

# Parish Week

Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me."

Sunday,  
7 May 2023



## Saturday, 6 May

► **King Charles III:** Coronation, Westminster Abbey

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Monday 8 May

8.00 am Mass: † Michael Pisciola (Irma)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Lily Mandyam (friends)

## Tuesday, 9 May

**Bishop Vincent Nguyen:** 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination as a Priest

8.00 am Mass: † Abelardo Aureada (Maria Boctor)  
11.00 am Wedding: Loranzo Tadeo & Laida Escalona

## Wednesday 10 May / St. John of Avila, priest & doctor

8.00 am † Abelardo Aureada (Maria Boctor)

## Thursday, 11 May

8.00 am Mass: † Eugenio Baclig (Vina Garcia)  
7.00 pm Confirmation Mass: St. Albert School & Saturday Class

## Friday, 12 May / Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Chita Sardua)

## Saturday, 13 May

8.00 am Mass: † Castora Serneo (family)  
1.00 pm Wedding: Donald Fogelboch & Lausa Molinaso  
5.00 pm Mass: † Gwen Camacho (Lillian D'Souza)

## SUNDAY, 14 MAY / EASTER 6-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*  
■ *Mother's Day*

9.00 am Mass: Int. Macario Francis (family)  
10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (friends)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Hiranthi Somawarden (friends)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

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

Acts 6.1-7; 1 Peter 2.4-9; John 10.14

Almighty ever living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Amen

## Pray for the Deceased

**Flora Abuan, Deacon Giovanni Leva, Joseph Calderon, Fr. Viateur Laurin**

The hundreds of victims of extreme gang violence in Haiti this year.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 7 May: ShareLife

On 7 May, the second collection will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering 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.

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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- 21 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Pope's Pastoral Works*;  
St. Vincent de Paul *Bundle Up Sunday*
- 28 May *ShareLife* Speaker: seminarian **Daniel Lee**;  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*;  
- CWL (11:30 am)
- 29 May ► St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
- 4 Jun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Sharelife
- 5 Jun. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 11 Jun. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 16 Jun. Memorial Mass: † Camila Maulion
- 21 Jun. - St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Mass (9:00 am);  
St. Maria Goretti Graduation Exercise (5:30 pm)  
► St. Albert School Graduation Mass (9:30 am)  
Wedding: Borzic & Dizon (1:00 pm)
- 22 Jun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*
- 24 Jun. ► St. Albert School Graduation Exercises (5:30 pm);  
- Election for new Toronto Mayor
- 23 July *Mission Co-op Sunday: Fr. Sampath*,  
representing the Diocese of Galle, Sri Lanka
- 28 July ► *Toronto Festival of Beer*, Bandshell, Exhibition Place
- 1-6 August ► WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, Portugal
- 4 August ► *Taste of India*, Nathan Philips Square

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal in our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

We each have a part to play in supporting those in need in our community. And for that reason, each parish, and the archdiocese as a whole, has a fundraising goal for *ShareLife*. Reaching this goal means Catholic agencies can continue providing care to those who turn to them for help.

**Archbishop Francis** is asking each of us to contribute what we can. He says: "Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a *ShareLife* agency in their moment of need."

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through *ShareLife*.

On Sunday, 28 May, we will have the honour of welcoming to our Parish **Mr. Daniel Lee**, who is a student at *St. Augustine Seminary*. He will follow (right) **Mr. Arthur Peters**, who came to visit us on 23 April. We remain grateful for the powerful message he shared on behalf of our *ShareLife* Campaign.



## Sacramental Celebrations

11 May, 7.00 pm  
**Confirmation Mass**  
for **St. Albert School & Saturday Class.**

13 May, 5.00 pm  
**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass**  
for **Saturday Class.**



### A Special Gift HAND SANITIZERS

Our Parish thanks **Eva Raquez** for her kind donation of hand sanitizers, which is very helpful to our community. God bless you.

😊 *Your sabbath smile*

*The advantage of exercising every day is so that when you die, they'll say, "Well, she sure looks good, doesn't she?"*

## CWL Dinner Dance

6.30 pm, Saturday, 6 May  
2152 Lawrence Ave. East



*Finally*: an exciting return to a real, in-person Dinner Dance! Thanks to our CWL Council for organizing this evening. For info on this year's CWL Dinner Dance, call: **Minda**, 647-985-9065

## Catholic Education Week 2023

"We are Many, We are One."

