



# Parish Week

Sunday,  
26 March 2023

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Family instruction #2
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Santhiapillai Sebastiampillai (Juliet)

## SUNDAY 26 MAR. / Lent 5-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Monday, 27 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ida & Silvo Cilento (family)
- 6.00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Family instruction #2
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Ana Medrero (family)

## Tuesday, 28 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria Wong Shi & Erlinda Go Te  
(Emilio Go & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Gracious & Rajes Andreas (family)

## Wednesday, 29 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Philomena Chan (friends)

## Thursday, 30 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Racquel Diaz  
(Casildus Manuel)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Pacita Dilla (family)

## Friday, 31 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (family)
- 2.00 pm Wedding: Jefferson Simeon & Richein Jordan
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Anastacia Reyes (son & daughter)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Knights of Columbus)

## Saturday, 1 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Virginia Tabat)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Noronha  
(Maryann & Anthony Mendonca)

## PASSION SUNDAY, 2 APRIL / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas  
(Antenia Ambrose)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Aldrim & Rose
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Anita Dias (Dominic)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A

Ezekiel 37.12-14; Romans 8.8-11; John 11.1-45

*By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

The **45,000** victims of the **earthquake** in **Turkey** and **Syria** in **February**.



## 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**



## COMING UP

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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;*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Good Friday*

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)

14 Apr.

► **INDIA** becomes the most populous country in the world

23 Apr.

St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (2:30 pm);

30 Apr.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance;**

- *Catholic Education Week;*

- CWL (11:30 am);

- St. Maria Goretti 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (2:30 pm)

1 May

Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

3 May

St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)

4 May

St. Maria Goretti Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)

5 May

**Cardinal Thomas Collins:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Ordination to the Priesthood

7 May

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *ShareLife Appeal*

23 July

*Mission Co-op* Sunday, for the Diocese of Galle, Sri Lanka

Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

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

# ShareLife 2023

## You can work wonders !

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, 26 February

*Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings*



This Sunday is the first collection for our parish's annual *ShareLife* Parish Campaign. The *ShareLife* mission of "Living the Gospel by providing for those in need" is at the core of how we are called to live our lives as Christians.

Our parish goal this year is: \$52,000.00.

With confidence, we can reach and possibly surpass this goal and help as many individuals and families as we can in our community and around the world. You can join the effort and give at our Parish using a *ShareLife* envelope.

Today, March 26, is *ShareLife* Sunday.

Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*

## Sacramental Preparation

25 & 27 March:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Family Instruction #2

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm, or MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

Distribution of Sunday Mass Slips.

30 March

**Confirmation Instruction.** In school (students only).

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

23 April, 2.30 pm

**St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass**

30 April, 2.30 pm

**St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates have begun 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.

## A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Matilde Natividad** for their gift of the three beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar following her funeral on 26 November. May she rest in peace.

## Archbishop Francis Leo

Installation: 25 March

Our Parish joyfully welcomes the new Archbishop of Toronto, Francis Leo, who will be installed at our Cathedral on 25 March. Due to seating limits, the installation will be an invitation-only event. To enable the faithful to meet our new chief Shepherd, Welcome Masses have been scheduled in the four Regions. The welcome Mass for the Eastern Region, including Scarborough, will be held:



7.00 pm, Wednesday, 26 April 2023

St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 1148 Finch Ave., Pickering



## Good Friday Collection

7 April: *Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land*

We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. We feel that Jerusalem is our home and our family. *My home is within you* (Psalm 87, 7). The Psalm reminds us of our ties to the Church of Jerusalem, mother of all the churches of the world.

The Church in the Holy Land appeals for our solidarity. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is an opportunity to respond. By our prayer and support, our community can ensure a significant contribution for the faithful; to charitable and social works; as well as to the care of the Holy Sites and the training of future priests.

