

# Parish Week † Sunday, 22 Jan. 2023

## Saturday, 21 Jan. / St. Agnes, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cerclina Velasco (family)
- 12.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Alford Williams
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of Gomes & Mazumder families (David Mazumder)

## SUNDAY, 22 JAN. / 3-A

### ■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (David Mazumder)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Jerry Koenig (Kathleen Ryan)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 23 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Arheanne † Aldie Go Tan (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased family & friends of Mary Faulkner
- 7.30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
Family Information Meeting

## Tuesday, 24 Jan. / St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Erwin & Gregorio Calimag (Go Tan family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Rev. Daniel Galea
- 7.30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
Family Information Meeting

## Wednesday, 25 Jan. / Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

### ■ Conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday & Thanksgiving  
Bjorn Flores (mother)

## Thursday, 26 Jan. / Ss. Timothy & Titus, bishops

- 8.00 am Mass: † All Souls in Purgatory (Mary Faulkner)
- 1.00 pm ▶ St. Albert School Mass

## Friday, 27 Jan. / St. Angela Merici, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mary Almeida & Cecilia Fernandes (Almeida family)

## Saturday, 28 Jan. / St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Douglas Dias (Daphne)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of Gomes & Mazumder families (David Mazumder)

## SUNDAY, 29 JAN. / 4-A

### ■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

### ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Fiona Francis (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Michele Morra (family)
- 11.30 am CWL
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Mary Joyce Li Yan (mother)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



## Mother of Perpetual Help

Let Mary bring peace into your life. Pray for your special intentions at the Monday Novena Mass to *Our Mother of Perpetual Help*. Rosary at 6.40 pm, Mass at 7.00.

*O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

# Focus on the Word

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

*Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Agapito De Rosales**  
**Emelina Mendez**  
**Cardinal George Pell**

The **5 victims** of the **shooting** at the **Bellaria Condo** in **Vaughan**



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is a response to Christ's prayer "that they all may be one" (John 17:21). It is an eight-day period of prayer in which all Christians are invited to participate. The week is celebrated each year, **18-25 January**. It concludes on the *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*.

## COMING UP

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- 3 Feb. Feast of St. Blaise; *Blessing of Throats* at 8 am & 7 pm Masses
- 6 Feb. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (9:30 am)
- 12 Feb. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm);  
- ▶ *Celebration of Marriage* Mass, with Bishop Nguyen (Cathedral, 2.30 pm)
- 13 & 14 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Nights (7:30 pm)

22 Feb.

### Ash Wednesday;

- *Lent* begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence;
- Parish Mass (8.00 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Liturgy (9.00 am);
- ▶ St. Albert School Liturgy (1.00 pm);
- Parish Mass (7.00 pm)

1 Mar.

St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation

6 Mar.

Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

8 Mar.

▶ St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (1:00 pm)

12 Mar.

Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)

25 Mar.

Wedding: Omotayo – Ogunleye (1:00 pm)

26 Mar.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *ShareLife Appeal*

2 Apr.

**Palm Sunday:** *Holy Week* begins

6 Apr.

**Holy Thursday:** *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;*

- *Adoration* until midnight

7 Apr.

**Good Friday:** *The Passion of Our Lord*

9 Apr.

**Easter Sunday:** *Resurrection of Our Lord;*

2 Collections: (a) *Offertory*; (b) *Easter*

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation Information Meetings

Families with children ready to prepare as Candidates for:

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
are invited to attend one of two Information Meetings:

## Monday or Tuesday - 23 or 24 January

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

This invitation is extended to all families who have:

- Children in Grade 2 in our Catholic Schools;
- Children in private and public schools who are in the Saturday Sacramental Preparation classes which began in September.

We also welcome families with children in Catholic schools in Grade 3 or above, who have not yet received these Sacraments.

Families with students preparing to receive the Sacrament of:

## CONFIRMATION

are invited to attend one of two Information Meetings:

## Monday or Tuesday - 13 or 14 February

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

## RCIA, RCIC

*Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children*



The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the next meetings are on 20 & 27 January 2023. The RCIC meets at 10.00 am on Saturday mornings; the next meetings are on 21 & 28 January.

