



26 Oct. 2013: Pope Francis is hugged by a boy at a Family Day gathering at the Vatican. He is a Colombian orphan, adopted by an Italian family.

Focus on the Word

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13; 1 Corinthians 1.26-31; Matthew 5.1-12

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Rosalina Dy-Contreras

The **5 victims** of the **shooting at the Bellaria Condo in Vaughan: Rita Camilleri, Vittorio Panza, Russell and Lorraine Manock, and Naveed Dada.**

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2nd Collection: 29 January, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 29 January, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

COMING UP

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6 Feb. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
 8 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School 1st 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 1st Reconciliation (1:00 pm)
 12 Mar. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
 25 Mar. Wedding: Omotayo – Ogunleye (1:00 pm)
 26 Mar. 2nd Collection: *ShareLife Appeal*
 31 Mar. Wedding: Jefferson – Richein (2:00 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Parish Week ☩ Sunday, 29 Jan. 2023

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*

■ *2nd 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)
 - *Installation of new CWL Executive*
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 30 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Gracey Boila (Aruna)

Tuesday, 31 Jan. / St. Jean Bosco, Priest

8.00 am Int.: Marika & Kathleen on their birthdays (Pauline)

Wednesday, 1 Feb.

8.00 am Mass: † Ann Stafford (Alice)
 7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Donna Indira Sookraj-Singh

Thursday, 2 Feb. / The Presentation of the Lord

8.00 am Int.: Good Health, Carol Morra & family
 11.00 am funeral Mass: † Maria Diluciano
 7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Diana Sanchez Lopes

Friday, 3 Feb. / St. Blaise, bishop & martyr

■ *Congregational Blessing of Throats at all Masses*

8.00 am Int.: Thanksgiving (Ramos family)
 6.00 pm Holy Hour
 7.00 pm Mass: † Laureano Lacambacal (Darius, Gina Catalan)

Saturday, 4 Feb.

8.00 am Int.: Theresa & Antonio Sanjuan (family)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Emarie Garcia (Vina)

SUNDAY 5 FEB. / 5-A

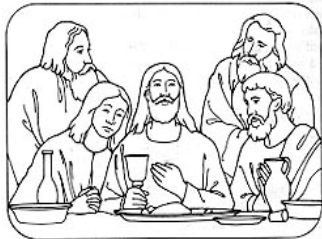
■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

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9.00 am Mass: † Angela Sinclair (family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Harrison Paras (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Reginald J. D'Cunha (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Communion



Kindly remember in your prayers our parish youth who will soon be receiving the Sacrament of *Reconciliation*:

1 & 3 February: **St. Maria Goretti School**
1st Reconciliation Instruction (at School)

15 & 17 February: **St. Albert School**
1st Reconciliation Instruction (at School)

FIRST CONFESSION

8 February: ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: 9.30 am

8 March: ST. ALBERT SCHOOL: 9.30 am

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

4 & 6 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #1**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

25 & 27 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #2**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

Confirmation

Saturday Confirmation classes: start 4 February

Preparation will begin on 4 February for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for students in public school, and students in Catholic schools outside our Parish.

The meetings are from 10 – 11 am, in the Stage Area on the Hall level. No documents are required for the first meeting, which is primarily for registration and orientation. See the details on page 3 in the website bulletin.

Confirmation Family Information Night

All families with students preparing to receive 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.

*Note: Students in Catholic Schools receive Confirmation preparation in Grade 7.

A Special Gift WHITE ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Jim Antolin** for their gift of the three beautiful white flower arrangements at the Altar following his funeral on 11 October. May he rest in peace.



The fact that there's a *Highway to Hell*, and only a *Stairway to Heaven* says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

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.

b. 16 April 1927; *d.* 31 December 2022.



RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the next meetings are on 27 January & 3 February 2023. The RCIC meets at 10.00 am on Saturdays; next meetings are on 28 January and 4 February.

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.

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 following the 12.00 noon Mass.



CWL Family Day celebration, 12 February Spaghetti Dinner

The *Catholic Women's League* will host a Family Day celebration on Sunday, 12 February in the Vestibule at all morning Masses. Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner! See details in the website bulletin.

The *Catholic Women's League* calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.



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*.

Dear God, please arm me with strength and make my way perfect. Make my feet like feet of a deer. Enable me to stand on heights. Broaden the path beneath me so that my ankles will not turn. Make me victorious this week. Amen!



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Parishioners are welcome to join our Parish tables at this event, and contribute to the work of the Vocations Office of our diocese.

The cost per person: \$80. The deadline to join our Parish table is 6 February. For further information, call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

³⁶ *When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* ³⁷ *Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”* (Matthew 9.356-38)



Blessing of St. Blaise: 3 February

The feast of **St. Blaise** is on:

Friday, 3 February

Parishioners may have their throats blessed individually at both Masses: 8 am and 7 pm.