By supporting the Church and its work in the Holy Land we are looking after ourselves and our own spiritual heritage. We allow Christians who are sorely tested to remain steadfast and be witnesses of reconciliation and peace. We support men and women who care and provide access to the Holy Sites, the living memory of Jesus. For more information please visit [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca).

## Upcoming Weddings

*There is a promise of Marriage between:*

**Omotayo Kareem and Abimbola Ogunleye**

25 March

**Jefferson Simeon and Richein Jordan**

31 March

**Steve Chrisanthan Patrick Sothiratnam  
and Danielle De Rango**

8 July, *Mary Mother of God Parish, Oakville*



## Phil had a secret How Phil and Helen's marriage overcame broken trust

Phil and Helen have been married for three years, but only two months ago he revealed he had a son from a previous relationship. The admission occurred as they were expecting their first child.

"I don't even know who he is anymore," said Helen, who is fearful about bringing a child into a marriage where there is broken trust. Helen's family doctor told her about affordable couples counseling services at **Catholic Family Services of Toronto**. She recommended they seek counseling after Helen confided in her about the sadness, stress and betrayal she was feeling.

Phil and Helen's counselor worked with them to unpack their histories and help them understand how the secret was connected to fears stemming from Phil's past trauma.

Over 10 weeks of counseling, they acquired communication skills, recommitted to being open with each other, and began turning towards each other when problems arose. They learned to take the risk of being honest rather than using deceit or avoidance to keep the peace.

By the end of their counseling, Phil and Helen found a new sense of confidence as a couple and started feeling excited about the arrival of their baby.

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On Saturday, 25 February, Pope Francis received in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall the students, professors and staff of the 22 higher level Pontifical Institutions that are in Rome. Below are highlights of the Pope's address.

"I thank all of you for your presence. You belong to a vast and multifaceted system of ecclesiastical studies, which has flourished throughout the centuries thanks to the wisdom of the People of God, scattered throughout the world and strictly linked to the mission of evangelization of the Church as a whole. You are part of a richness that has grown under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in research, dialogue, and discernment of the signs of the times, and in listening to many different cultural expressions. In this you stand out for your special closeness, also geographical, to the Successor of Peter and to his ministry of the joyful proclamation of Christ's truth.

I would like to say to you first of all, with the words of the Bishop and Martyr Saint Ignatius of Antioch: learn to "sing as a choir." To sing as a choir! Indeed, the University is the school of accord and consonance between different voices and instruments. It is not the school of uniformity; it is the accord and consonance of different voices and instruments. Saint John Henry Newman describes it as the place where different forms of knowledge and perspectives are expressed in symphony, they complete each other, they correct each other, and they balance each other out.

This harmony demands to be cultivated first of all in yourselves, among the intelligences that stir the human soul: that of the mind, that of the heart, and that of the hands, each one with its own timbre and character, and all necessary. May the language of the mind be united with that of the heart and that of the hands: what one thinks, what one feels, and what one does.

In particular, I would like to dwell a moment with you on the last of the three: the *intelligence of the hands*. It is the most sensory, but no less important for this. It may be said, in fact, that it is like the spark of the thought and knowledge and, in some respects, also their most mature result. The first time I went out into the Square, as Pope, I approached a group of young blind people. And one said: "Can I see you? Can I look at you?" I did not understand. "Yes," I said. And, with his hands, he searched. He looked at me by *touching* me with his hands. This struck me and made me realize the intelligence of the hands. Aristotle used to say that the hands are "like the soul," for the power they have, thanks to their sensitivity, to distinguish and to explore.

Let us therefore create harmony in ourselves, making our hands "eucharistic" too, like those of Christ. May we accompany touch, in every contact and grip, with humble, joyful and sincere gratitude.

It is what I ask in prayer for each one of you and for all of you. I wholeheartedly bless you, and remember: do not forget to pray for me."

