



31 January 2023: Pope Francis arrives in Congo for a visit of peace until 3 February. He will then proceed to South Sudan.

Focus on the Word

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 58.6-10; 1 Corinthians 2.1-5; Matthew 5.13-16

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Maria Paula Lang, Anne Mastrovita

The 4 victims of the Christmas Eve bus crash in British Columbia



Blessing of St. Blaise: 3 February

The feast of **St. Blaise** was on Friday, 3 February; the traditional BLESSING OF THROATS was offered individually at all Masses.

Parishioners will also have the benefit of this 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.”

Parish Week † Sunday, 5 Feb. 2023

Saturday, 4 Feb.

- 8.00 am Int.: Theresa & Antonio Sanjuan (family)
- 10.00 am Saturday Confirmation Class
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Emarie Garcia (Vina)

SUNDAY 5 FEB. / 5-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *Congregational Blessing of Throats at all Masses*
- 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

Monday, 6 Feb. / St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cristina Velasco (Abraham & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Gary Faulkner (family)
- 7.40 pm Infant Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 7 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Rocky & family (Daphne John)

Wednesday, 8 Feb. / St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Linda Lainey (Tina)
- 9.30 am St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation

Thursday, 9 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Healing of Frankie Li Yan (mother)

Friday, 10 Feb. / St. Scholastica, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maroun & Mariam Haddad (Amalia)

Saturday, 11 Feb. / Our Lady of Lourdes

- *World Day of the Sick*
- *Fr. Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp: death anniversary (2015)*
- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Siromi Amereskere (friends)

SUNDAY 12 FEB. / 6-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Athanasius Bernard Dias (Dominic & Anita)
- 1.30 pm Baptism
- 2.30 pm ► *Celebration of Marriage Mass, with Bishop Vincent Nguyen (Cathedral, 2.30 pm)*
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

COMING UP

7005023

13 & 14 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Nights (7:00 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)

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*

12 Apr.

St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:30 am)

13 Apr.

► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)

23 Apr.

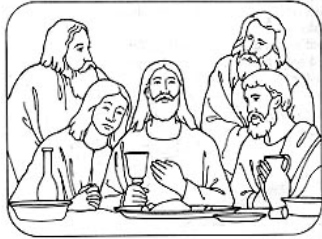
St. Albert School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Communion



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

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 **Lushea Simone** for their gift of the beautiful flowers at the Altar following her funeral on 21 October 2022. May she rest in peace.



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 3 & 10 February 2023. The RCIC meets at 10.00 am on Saturdays; next meetings are on 4 and 11 February.

Please pray for the Candidates who will be at the RITE OF ELECTION at 2 pm on Sunday, 26 February at St. Barnabas Church.

Catholic Women's League

Development Day 11 February (Virtual)

The *Catholic Women's League* will hold its annual Development Day virtually on Saturday, 11 February.

All members are encouraged to attend. The theme for the day is: **Go Make a Difference**. It will be a great day, with Honorary Life Member **Barbara Dowding** as Keynote Speaker in the morning!! For more information, call:

Patricia Lobo, Scarborough Region Chair, 416-895-4621

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!



RCIA & RCIC *Early Initiation* Neophytes receive their Commissioning and Certificates, 28 January.



The Lobo family receive a special blessing, 26 January.



Jazmeen Kassie with her family at the 40 Day Memorial Mass for her dear mother, Donna Indira Sookraj Singh, 1 February.
[Below:] Jazmeen & her husband converse with musicians Narisa De Guzman and Chito Solisa following the Mass.









Buffalo, N.Y., 25 December 2022.



Montreal in Winter.

