



Parish Week

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

Sunday, 19 March 2023

Focus on the Word

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

1 Samuel 16.1b-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

**Nestor Abon, Anita Hennis,
Anthony Mascarenhas, Ivan Storey**

**The 18 victims of the shootings in
Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay,
California, in January.**



2nd Collection: 19 March, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 19 March, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

2nd Collection: 26 March, ShareLife

On 26 March, *ShareLife* Sunday, the second collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

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 Facilitators for 2023 will be:

Mar. 31 **Knights of Columbus**

Apr. 7 **Lectors**



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

Mon., 20 Mar. / St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary/Patron of Canada

8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)

7.00 pm Mass: † Phillip & Mary Fernando (Manuel & Mary)

Tuesday, 21 Mar.

8.00 am Mass: † Leticia Maga (Lisa)

9.00 am Funeral Mass: † Gwen Camacho

7.00 pm Mass: † Mary Machado (Arriola family)

Wednesday, 22 Mar. / Lenten Day of Confessions

8.00 am Mass: † Mary & Paul Galea (Fr. Edwin)

4 - 5 pm Confessions

7.00 pm Mass: † Soledad Sy and Sy Sin Kiu
(Emilio Go & family)

7.30 - 9 Confessions

Thursday, 23 Mar. / St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

8.00 am Mass: † Troy Cyril & Ilagan Luna
(Charito Sundararajah)

7.00 pm Mass: † Richard D'Mello (Loretta)

Friday, 24 Mar. / St. Oscar Romero, bishop & martyr

8.00 am Mass: Mass: † Rosie & Francis Fernandes (Carol)

7.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wijesinghe (friends)

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Greeters & Euch. Ministers)

Saturday, 25 Mar. / The Annunciation of the Lord

8.00 am Mass: † Maria Makhohalo (Justina)

1.00 pm Wedding: Omotayo Kareem & Abimbola Ogunleye

4.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Inst. #2

5.00 pm Mass: † Santhiapillai Sebastiapillai (Juliet)

SUNDAY 26 MAR. / Lent 5-A / SHARELIFE

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
 - 2nd Collection: Share Life
- 9.00 am Mass: † Feliciano de Guzman (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: † In memory of babies
Alleluia & Glory D'Cunha (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

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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

You can work wonders !

1st Sunday of Lent, 26 February

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. Thus far we have raised:

\$ 2,565.00

toward our 2023 goal of: **\$ 52,000.00.**

On Monday, 20 March, we will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. We will reflect on the virtuous life he lived, and how he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next week is *ShareLife* Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our love and blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters through *ShareLife*.

Please give at the parish using a *ShareLife* envelope.

March 26 is *ShareLife* Sunday.

Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*



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 contact the CWL any time, and place your order on line, while the candles are available.



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.

Sacramental Preparation

23, 30 March

Confirmation Instructions. In school (students only).
St. Maria Goretti Sch.: 9.10 am; St. Albert Sch.: 1.00 pm.

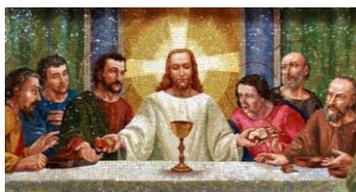
The distribution of Sunday Mass Slips takes place at the 2nd Instruction, on 23 March.

25 & 27 March:

1st Holy Communion Family Instruction #2

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm, or MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

Distribution of Sunday Mass Slips.



Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates will soon begin using their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. They represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus. After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather near the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when they are led by the Servers to the Altar.

The Candidates place their unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

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.



Liturgy Note

Feast of St. Joseph, 20 March

Parishioners may be interested to know that this year, the Feast of St. Joseph, normally celebrated on 19 March, will be observed one day later. The usual calendar date falls on the 4th Sunday of Lent, which must be observed in its proper Lenten context. This year, the Feast of St. Joseph will be observed on 20 March.



Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Omotayo Kareem and Abimbolo Ogunleye
25 March

Jefferson Simeon and Richein Jordan
31 March

☺ *Your sabbath smileo*

Tommy: "Mother, the boy with whom I had a fight yesterday and gave a black eye, said his mother told him to love his enemies, and so he gave me an apple today."

Mother: "That's kind of him. I guess you are friends now."

Tommy: "I don't know yet. I gave him another black eye today and told him to bring me an orange tomorrow."



