

Parish Week

God, bless our First
Communion youth

Sunday,
30 April 2023



Saturday, 29 Apr. / St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Erin Candappa (friends)

SUNDAY, 30 APR. / EASTER 4-A

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- Catholic Education Week

9.00 am Mass: † Holly Noronha
(Maryann & Anthony Mendonca)
10.30 am Mass: Alex Rodrigues (D'Souza family)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 pm Mass: † Judith Primero (Jiyi)
2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti 1st Communion Mass
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 1 May / St. Joseph the Worker

8.00 am Mass: Int. The Living & Deceased members
of the Bastiampillai family
7.00 pm Mass: † Jean Schofield (Sunita Moniz)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 2 May / St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Santi Gomes (Aruna Boila)

Wednesday 3 May / Ss. Philip & James, apostles

8.00 am Mass: Int. 2nd Birthday of
Joseph William Francis (family)
9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass

Thursday, 4 May

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Josefa Sardua (Chita)
7.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass

Friday, 5 May

- Cardinal Thomas Collins: 50th Anniversary as a Priest
- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosie & Francis Fernandes (Carol)
8.00 pm Mass: † Melinda Modica (Sunita Moniz)

Saturday, 6 May

8.00 am Mass: † Abelardo Aureada (Maria Boctor)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Dave Chattergoon Birthday (Minda)

SUNDAY, 7 MAY / EASTER 5-A

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- ShareLife: 2nd Appeal

9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel Andreas (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
12.00 pm Mass: † Rolando Ranga (Gilbert)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Acts 2.14a-41; 1 Peter 2.20-25; John 10.14

*Almighty ever living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has
gone before. Amen.*

Pray for the Deceased

Hermogenes Macandog, Gloria McLaren,
The **57** victims of the **train tragedy in Greece**
at the end of February.



2nd Collection: 7 May: ShareLife

On 1 May, the 2nd collection
will be the second Appeal for
our annual *ShareLife Campaign*,
for all the agencies that help us
to live the Gospel by caring for
our brothers and sisters in need.



If you use a recycled envelope marked "*ShareLife*," please
remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

COMING UP

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7 May	2 nd Collection: <i>ShareLife</i> ; - Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
9 May	Bishop Vincent Nguyen: 25 th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood; - Wedding: Tadeo & Escalona (11:00 am)
11 May	Confirmation: St. Albert School & Saturday Class (7:00 pm)
13 May	Wedding: Fogelboch & Molinaso (1:00 pm)
21 May	2 nd Collection: <i>Pope's Pastoral Works</i> ; - St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Sunday
28 May	<i>ShareLife</i> Speaker: seminarian Daniel Lee ; - 2 nd Collection: Maintenance ; - CWL (11:30 am)
29 May	► St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
4 Jun.	2 nd Collection: <i>ShareLife</i>
5 Jun.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
11 Jun.	Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
15 Jun.	St. M.G. School Grad. Rehearsal (12:30 pm)
16 Jun.	Memorial Mass: † Camila Maulion (7:00 pm)
19 Jun.	St. M.G. School Grad. Rehearsal (12:30 pm)
20 Jun.	St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am); - St. M.G. School Grad. Rehearsal (12:30 pm)
21 Jun.	St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Liturgy (11:00 am)
22 Jun.	► St. Albert School Graduation Mass (9:30 am)
24 Jun.	Wedding: Borzic & Dizon (1:00 pm)
25 Jun.	2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>
26 Jun.	► St. Albert School Graduation Exercises (5:30 pm); - Election for new Toronto Mayor

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

ShareLife 2023

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages!



So far, we have raised: \$ 7,335.00
toward our 2023 goal of: \$ 52,000.00

On 7 May, we will be holding the 2nd Appeal in our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

Today we celebrate the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*.

When you support *ShareLife*, you help educate our future priests. Through *ShareLife*, you invest in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and *Redemptoris Mater* Missionary Seminary.

We ask for your prayers and your generous support for our future priests. You may do so by donating generously to *ShareLife*.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish *ShareLife* campaign.

On Sunday, 23 April, we had the great honour of welcoming to our Parish **Mr. Arthur Peters**, who is the Executive Director of *ShareLife*. Mr. Peters came to our Parish 19 years ago – it was the first Parish he ever visited to speak on behalf of *ShareLife*. We are grateful for his powerful message at this important time in our *ShareLife* Campaign.



Sacramental Celebrations

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 4 BIBLE SPONSORSHIPS

Our Parish thanks **Corine Maulin** for her sponsorship of 4 Bibles for the next set of RCIA Catechumens. God bless you.

Catholic Education Week 2023 "We are Many, We are One."

Catholic Education Week 2023 begins Sunday, 30 April. The Catholic schools in our parish will hold a series of events to celebrate the gift of publicly funded Catholic education, which has existed in Ontario since 1841.



