

# Parish Week † Sunday, 12 Feb. 2023

## 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)
- 1,45 pm funeral: † Nestor Abon
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Siromi Amereskere (friends)

## SUNDAY 12 FEB. / 6-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *Marriage Sunday*
- 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 KOC Executive
- 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

## Monday, 13 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alogaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Margaret Wong (friends)
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Family Information Night

## Tuesday, 14 Feb. / Ss. Cyril. Monk. & Methodius, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Mario & Fiona Francis, Wedding Anniversary
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Leon
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Family Information Night

## Wednesday, 15 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
- 10.00 am Memorial Mass: † Maria Salao, Forty Days
- 10.30 am ► St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Instruction
- 11.30 am Memorial Mass: † Trevor De Silva

## Thursday, 16 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joseph & Theresa Joseph (Mary)

## Friday, 17 Feb. / Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Monica Hynes (Patricia)
- 10.30 am ► St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Instruction

## Saturday, 18 Feb. / Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8.00 am Mass: † Enrico Bacling (Vina Garcia)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Mary Fernando (Joan Penumerthy)

## SUNDAY 19 FEB. / 7-A

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Jesudas Andreas family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Benita Chen Ang (family)
- 1.30 pm Knights of Columbus
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



## Mother of Perpetual Help

Let Mary bring peace into your life. Join 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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Sirach 15.15-30; 1 Corinthians 2.6-10; Matthew 5.17-37**

*O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

### Essa Salim Hafawi

The **48 victims** of the **Christmas Snow Storm** in the US



## Marriage Sunday 12 February

*Marriage Sunday* highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage, and complements *World Marriage Sunday* celebrations that take place across North America.

## Knights of Columbus 1.30 pm, 19 February

The next *Knights of Columbus* General Meeting will be held at 1.30 pm on 19 February. All members are asked to Assemble in the North Classroom.



## COMING UP

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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*

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.

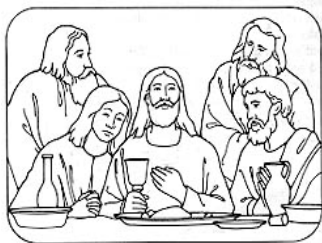
**Easter Sunday:** *Resurrection of Our Lord;*  
2 Collections: (a) *Offertory;* (b) *Easter*

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

# Sacramental Preparation

## Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion



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

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

### FIRST CONFESSION

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: **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Instruction #1**  
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

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

## Confirmation

### Saturday Confirmation

*classes: start 4 February*

Preparation has begun 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. The current induction window ends on 18 February.



### 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 ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank **Anastasia Williams** and her family for their gift of the lovely flowers at the Altar for the Memorial Mass held on 22 October for their dear **Alford**. May he 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 17 & 24 February 2023. The RCIC meets at 10.00 am on Saturday mornings; the next meetings are on 18 and 25 February.

Please pray for the Catechumens in the Main Group. Their RITE OF ELECTION is approaching at 2.00 pm on Sunday, 26 February, at St. Barnabas Church. Bishop Vincent Ngueyn will preside.

## Catholic Women's League

### Spaghetti Dinner, 12 Feb.



The *Catholic Women's League* will host a Spaghetti Dinner celebration on Sunday, 12 February in the Vestibule at the 10.30 am and 12 noon Masses.

Enjoy a real Spaghetti Dinner! Details in the website bulletin. The spaghetti with meat sauce and meat balls will be accompanied with green salad. The dressing will be a home-made special with dates and apple cider. The cost will be \$7.50. Make sure to come with your family and friends and enjoy our hospitality.

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*.

### 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.

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



**Christa Hahn's** gift for the Memorial Mass for **Pope Benedict XVI** on 21 February is this lovely candle from Altotting, the beautiful shrine village near Benedict's home town of Marktl am Inn, Germany.

## Catholic Women's League Spaghetti Dinner, 12 February



The CWL, St. Maria Goretti Council, is having a Spaghetti Day on 12 February 2023. It will be served after the 10:30 am and 12:00 noon Mass in the Church hall level. It is our first fundraising event of the year and the proceeds will assist in the Parish *Sharelife* Appeal. The spaghetti with meat sauce & meat balls will be accompanied by green salad. The dressing will be a home-made special with dates and apple cider. The cost is \$7.50. Do come with your family and friends and enjoy our hospitality. Bless you!

☺ Your sabbath smile

NOT NOW DEAR,  
I'M BUSY



CHRIS MADDEN

## Marriage Sunday 12 February

*Marriage Sunday* highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage, and complements *World Marriage Sunday* celebrations that take place across North America.

Marriage is a cornerstone of life, society and the Church. And although the Holy Spirit is always with us, married life isn't always easy.

As **Pope Francis** wrote,

*Marriage, as a vocation, calls you to steer a tiny boat, wave-tossed yet sturdy (thanks to the reality of the Sacrament) across a sometimes stormy sea. How often do you want to say, or better, cry out, like the Apostles: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38). Let us never forget, though, that by virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, Jesus is present in that boat; he is concerned for you and he remains at your side amid the tempest.*

## Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz



Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz had their first child, daughter Lucie Désirée Arnaz, in 1951. Lucille wasn't sure she would ever be a mother, after experiencing more than one miscarriage. "I had them late in life. I'd lost two and I thought, my God, I'll be too old to have children," she told *The Washington Star* in 1980.