Please pray for the Neophytes from the Early Initiation Rite on 19 November 2022. Their MYSTAGOGY Period will end with the *Rite of Commissioning & Certificate Presentation* at the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 28 January.

## A Special Gift TOY DONATIONS

We thank the kind donors of the **brand-new toys** for our Parish children at Christmas:

**Suresh Kumar**, CEO and Founder of *Connecting GTA*

**Anne Nicholas**, DEO and Founder of *CafeRo*

**Azhar Khan**, CEO and Founder of *Durham Catering Services*

**Edward Lam**, Director of Marketing and Business Development, *Connecting GTA*

**Ian McCutcheon**, Sales Executive, QJS

Your consideration and generosity are greatly appreciated. God bless you and all your efforts to bring goodness into our world.



*Attorney:* ALL your responses MUST be audible, OK? Now, please tell us, what school did you attend?

*Witness:* Audible.

## Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Memorial Mass, 7 pm, 21 February

Our Parish will hold a Memorial Mass for **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 21 February.



Born Joseph Ratzinger on 16 April 1927 in Marktl-Am-Inn, Bavaria, Germany, he served as the Successor of Peter and Bishop of Rome from 19 April 2005 to 28 February 2013. He followed **St. Pope John Paul II**, and was succeeded by **Pope Francis**. Pope Emeritus Benedict died at the Vatican on 31 Dec. 2022.

## Catholic Women's League 11.30 pm, 29 January

The next CWL General Meeting will be held at 11.30 am on 29 January.

The Installation of the new Executive, and the Presentation of Service Pins will be held in the Church at 1.30 pm.



## Stewardship

### 2022 Receipts, 2023 Envelopes

The *Charitable Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2022 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! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

Parishioners who have not yet picked up their *2023 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule are invited to do so. They are for *registered* parishioners; if you are new to the parish and have not registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

## Parish Memorials

*A lasting legacy:* Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus. It is also a way to ensure that the beauty of our Church will be maintained for future years.

Our *legal title* is: "**St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Scarborough, Ontario.**" Correspondence is addressed to the *Pastor*, 717 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 2C1.

## Bible Verse

*It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.*

Psalm 18:32-36

# We Review our Presentations for First Holy Communion

## THE MASS IS A SPECIAL GIFT

### Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood at the Last Supper

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22

<sup>1</sup> Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, called the *Passover*, was near. <sup>2</sup> The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this in memory of me.”

<sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT

Keep holy

“Do this in

the Lord’s Day.

memory of me.”



## GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

### For Catholics

Catholics fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat his body and drink his blood. To be properly disposed to receive his Communion, communicants are expected to:

- be free of grave sin;*
- fast for an hour prior to Mass;*
- strive to live in charity and love with their neighbours.*

Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, which Jesus gave to the Church as a way in which we can respond to our call to conversion and repentance.

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all, since it strengthens us in our journey with our brothers and sisters in faith.

### For Catechumens

Those who are preparing to become members of the Church may attend Mass with other members of the *Catechumenate* group. At any Mass when there is a formal gathering of Catechumens, they are dismissed after the homily, and they continue their prayer separately from the believing assembly.

If Catechumens attend a Mass without a dismissal, they may approach the altar at Communion, and seek a blessing by crossing their hands over their heart, and saying, “A Blessing, Father,” or, “A Blessing please.”

# The Mass



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Procession of Gifts:** Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

**Sanctus:** After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

**Last Supper Narrative:** The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Memorial Acclamation:** We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

**Doxology, Great Amen:** The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

**Lord’s Prayer:** We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

**Breaking of Bread:** The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

**Communion:** The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

## CONCLUDING RITE

*The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.*

**Prayer after Communion:** The closing prayer of Mass.

**Announcements:** Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

**Blessing and Dismissal:** The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshiping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

**Entrance Procession:** The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

**Greeting:** The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

**Penitential Rite:** Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

**Gloria:** We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

**Collect:** With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

**Psalms:** The Cantor leads as we praise God.

**Second Reading:** This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

**Gospel:** While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

**Creed:** In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

**Intercessions:** In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.





Salvatore Mandarino ( r ) with family.