Catholic Education Week 2023 occurred from 30 April to 5 May. 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 were pleased to welcome representatives of our schools who made special presentations at our Masses last Sunday:



5.00 pm **Peter Carnie**  
9.00 am **Jejociny Consalvas**  
10.30 am **Peter Carnie**  
12.00 noon **Donato Di Paolo**  
2.30 pm **Donato Di Paolo**  
7.00 pm **Melchora Mulla**

## RCIA, RCIC



*Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children*

Please remember in your prayers the Adults and Youth who recently received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil (8 April) and the Easter Octave (15 April).

*The next meetings:*

RCIA Adults, 12 and 19 May, at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 13 and 20 May.

*The next Initiation:*

Special Initiation, 20 May, at 5.00 pm.

## 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.*



# ShareLife

## 7 May 2023



7 May will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> offering for our Parish *ShareLife* campaign. Our goal this year is \$52,000.00. It is important we meet our goal, as a Parish and an Archdiocese, on behalf of those served by our agencies. If you have not yet donated, you can do so using a *ShareLife* envelope.

As we all continue to recover from the pandemic, please keep these agencies and their clients they lovingly care for in your prayers. *However* you give, *whatever* you give, please give generously to *ShareLife*.

You can be a hero for those in need

The thousands of people who rely on *ShareLife*-funded agencies are counting on us to reach our parish goal, so the lifesaving work of these agencies can continue.

*“Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.”* – **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

## Remember our SHARELIFE Agencies at this critical time

### Community / Family Services

Catholic Community Services of York Region, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe Country, Catholic Family Services of Toronto, *FertilityCare* Toronto, Natural Family Planning Association

### People with Special Needs

Mary Centre, *Our Place* Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, St. Bernadette's Family Resources Centre, St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses, *Silent Voice* Canada (*ministry to the deaf*)

### Children and Youth

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery, *Covenant House*,

Sancta Maria House / **Young Parents:**

Rosalie Hall, Rose of Durham, Rose of Sharon,

**Vita Centre / Seniors:**

Les Centres d'Accueil Heritage, Loyola Arrupe Centre, Providence Healthcare, Society of Sharing

### Affiliated Organizations

Camp Ozanam (*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*), Good Shepherd Ministries, Birthright International



## ShareLife: Covenant House

When the late **Cardinal Carter** found kids sleeping outside his downtown office, he rallied community support to open COVENANT HOUSE to serve these vulnerable youth. Its doors officially opened in February 1982 as *Covenant House Toronto*—the 2<sup>nd</sup> international site of the highly recognized childcare agency *Covenant House International*. Today, the 31-site network spans from Alaska to Latin America.

For 40 years, *Covenant House* has maintained steadfast dedication to its mission: supporting the vulnerable youth who come through its doors with absolute respect and unconditional love.

Since the day it first opened its doors, *Covenant House Toronto* has offered opportunity and hope to more than 100,000 young people.



### Gerald Emmett Cardinal

**Carter** was born 1 March 1912 in Montreal. His service in the Catholic Church began on 22 May 1937 when he became a Priest. He spent 40 years as a Bishop, a role focused on his work in the community. He fought for affordable housing for the elderly and disabled.

His plan to build a shelter for young homeless people in Toronto became a reality with the opening of *Covenant House* in 1982. A second Canadian *Covenant House* later opened in Vancouver. Colleagues and parishioners praised his leadership and guidance. **Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic**, who succeeded him as Archbishop of Toronto, remembered the retired bishop's dedication to serving others. “He was a priest, a pastor, a bishop, a father of the Second Vatican Council. He spoke the word of God and acted on it with wisdom, with perspicacity, with regard for the gifts of others, and with visionary decisiveness, meeting the vast variety of needs in the Church.”





St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation, 4 May.





Some of the 17 families who attended the *Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent* meeting on 1 May.



RCIC participants, 22 April.





CWL Annual Convention, 25 April.



Rita Selvarajah, who was Confirmed here, visits with her family, 28 April.



