy of our hearts before we have any meal, we can see that God is reaching out to us every day, feeding us and guiding us home.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the s Passion of Christ O Good Jesus, he and hide me with Never permit me



Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me, and hide me within your wounds. Never permit me to be separated from you. From the wicked enemy, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you, that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.



Top: Kaiyah, Dominick, Serena and Kirk with their mothers at their Baptism Prep meeting, 7 November.

Middle: Catalina Salvador Juricki and friends at the 1st Year Memorial Mass for John Juricki, 14 November.

Lower: Family of Juan and Felilsa Trinidad at their Memorial Prayers, 6 November.

Top: Kaiyah and her family at her Baptism, 15 November.

Middle: RCIC students, 5 November.

Lower: Melvin & Leigh Zamora at Church on 6 November, with their new son Michael Dale, born 3 November.