# We Review our Presentations for First Holy Communion

## THE MASS IS A SPECIAL GIFT

### Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood at the Last Supper

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22

<sup>1</sup> Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, called the *Passover*, was near. <sup>2</sup> The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this in memory of me.”

<sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT

Keep holy

“Do this in

the Lord’s Day.

memory of me.”



## GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

### For Catholics

Catholics fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat his body and drink his blood. To be properly disposed to receive his Communion, communicants are expected to:

- be free of grave sin;*
- fast for an hour prior to Mass;*
- strive to live in charity and love with their neighbours.*

Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, which Jesus gave to the Church as a way in which we can respond to our call to conversion and repentance.

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all, since it strengthens us in our journey with our brothers and sisters in faith.

### For Catechumens

Those who are preparing to become members of the Church may attend Mass with other members of the *Catechumenate* group. At any Mass when there is a formal gathering of Catechumens, they are dismissed after the homily, and they continue their prayer separately from the believing assembly.

If Catechumens attend a Mass without a dismissal, they may approach the altar at Communion, and seek a blessing by crossing their hands over their heart, and saying, “A Blessing, Father,” or, “A Blessing please.”

# The Mass



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Procession of Gifts:** Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

**Sanctus:** After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

**Last Supper Narrative:** The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Memorial Acclamation:** We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

**Doxology, Great Amen:** The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

**Lord’s Prayer:** We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

**Breaking of Bread:** The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

**Communion:** The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

## CONCLUDING RITE

*The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.*

**Prayer after Communion:** The closing prayer of Mass.

**Announcements:** Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

**Blessing and Dismissal:** The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshiping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

**Entrance Procession:** The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

**Greeting:** The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

**Penitential Rite:** Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

**Gloria:** We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

**Collect:** With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

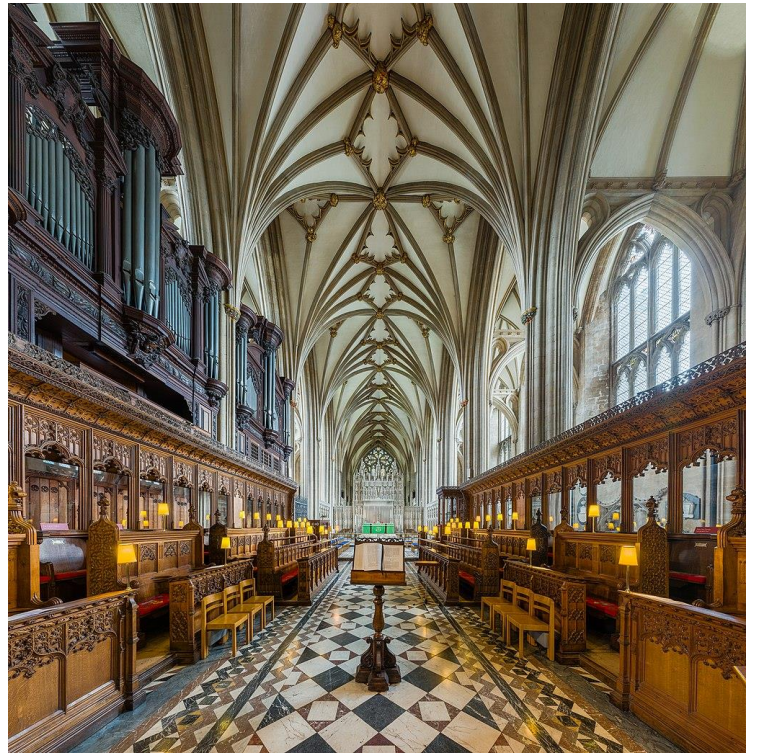
**Psalms:** The Cantor leads as we praise God.

