

Parish Week ☩ Sunday, 28 May 2023

Saturday, 27 May / St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Juan & Jesus Escobar (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Bernadette Nathan (Aruna)

SUNDAY, 28 MAY / PENTECOST

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Eileen & Alfred Taylor (Cheryl & Maryann)
10.30 am Mass: † Camila Maulion (Lillian D'Souza)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Darina D'Cunha Birthday (family)
- *RCIA Commissioning Rite and Certificate Distribution* (Main Group)
1.30 pm Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 29 May / Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

- *Anniversary of St. Maria Goretti's 1st Holy Communion (1902)*
- *Birthday of John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Yoahan Alexander (family)
1.00 pm ▶ St. Albert School Mass
7.00 pm Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (family)

Tuesday, 30 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Celeste Teixeira (Lajalle family)

Wednesday 31 May / Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Nolasco Remedios (family)

Thursday, 1 June / St. Justin, martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Juanita Abasta (Clarita Rodriguez)

Friday, 2 June / Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Nolasco Remedios (family)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)

Saturday, 3 June / St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Simeona Trinidad (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Sylvia Allen (family)

SUNDAY, 4 JUNE / MOST HOLY TRINITY

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *ShareLife – 3rd Appeal*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas (Charles)
10.30 am Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Nolasco Remedios (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Seeing With Heart - A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBT Young Adults

Saturday, June 3, 2023 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic priest, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day ends with Mass. We hope to provide a supportive environment for parents to meet with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources, strengthen their love, and grow closer to God. Facilitator: **Fr. Tom Rosica**, CSB. Suggested offering: \$65 per person. Includes lunch. For more information, or to Register, call: **Mike Hyland**, 647-296-2499.

Focus on the Word

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

Acts 2.1-11; 1 Corinthians 12.3-13; John 20.19-23

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Amen

Pray for the Deceased

Fabian Arico, Frances Bartolotta, Paul Comte, Alain Canizares, Nada Eljuga, Clarence Lee, Peter Paul Sarino

The **200 Indonesian children** who **died** after **ingesting cough syrup** in **March**

Upcoming Collections



28 May - Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 29 May, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

4 June, ShareLife – 3rd Appeal

On Sunday, 4 June, the 3rd Appeal be for our Parish *ShareLife Campaign* will be taken after Communion.

11 June, Marygrove Camp

On Sunday, 11 June, the 2nd collection will be for *Marygrove Camp*, run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Marygrove* offers 1,100 girls from less-fortunate families an opportunity to attend summer camp. Many children will benefit from your generosity.

COMING UP

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- 11 Jun. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
16 Jun. Memorial Mass: † Camila Maulion (7.00 pm)
18 June **Fr. Edwin Galea**: Anniversary of birth (1954)
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. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- ▶ *Die Fledermaus* (by Johann Strauss II) at Harbourfront Centre, with Carol Houston singing, former music director at St. Maria Goretti School
26 Jun. ▶ St. Albert School Graduation Exercises (5:30 pm);
- Election for new Toronto Mayor
3 July **Fr. Elias**, 40th Anniversary of Ordination as Priest;
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
23 July *Mission Co-op* Sunday: **Fr. Sampath**,
representing the Diocese of Galle, Sri Lanka

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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.

So far, we have raised: \$ 16,815.00
toward our 2023 goal of: \$ 52,000.00



On 4 June, we will hold the 3rd Appeal in our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

Did you know that no one is turned away from any agency funded by *ShareLife* due to their inability to pay? This is all thanks to your generosity to our annual appeal. It is through your support that *ShareLife* agencies are able to help the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. 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 **Mr. Arthur Peters**, who came to visit us on 23 April. We look forward to the message Daniel will share on behalf of *ShareLife*, which is a major financial supporter of *St. Augustine Seminary*.

