



Parish Week

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.*

Sunday, 26 Feb. 2023

Saturday, 25 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: Intention, Caroline (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Pedro Bautista (Edna)

SUNDAY 26 FEB. / Lent 1-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cosimo Rizzi (Carol Morra)
- 10.30 am Mass: † George Bastiampillai (family)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Margaret Pfeiffer (Kathleen Ryan)
- 2.00 pm ▶ RCIA Rite of Election (St. Barnabas Church)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 27 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † 1st Death Anniversary Julie Menezes (Gerard)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Esme D'Mello)

Tuesday, 28 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jawhara Chachati (Fr. Elias)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Esme D'Mello (friends)

Wednesday, 1 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ann Stafford (Alice)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)

Thursday, 2 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Monica Hynes (Patrick)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Camila Maulion (CWL)

Friday, 3 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Racquel Diaz (Maria Rodas)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Youth Ministry)

Saturday, 4 Mar. / St. Casimir

- 8.00 am Mass: † Camila Maulion (5 pm Choir)
- 4.00 pm 1st. Communion Family Instruction #1
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Paul Vaz (Elizabeth)

SUNDAY 5 MAR. / Lent 2-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Francis Jegasothy (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Paul Galea (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Emma Carreon (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Focus on the Word

1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

Genesis 2.7-25; 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Deacon Cornelius Manne, Rosario Pascua

The 121 victims of the bombing at Zobe junction in Mogadishu, Somalia in October



Lenten Masses

During Lent, in addition to our morning Masses, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The remaining Facilitators for 2023 are:

- Mar. 10 **Altar Servers**
- 17 **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 24 **Greeters & Euch. Ministers**
- 31 **Knights of Columbus**
- Apr. 7 **Lectors**



Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (26 March). Kindly place them in the *palm box* in the Vestibule.

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- 6 Mar. - 1st Communion Family Instruction #1 (6:00 pm)
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Mar. ▶ St. Albert Sch. 1st Reconciliation & School Rec. (1:00 pm)
- 12 Mar. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 19 Mar. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
- 21 Mar. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 25 Mar. ▶ Installation of Bishop **Francis Leo** (Cathedral, 10:00 am);
- Wedding: Omotayo – Ogunleye (1:00 pm);
- 1st Communion Family Instruction #2 (4:00 pm)
- 26 Mar. - 2nd Collection: *ShareLife Appeal*;
- CWL (11:30 am)
- 27 Mar. - 1st Communion Family Instruction #2 (6:00 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*;
2nd Collection: *Good Friday*

9 Apr.

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

ShareLife 2023

You can work wonders !

1st Sunday of Lent, 26 February

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings



Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a time to reflect on our relationship with the Lord, and a time to think of others: especially those seeking a second chance in life.

ROSE OF DURHAM is one of the agencies you support through *ShareLife*. They provide pre- and post-natal services to support young parents and help them raise their children with love and care. Last year, *ShareLife* supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing.

Your support of *ShareLife* provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families.

26 March is *ShareLife* Sunday.

Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*

Sacramental Preparation

23 Feb. & 1 March: St. Albert School. In school (students only).

1st Reconciliation Instructions, 1.00 pm.

4 & 6 March:

1st Holy Communion Family Instruction #1

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm, or MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

8 March: St. Albert School

1st Reconciliation (& School Reconciliation), 1.00 pm.

25 & 27 March:

1st Holy Communion Family Instruction #2

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm, or MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

9, 23, 30 March:

Confirmation Instructions. In school (students only).

St. Maria Goretti Sch.: 9.10 am; St. Albert Sch.: 1.00 pm.

Confirmation

Preparation is underway on Saturdays for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for students in public school, and students in Catholic schools outside our Parish. The meetings are conducted from 10 – 11 am, in the Stage Area on the Hall level.

RCIA Rite of Election

2.30 pm, 26 February, St. Barnabas Church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, 26 February, RCIA & RCIC Candidates completing the *Catechumenate* period will celebrate the Rite of ELECTION.

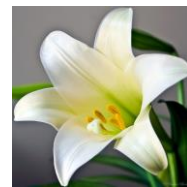
This year's ELECTION will be conducted by **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** at 2.30 pm at St. Barnabas Church, 10 Washburn Way.

The unbaptized receive their Election; the Baptized, a blessing.



Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



Installation of our new Archbishop 10.00 am, 25 March

Bishop Frank Leo of Montreal will be installed as the next Archbishop of Toronto in a special Mass on the Solemnity of the Annunciation: Saturday,

25 March at 10.00 am at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica. Once installed, Archbishop Leo will succeed **Cardinal Thomas Collins**, who has served as Archbishop of Toronto since 2007. Born in 1971, Bishop Leo was ordained a Priest in 1996, and consecrated a Bishop in 2022.