**Second Reading:** This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

**Gospel:** While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

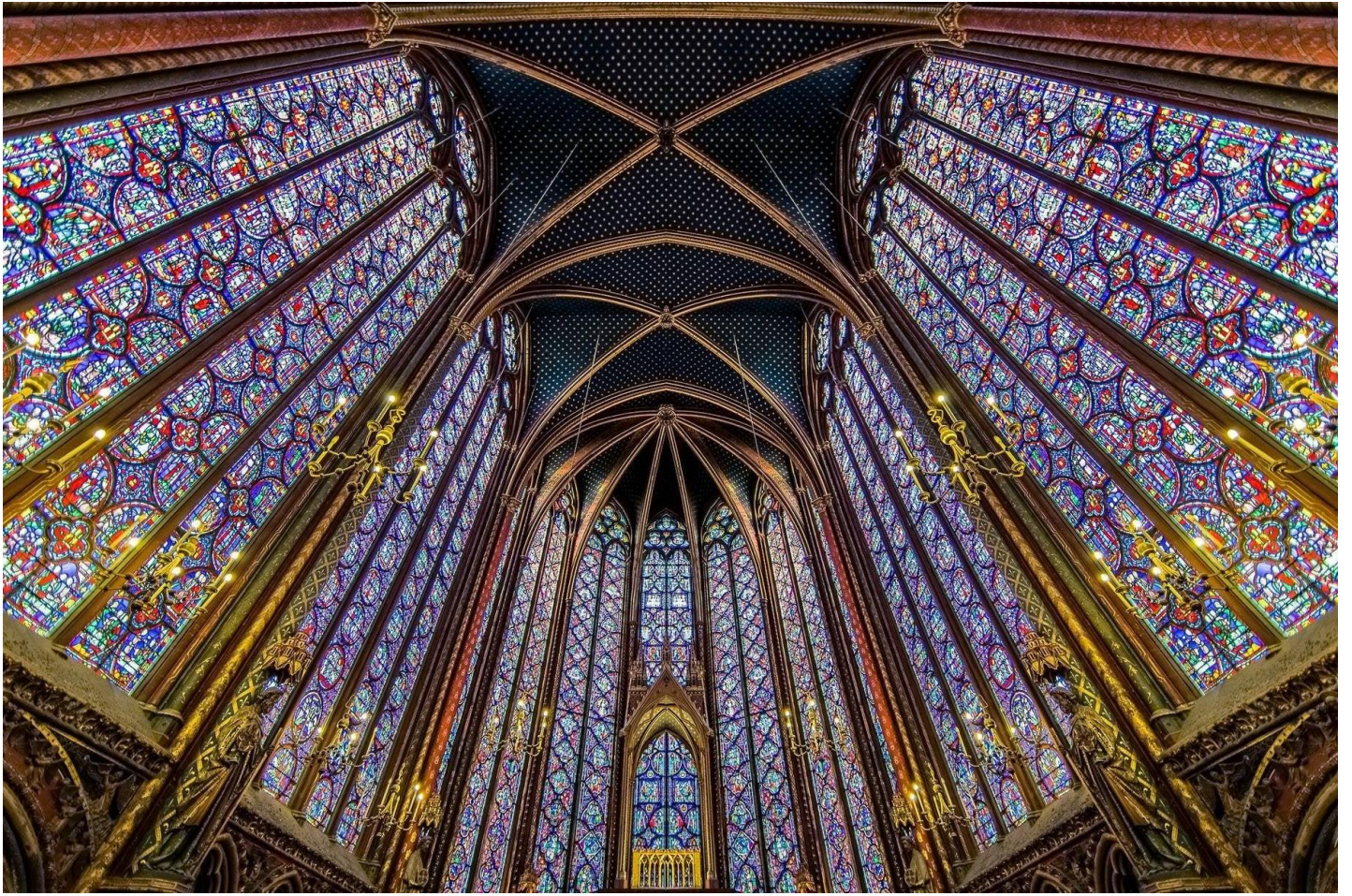
**Creed:** In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

**Intercessions:** In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.



Bristol Cathedral, England





Tom Laporte