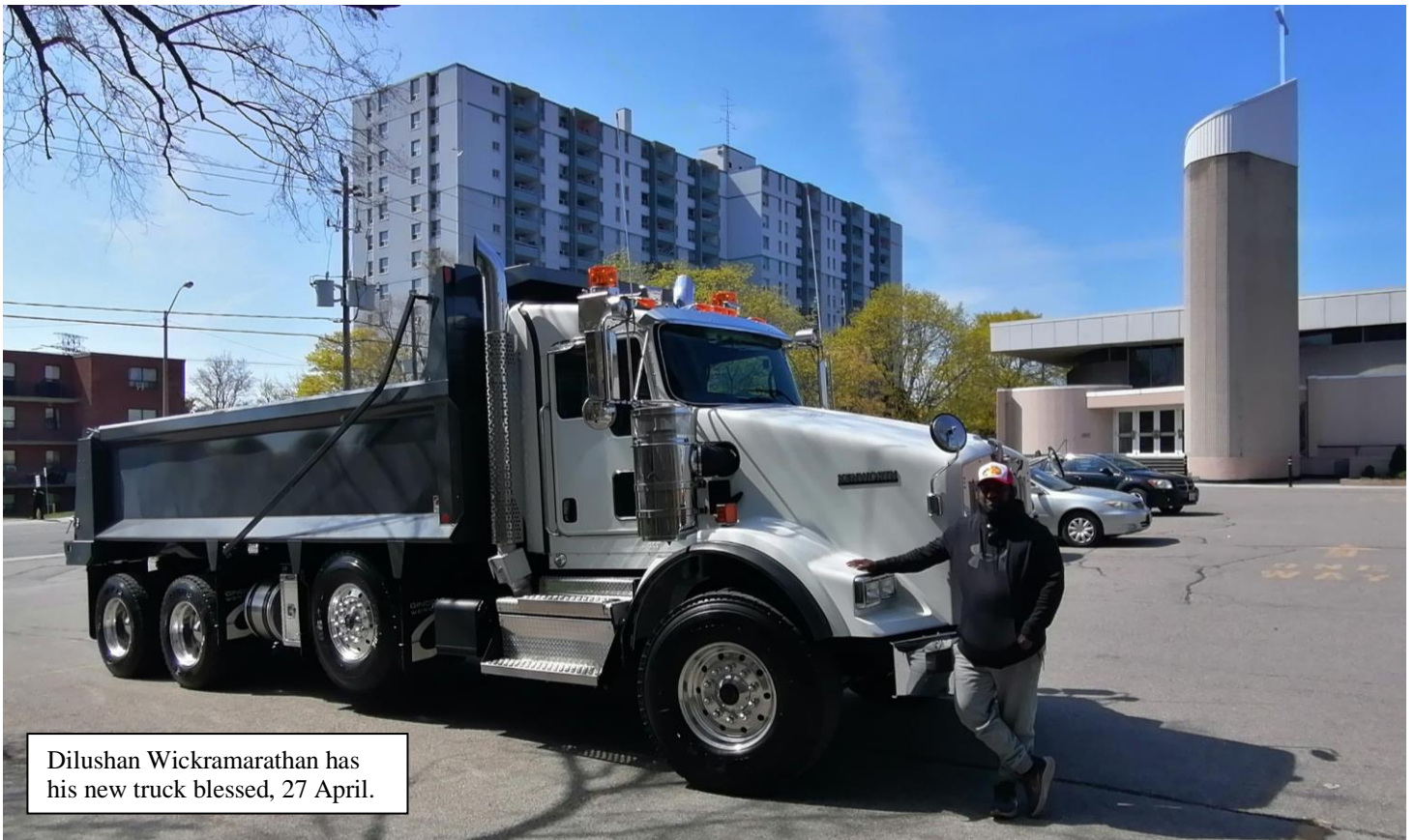


Isabella Lacaria with dad, Anthony, and brother Ian.



Perpetua Onyekwuru with Arthur Peters, with her Certificate of Recognition for her *Blessing Home to Alleviate Poverty*.





Dilushan Wickramarathan has his new truck blessed, 27 April.



The RCIC group at the Altar, the morning before their Easter Octave initiation, 15 April.