Due to the capacity limit at the Cathedral, participation will be limited to invited guests only. The ceremony will be live-streamed, and plans are also underway for a series of welcome events in the various regions of the Archdiocese of Toronto, allowing the faithful an opportunity to meet the new Archbishop.

The Mass

That the **Mass** is the central feature of the Catholic religion hardly needs to be said. During the Reformation (and always) the Mass has been the test. The word of the Reformers - "It is the Mass that matters" - was true. The long persecution of Catholics in England took the practical form of laws chiefly against saying Mass. For centuries the occupant of the English throne was obliged to manifest his Protestantism, not by a general denial of the whole system of Catholic dogma, but by a formal repudiation of the doctrine of Transubstantiation and of the Mass.

- *Fr. Adrian Henry Timothy Knottesford Fortescue* (1874-1923)

Stewardship

2022 Receipts, 2023 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2022 are in the Vestibule, for pick up after 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.

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.**"

Pope Francis Promotes Family Rosary

Pope Francis has invited “every family, every member of the faithful” to pray the LUMINOUS MYSTERIES of the Rosary on Thursday, 19 March, the Feast of St. Joseph.

At the General Audience on 18 March, the Pope put his support behind the Italian Bishops’ call for prayers. He affirmed that he would be praying for and with the country in these trying times. The Pope also invoked the intercession of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother on the sick and upon all those who take care of them.

Below is a summary of Pope Francis’ message.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I unite myself to the moment of prayer that the [Bishops of Italy are] promoting, as a sign of unity for the whole country. In this unprecedented situation, in which everything seems to be crumbling, let us help each other hold fast to what really matters. The Rosary is the prayer of the humble and of the saints. In its mysteries, they contemplate, along with Mary, the life of Jesus, the merciful face of the Father. O, how much we all need to be truly comforted, to be wrapped in loving presence! We pray together, entrusting ourselves to the intercession of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family.

Prayer to St Joseph

Protect, O Holy Guardian, our nation. Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know, as you do, how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility. Grant intelligence to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters. Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

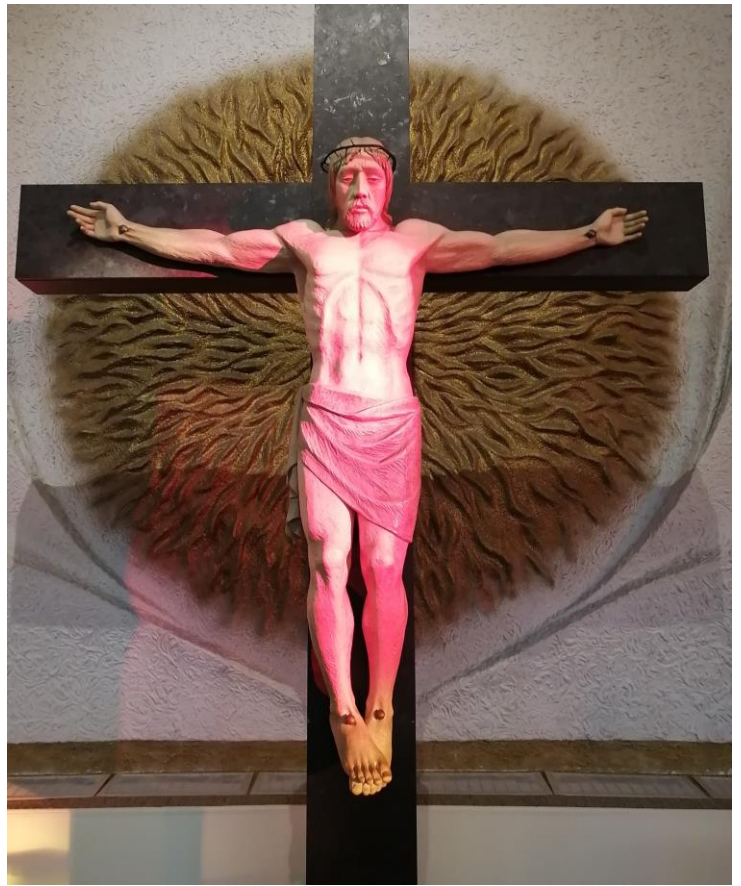
Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen.







RCIC group,
after the meeting
on 18 February.



The family of Paul Micallef gather to
celebrate his 93rd birthday, 19 February.



18 February: **Nora Denison** receives a Blessing for her 7th birthday.



19 February: **Maristala Consalas** receives a Blessing for her 50th birthday.

Let the Earth breathe