We are also honoured to welcome representatives of our schools as they make a special presentation at our Masses this Sunday.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults and Youth who recently received Sacraments of Initiation:

✠ RCIA Adults, 8 April

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
Adekoya, Omoshola ARIEL
Haile, Weinarge HANNAH
Owen, Shana-Gaye RUTH
Robi, Tarikua HANA

Profession, Confirmation, Eucharist
Semere, Bemnet SANTO
Sobodu, Adesola FAITH

Renewal

Habtom, Yerusalem TSIGEMARIAM

✠ RCIC Youth, 15 April

Baptism
Abraha, Hana HOSANNA
Issak, Barkot PETER
Tesfaldet, Adonai Bemne
Yehdeigo, Ivan Minassey MARY

Baptism, Eucharist
Kabengele, Mfiondu EMILE

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
Kabengele, Kanyinda FRANCOIS
Kabengele, Tshimanga JOHN

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 5 and 12 May, at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 6 and 13 May.

First Holy Communion

Guidelines for 2023

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion** for the Grade 2 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year. The Parish has four groups of First Communicants: (a) St. Albert School; (b) St. Maria Goretti School; (c) Saturday Class for students in other schools; (d) the RCIC.

After three years of pandemic restrictions, it is good to a sense of normalcy in liturgical celebrations. Please read the following.

(1) INSTRUCTION MATERIAL for 1st Communion is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the January Family Information Nights, and at both of the *Family Instruction meetings* held in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of First Holy Communion.

(2) REVIEW It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. For their convenience, summaries are provided regularly in the website bulletin. For 1st Communion, check the website bulletins for'

22 January 2023, pages 3-4

26 March 2023, pages 5-6

(3) ATTIRE *How to dress?* The Archdiocese of Toronto does not have one "mandatory" dress code for all First Communion Candidates. We have a variety of customs in our Parish that reflect the international composition of our faith community. The universal expectation is that, for such an important occasion in their

lives, **Candidates** should wear at least "Sunday best," which is formal or semi-formal attire. In addition, it is suggested that the Candidates



incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white dress for girls, a white shirt for boys, etc.) as a reminder of their BAPTISM. Boys may wear a suit, or a formal or semi-formal jacket with complementary trousers. Girls may simply wear a white dress, or at least a white blouse. Parents should be mindful that the children's clothing should not be heavy. It is also suggested that **Family members** and invited friends dress in a respectful and complementary manner, and avoid clothing with garish or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass, and also in the photos taken afterward. In the future, these photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Holy Sacrament received from the Altar, which Jesus gives as the Food of Life to nourish us through our pilgrimage through this world to the Father's Kingdom.

(4) ARRIVAL Catholic School Candidates should arrive at least 40 minutes prior to their 1st Communion Mass to *Sign In* at an Information Table in the Vestibule, and to find seats with their families *as close as possible to the Sanctuary*. Because of their height, they would not have an appropriate view of the Altar if they are seated towards the back.

(5) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive their Holy Communion, they approach the Altar with their families.

Confirmation

Guidelines for 2023

Our Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the Grade 7 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year. The Parish has four groups of Candidates:

(a) St. Albert School; (b) St. Maria Goretti School; (c) the Saturday Class for students in other schools; (d) the RCIC.

(1) INSTRUCTION MATERIAL for Confirmation is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the February Family Information Nights, and at all three of the *Student Instructions* held in the schools in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of their Confirmation.

(2) REVIEW It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. For their convenience, summaries are provided regularly in the website bulletin. For Confirmation, check the website bulletins for:

2 April 2023, pages 3-4

16 April 2023, pages 5-10

(3) We will resume the use of CONFIRMATION GOWNS, so Candidates will need to cooperate with their teachers, to ensure that their gown, in the correct size, is properly reserved.

(4) ATTIRE *How to dress?* Since we will be resuming the use of the gowns this year, the **Candidates** should simply wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. They may also incorporate a simple *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white shirt, blouse, dress, etc.) as a reminder of the connection between Confirmation and Baptism. **Family members** and **Sponsors** should avoid clothing with garish

or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, solid neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass. For men: black/grey, navy or khaki tones; for women: black/grey/white, or pastels. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Sacrament received in front of the Altar, by which the Holy Spirit empowers us to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

(5) There will be REHEARSALS to prepare the Candidates to receive this Sacrament in a focused and prayerful manner; they will also need to pay close attention to the directions given during the Mass.

(6) The CONFIRMATION CARD which each Candidate presents to the Pastor at the time they receive the Sacrament, will need to have the chosen **Confirmation Name** printed in large letters on the front.

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

(7) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive their Confirmation, they approach the Altar with their classmates, and the Sponsors stand behind them.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Laying On of Hands

Anointing with Sacred Chrism



*Top: RCIA Neophytes, 8 April.
Below: RCIC Neophytes, 15 April.*





Above: St. Albert School 1st Communion, 23 April.

Below: Family of Hermogenes Macandog at his 40 Day Prayers, 17 April.



World in chaos: Chinese balloons to Turkish earthquake calamity: the world is wounded.