RCIA, RCIC

*Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults and Children*

Parishioners are asked to remember in their prayers the *Neophytes* in our RCIA and RCIC who joined the Church at our *Easter Vigil* and *Octave* this year (8 & 15 April), and the group who joined at the *Special Initiation* (20 May).



Coming Up:

RCIA meeting, 26 May, 2 June
RCIC meeting, 27 May, 3 June

28 May *Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Commissioning Rite and distribution of Certificates for the Main Group* (Pentecost Sunday 12.00 noon Mass)

Pray also for those who are interested in joining the Church. Do you know people who have told you they are thinking of becoming Catholic? Tell them to leave a message for the Pastor at the parish office: 416-261-0076.

New Chaplain to the Ethiopian (Ge'ez Rite) Catholic Community

The Toronto Archdiocese joyfully announces the assignment of a new Chaplain to Ethiopian Catholics. **Rev. Binyam Yacob Kebede** will begin his ministry on 28 June 2023. The Church, **LIDETA MARIAM**, is located at 1996 Davenport Road. Fr. Kebede will reside at *St. Wilfrid Parish* in North York. God bless him and the Ethiopian community. See page 3 in the website bulletin for more details.

June: A feast of feasts

The month of June brings us some major solemnities in our liturgical calendar.



Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Friday after Corpus Christi

We celebrate the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, an event that felicitously unites this popular devotion with theological depth. It is a noble tradition to consecrate families to the Sacred Heart, whose image they may keep in their homes. The tradition is rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation; it is precisely through the Heart of Jesus that the love of God for humanity is sublimely manifested.

This is why authentic devotion to the Sacred Heart retains all its effectiveness and especially attracts souls thirsting for God's mercy who find in it the inexhaustible source from which to draw the water of Life that can irrigate the deserts of the soul and make hope flourish anew. This feast is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. All of us are invited to pray for our Priests, so that they will be effective witnesses of God's love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday after Sacred Heart

This devotion refers to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: to her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people.



St. John the Baptist: 24 June

On 24 June, we also celebrate the *Birth of St. John the Baptist*, the only saint whose *birth* is commemorated because it marks the beginning of the fulfillment of the divine promises; John is that "prophet," identified with Elijah who was destined to be the immediate precursor of the Messiah, to prepare the people of Israel for his coming. His feast reminds us that our life is always "relative" to Christ and is fulfilled by accepting him: the Word, the Light, the Bridegroom. John's words are a model for every Christian: "He must increase but I must decrease" (John 3.30).



Ss. Peter and Paul: 29 June

Allowing the "I" of Christ to replace our "I" was in an exemplary way the desire of the *Apostles Peter and Paul*, whom the Church venerates on 29 June.

St. Paul, the indefatigable Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted on the road to Damascus and was baptized. He wrote of himself, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2.20). He then went to Arabia for 3 years before returning to Damascus to begin his missionary activity. He preached in the synagogues that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Working from Antioch, he traveled throughout Asia Minor (modern Turkey), the Mediterranean, and as far as Rome.

The first appearance of the Risen Christ was before St. Peter, ahead of the other disciples. When the Lord came to the disciples at Tiberias, he gave to Peter the famous command: "Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; feed my sheep." From the earliest days of the Church, Peter was recognized as the spokesperson of the Apostles and the first Pope. His diocese, Rome, has since held the position of primacy within the entire Catholic Church.



ShareLife 2023

Living the Gospel!



ShareLife is the official annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, raising funds to support over 40 Catholic agencies and grant recipients.

Without you, *ShareLife* could not fulfill its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Together we are making a real difference! May we continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.

Thanks to all for your support of our parish 2023 *ShareLife*. This is a real blessing, a tribute to the generosity of every donor, at a time of great need.

We are entering the final weeks of the 2023 *ShareLife* Parish Campaign. Please make a sacrificial gift through our parish on Sunday, 4 June.

