



Parish Week

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

Sunday, 12 March 2023

Saturday, 11 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Joseph & Veronica Martin (Christine Martin)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mary Galea (family)

SUNDAY 12 MAR. / Lent 3-A

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Kareem Kyle Kazim (mother)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 13 Mar.

■ *Ontario March Break Week (to 17 March)*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. 50th Birthday of Larry & Linda Carrasco (Lynette D'Silva)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Emiliano de los Reyes (Chita & Gina)

Tuesday, 14 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Zenaida Sabandal (Rechie Sabandal)

Wednesday, 15 Mar.

■ *Anniversary of the death of Julius Caesar (44 B.C.)*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Josephine Macabali (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosy Rebello (family)

Thursday, 16 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Muriel Connery (Kevin)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Muriel Connery (Kevin)

Friday, 17 Mar. / St. Patrick, bishop

■ *Principal Patron of Ireland (along with Brigid and Columban)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mary Margaret Anderson (Daughter Antoinette & children)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Patricia Kang (Emilio Go & family)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (St. Vincent de Paul)

Saturday, 18 Mar. / St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Angelita Catajoy on her Birthday
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Domenic & Angelita Fernandes (Joseph)

SUNDAY 19 MAR. / Lent 4-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

■ *Feast of St. Joseph transferred to 20 March this year*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas (Maria Subramaniam)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Elizabeth Sargent for her Birthday (Kathleen Ryan)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

Exodus 17.3-7; Romans 5.1-8; John 4.5-42

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Rosetta Mizzi

All the victims this year of the **Russian invasion of Ukraine, including the 45 victims of the Russian missile strike on an apartment building in Dnipro on 17 January.**



Lenten Masses

During Lent, 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. 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.

COMING UP

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- 22 Mar. Lenten DAY OF CONFESSIONS (4-5 pm, 7.30-9 pm)
- 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)
- 27 Mar. - 1st Communion Family Instruction #2 (6:00 pm)
- 26 Mar. - 2nd Collection: *ShareLife Appeal*
- 27 Mar. - 1st Communion Family Instruction #2 (6:00 pm)
- 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;*
2nd Collection: *Good Friday*

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.

ShareLife 2023

Living the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters



Our parish's first *ShareLife* collection will be held on the weekend of 26 March.

ShareLife Sunday is 26 March, and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to really live the Gospel!

Please give at the parish using a *ShareLife* envelope, or at: sharelife.org/donate.

26 March is *ShareLife* Sunday. Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*

Sacramental Preparation

25 & 27 March:

1st Holy Communion Family Instruction #2

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm, or MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

Distribution of Sunday Mass Slips.

9, 23, 30 March

Confirmation Instructions. In school (students only).

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

The distribution of Sunday Mass Slips takes place at the 2nd Instruction, on 23 March.

23 April, 2.30 pm

St. Albert School 1st Communion Mass

30 April, 2.30 pm

St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass

4 May, 7.00 pm

St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass

11 May, 7.00 pm

Confirmation Mass for St. Albert School & Saturday Class.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish thanks **Angela Rashed** for her gift of the lovely flower basket at the Altar on 30 October. God bless you and your family.

😊 Your sabbath smile

Teacher: "John, please use 'fascinate' in a sentence."

John: "A fat man had a coat with nine buttons, but he could only fasten eight."

Easter Flowers

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



Catholic Women's League Paschal Candle sales

The members of the *Catholic Women's League* have lovely Paschal candles for your home altars. The sale of these beautiful candles will support our parish *Sharelife* campaign. Please visit their table in the Vestibule after Mass, and check out the candles that are available.



Knights of Columbus

1.30 pm, 19 March

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



Casino Rama, 27 May

The *Knights of Columbus* are running a day trip to Casino Rama on Saturday, 27 May. Cost per seat: \$30, while they are available. See the KOC Table in the Vestibule, or call: **Peter**, 647-567-4081.

Spiritual Reflection

The lives of each of us are designed by the Lord in a beautiful way to reflect His glory, if we only entrust our will to Him. If we try to run our own life without His grace, it will be a mess. If we open our lives to the Lord in trust, we will know His Divine Mercy.

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 22 March: 4 – 5 pm, 7.30 – 9 pm

Parishioners are invited to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on our LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS: a time to refresh your relationship with God. Confessions will be heard from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and then following the 7.00 pm Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

Stewardship

2022 Receipts, 2023 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2022 are in the Office Lobby 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* are invited to do so. They are now in the office Lobby.





To the People of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, from Archbishop-designate Most Rev. Francis Leo

11 February 2023, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ.

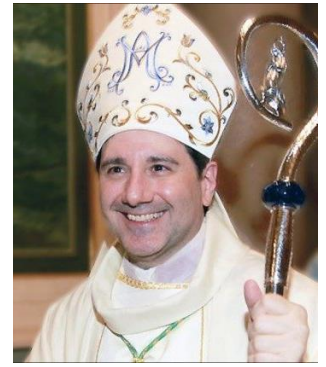
I am reaching out to you all to convey my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of my appointment by the Holy Father to serve this beloved archdiocese as its archbishop and servant leader. I am deeply humbled by Pope Francis' confidence and am profoundly grateful to him. I am very eager to get to know you all personally. Relying on the Lord's unwavering assistance to fulfill the mission with which I am being entrusted, I place my hope in our Heavenly Father's great mercies as He journeys with all of us along the path of the Kingdom. I am also following in the footsteps of Thomas Cardinal Collins and in continuity with the committed, strong and selfless episcopal ministry he has provided for many years and for which we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

Strikingly, it was the Annunciation that came to my mind when the Apostolic Nuncio notified me of the appointment. I thought of the Blessed Mother, her surprise and wonder, her trust and her availability to join forces with the Holy Spirit in bringing about the Incarnation; in accepting to play her unique role in the Lord's loving and saving plan; to be a humble instrument in the hands of our loving and saving God. Upon learning of the Holy Father's decision to appoint me, I too was asked to utter my own personal and ecclesial Fiat – and I have done so with all my heart.