“As we move forward with our *ShareLife* campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? *Living the Gospel* may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, being available to families who are facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 47 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Support our appeal this Lent!”
- *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

Family Services

Catholic Family Services of Durham
Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin
Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County
Catholic Family Services of Toronto (416) 921-1163
Catholic Community Services of York Region
FertilityCare Toronto (416) 465-2868
Natural Family Planning Association | (416) 481-5465

Children and Youth

Camp Ozanam (416) 364-5577
Covenant House (416) 598-4898
Office of Catholic Youth (416) 599-7676
Sancta Maria House (416) 925-7333
Youth-In-Transition (416) 598-4898

People with Special Needs

Mary Centre of Toronto (416) 630-5533
Our Place Community of Hope (416) 598-2919
Saint Elizabeth Health Care (905) 940-9655
Silent Voice Canada (416) 463-1104
St. Bernadette Family Resource Centre (416) 654-9810
St. Michael's / Matt Talbot Houses (416) 926-8267
Street Haven at the Crossroads (416) 967-6060

Elderly People

Centres d'Accueil Héritage | (416) 365-3350
LA Centre for Active Living | (416) 452-4875
Providence Healthcare | (416) 285-3666
Society of Sharing | (416) 413-0380

Immigrants and Refugees

Catholic Cross-Cultural Services | (416) 757-7010
Office for Refugees | (416) 934-0606 ext. 804

Single and Teen Parents

Rosalie Hall | (416) 438-6880
Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services |
(905) 432-3622 (Oshawa) | (289) 385-1160 (Ajax)
Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers | (905)
853-5514
Vita Centre | (905) 502-7933

Education of Clergy

St. Augustine's Seminary | (416) 261-7207
Office of Vocations | (416) 968-0997
Redemptoris Mater Seminary | (416) 264-9477

International Development and Missions

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development &
Peace | (416) 922-1592
Pastoral Mission Fund | (416) 934-0606 ext. 567

Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto |
(416) 934-3401

Special Projects

Special Project funding was directed to our Parish Outreach to Seniors pilot project, Grief Reconciliation for Young Mothers pilot project and Shared Services between agencies for financial management, human resources and information technology.

Grants-in-aid Agencies

The deVeber Institute
Birthright International - Toronto
Toronto Right to Life
New Beginnings
Canadian Food for Children
Good Shepherd Ministries
St. John Paul the Great Family Centre
Hospital Chaplaincy
Special grants allocated by Catholic Charities *

*CATHOLIC CHARITIES, with the support of *ShareLife*, provided additional community grants for services to those who are hungry, homeless and dying; to refugees and immigrants; to children living in poverty; and for prison ministry through community reintegration programs.

The Pope's Council

The Vatican has announced the appointment of the new members of Pope Francis' *Council of Cardinals*. This Council is a consultative body to advise the Holy Father in the government of the Church. Pope Francis instituted it on 13 April 2013. It is known as the "Pope's G8." The new group is made up of:

- Cardinal Pietro Parolin**, Secretary of State
- Cardinal Fernando Vérgez**, President, Vatican City State
- Cardinal Fredolin Besungu**, of Kinshasa
- Cardinal Seán O'Malley**, OFM Cap., of Boston
- Cardinal Juan José Omella**, of Barcelona
- Cardinal Gérald Lacroix**, of Quebec
- Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich**, of Luxembourg
- Cardinal Sergio da Roxha**, San Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

Msgr, Marco Melino is the group's Secretary. The new Council is made up of 4 Religious, from 3 Congregations (two Capuchins, a Jesuit and a Legionary of Christ), and four diocesan clergy. Asia and Oceania are not represented. Of the 3 countries with the most Catholics (Brazil, Mexico and the Philippines) only Brazil is represented.

Some surprises: The Archbishop of Luxembourg was chosen. That diocese has experienced a decrease in the number of Catholics during the Jesuit Cardinal's term of service. Also, the Archbishop of Barcelona was chosen and not that of Madrid, which is interesting in Spain. Finally, a Brazilian Archbishop was chosen from a diocese not among the big three: Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and São Paulo.

The Pope's new Council will meet this coming April.

17 March: St. Patrick

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461. As a boy of fourteen, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd sheep. He escaped, but had a dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He was ordained by a Priest and later a bishop, and was sent to Ireland on 25 March 433. He converted all of Ireland, using a shamrock to explain the Trinity.



19 March: St. Joseph [20 March in 2023] Patron Saint of Canada

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Sacred Scripture. He was a carpenter, a working man (Matthew 13.55). We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. We know he loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. We also know that he treated Jesus as his own son, for the people of Nazareth said of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4.22)

RCIA / RCIC Sponsors

Some of our helpful Sponsors who serve as godparents to the RCIA and RCIC Candidates at their Initiation.





Youth Team at the 2023
Ordinandi Dinner, 9 March.



Seminarian **Judel Villardo** with some of the
22 Parishioners at the Ordinandi Dinner.



Youth facilitators for the Parish Stations of the Cross, 3 March.



First light in the morning, March 2023.