Desi's religious mother encouraged Lucille to turn to God during her struggle to conceive, which included more than one pregnancy loss. As she told *The Washington Star*: "During my ninth year of marriage, my mother-in-law, who was one of the most beautiful South American ladies ever,

said to me, 'You become Catholic. You have baby.' So, I went, took instruction, became Catholic and (*Lucy clapped her hands*) five months later I was pregnant! For me, the birth of a child, it was a miracle. I couldn't believe it."

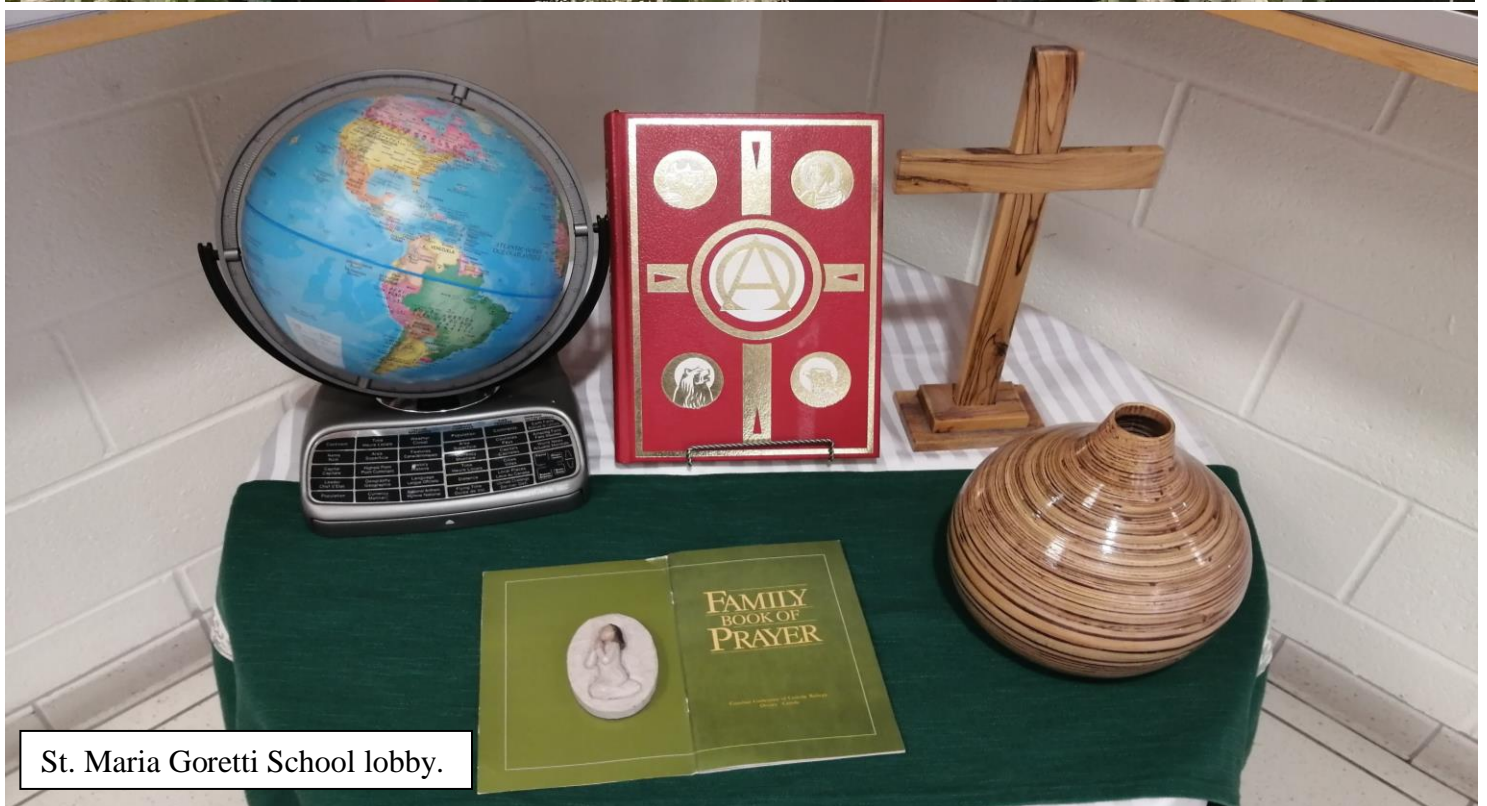
In 1953, the trio became a family of four when Desiderio Alberto Arnaz IV (known as Desi Arnaz Jr.) was born



Amid her many career accomplishments, Lucille said that it was her family that made her happiest. "Just having a career, that would be very boring," she told *The Washington Star*. "The best part of my life is having children. They keep you young. They keep you worried longer."



RCIC participants, 28 January.



St. Maria Goretti School lobby.



Kenmark Blvd.



**Charles Jesupillai (l) with neophyte Mark Jardine (r), who was Baptized on 19 November 2022.**





Public library, Tianjin, China