Parishioners will also have the benefit of the traditional BLESSING OF THROATS collectively at the end of all Sunday Masses, 4 & 5 February:



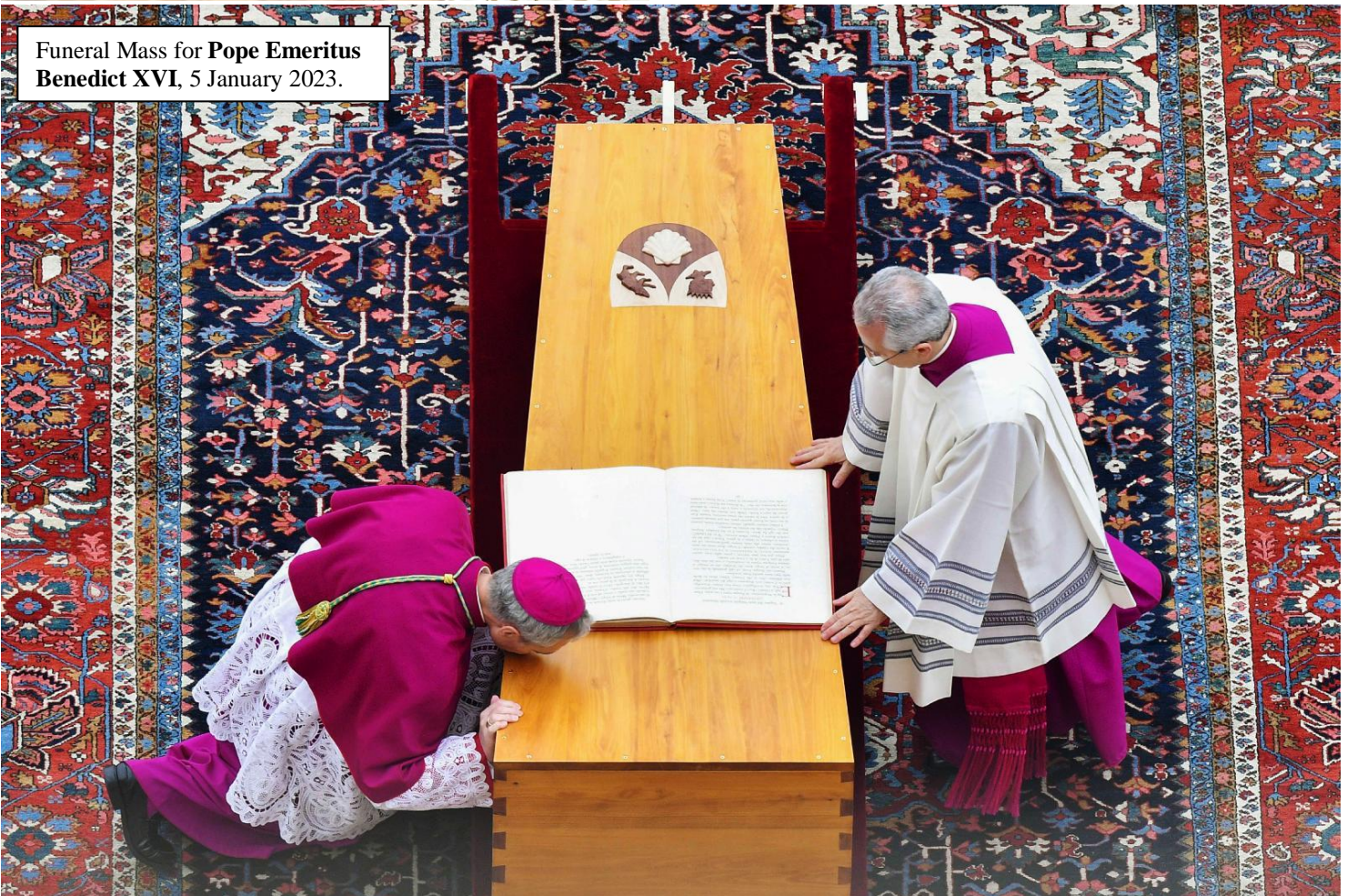
“Through the prayers of St. Blaise, may God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”



Hazel (Journeaux) McCallion;
Born 14 February 1921, Gaspé, Quebec; died 29 January 2023.



Funeral Mass for **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**, 5 January 2023.





Top: The newly-installed **Catholic Women's League Executive**, 29 January.

Above: **RCIC students** with parents, 14 January.

Right: Picture of **Agapito De Rosales** at his funeral Mass, 10 January.





Nahomi Sanchez with her family, praying in preparation for the funeral Mass for her sister **Diana Sanchez Lopez** on 2 February.