My ministry to you as a Shepherd in Christ will no doubt provide many occasions to share our faith, to walk together in holiness, to foster ecclesial communion, and to bring Christ to others in new ways. With Mary, each is invited to bring the presence of Jesus to life in our communities. Our profound attachment to the Lord, remaining firmly rooted in His teachings and those of His Bride the Church, will enable us to sow seeds of enduring hope and be builders of bridges for that unity the Lord desires of us.

I will open my heart and mind to listen to you, to hear from you, and I will do my best to be for you an example of Christ the Good Shepherd. I trust that the Lord Jesus will open up new horizons before us, will accompany us with his grace, and allow us to experience abundant life. To my brother bishops, to the priests and deacons, seminarians, women and men in consecrated life and lay faithful engaged in ministry in the archdiocese, I look forward to engaging in close collaboration with you as we build up the Body of Christ, working out of our diverse vocations and charisms. As we abide in His love and walk with hope and authenticity, let us be reminded that it is Christ who is our Chief Shepherd and guides us all to the fullness of truth and life.

In embracing this new “calling within the calling” and so taking up the senior leadership role in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I truly believe that I stand to learn much from you: the very People I will strive to love and to serve, to empower and to inspire, to guide and to lead. As you know, I hail from the great city of Montreal and



am the son of immigrant parents. My varied experiences in parish ministry, school chaplaincy, Seminary formation and university lecturer, the Holy See's diplomatic service, my service at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as an auxiliary bishop – these have been for me graces. I will bring to this ministry all that I am and all that I have.

To those who are actively engaged in the life of our Church, as well as to those who are distant or struggle to choose her as their “spiritual home” - know that you are in my prayers daily and I will endeavour to be a loving pastor, a devoted father, a dedicated brother and an encouraging witness for you. In the beautiful diversity of this archdiocesan family made up of parish communities and religious houses, educational institutions, health care and social services, ecclesial movements and associations, women, men and children, the elderly and the young, persons living on the margins, those with means and the needy, families of all walks of life, cultures, languages and traditions, and those persons in search for meaning, hope, healing and love, whatever your situation may be – know this: the door of my heart and that of our archdiocese are open to you.

As a committed community of faith in the Risen Lord Jesus, we know, nonetheless, that we will surely face difficulties and trials. The key, however, is to remember that we are never alone. If we come together in order to encourage and support, challenge and lift each other up, not only will we know the joy of belonging to the Lord and be pleasing to Him, we will likewise be blessed with new dynamism, heartfelt fellowship, and a sense of family in the Eucharistic faith community. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is our most treasured gift; the Kingdom we seek is one of justice and peace; the path is that of holiness and fidelity. I delight in the Spirit with you, as with one heart and one soul we will endeavour to share this gift, to seek this Kingdom and its righteousness, and to walk humbly along this path.

Please remember me in your prayers so that I may faithfully serve the Lord through serving you. We are God's beloved children and with Him all things are indeed possible.

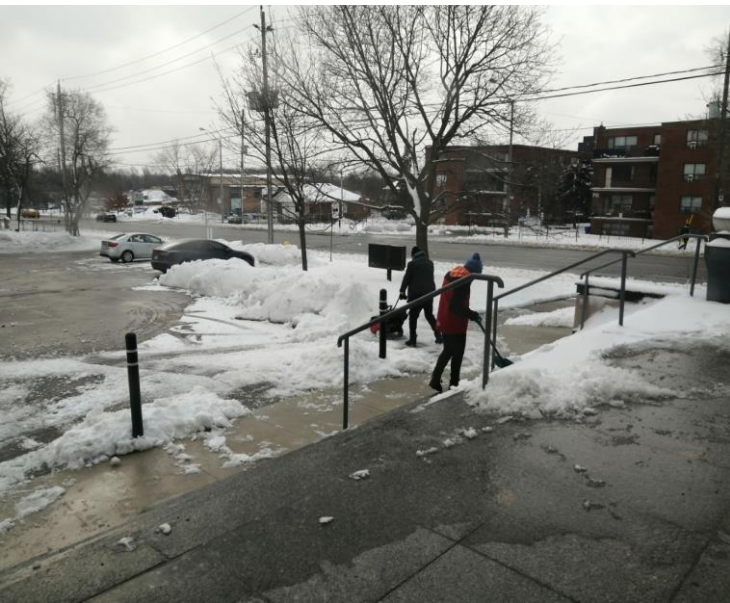
May Saint Michael the Archangel, our patron saint, defend us always and protect us everywhere.

Yours sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

+Francis Leo

Archbishop-designate of Toronto











Seneca, N.Y., 19 Nov. 2022