A LEGACY OF LOVE, PRAYER AND SERVICE

In 1976, **Archbishop Philip Pocock** (*photo above*) founded the SHARELIFE campaign in the Toronto Archdiocese to support the work of Catholic agencies that serve the greater community.

Today, more than forty agencies receive funding through our annual appeal, providing services to families in crisis, people with special needs, elderly people, children and youth, and immigrants and refugees. These agencies also help people who are marginalized, develop social justice projects in the greater world, provide food for children in poor countries, and support the formation of priests and deacons to serve our parishes in the future.

Mary, Mother of the Church



Feastday: 29 May 2023

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as "MOTHER OF THE CHURCH."

On 3 March 2018 the Vatican announced that **Pope Francis** had decided to celebrate this Feast every year on the Monday after Pentecost, to foster Marian piety.

In the words of **Cardinal Robert Sarah**, this celebration will help us remember that the Christian life must be anchored to the Cross, to Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet, and to Our Lady, Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed. Honoring Mary as Mother of the Church on the day after Pentecost also highlights that Mary was with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. From the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, Mary has never ceased to take motherly care of the Pilgrim Church on earth.

Join us in praying the Rosary at 6:30 pm on Monday, 29 May, followed by Mass at 7.00 pm with the Novena to OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP.



Lideta Mariam Ethiopian Catholic Church

Lideta Mariam is home to Ethiopian Canadian Catholics who live in the Greater Toronto Area. Our church is under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Toronto and we are also closely linked to the guardianship of the Ethiopian Catholic Church. Our church is also united in prayer and spiritual celebrations with sister Catholic (Ge'ez rite) Churches and communities across North America.

Ethiopian Catholic Ge'ez Rite services have been a presence in Toronto beginning in the early 1990's. We co-worshipped with our Ge'ez rite Eritrean brothers and sisters at St Clare and San Nicola Di Bari. We still share a strong communion with the Kidane-Meheret Eritrean Ge'ez Rite Church.

In 1995, with Auxiliary Bishop Nicola De Angelis of the Toronto Catholic Archdiocese and the late Cardinal Paulos Tzadua of the Archdiocese of Addis Ababa, Abba (Fr.) Assefa Tesfay was assigned to serve the Ethiopian and Eritrean Geez-rite Catholic communities in the Greater Toronto Area. In the ensuing years, Abba Tesfay led regular Ge'ez Mass at San Nicola Di Bari Parish until he was replaced by Abba (Fr.) Ermyas Gebre-Egziabhere in 1998. Abba Ermyas continued to celebrate Holy Mass and the Eucharist for both communities at St. Clare Catholic Parish.

Since 2009, Lideta Mariam Ge'ez Rite Ethiopian Catholic Church has come a long way and grown to be a welcoming and mature church. Our church fulfills the full spectrum practice of the Catholic faith for its parishioners and guests, including our Children's catechism and regular spiritual guidance. The Ethiopian-Canadian Catholic community has been able to receive full and uninterrupted pastoral care, church services and sacraments, partner with sister churches in Toronto and Ethiopia and embrace all the Christian faithful with open arms. The church and its Pastoral Care Program have become the spiritual and communal home for the Ethiopian-Canadian Catholic Community.

We warmly celebrate the Lideta Mariam (*Nativity of Mary*) annual commemoration in mid-May (coinciding with the Ethiopian calendar Genbot 1 celebration), when we are always graced with the presence of members of our sister Ge'ez Rite Churches as well as our network of guests. We have been co-located with our Polish brethren at St. Mary Polish Catholic Church in west Toronto since 2009.

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About Ukraine

- 1 The second-largest country by area in Europe.
- 2 One of the most agricultural countries in Europe.
- 3 One of the most industrial countries in Europe.
- 4 It can meet the food needs of 600 million people.
- 5 1st in the world in ammonia production.
- 6 1st in the export of sunflowers and sunflower oil.
- 7 2nd largest natural gas pipeline in the world.
- 8 2nd largest producer and exporter of corn.
- 9 2nd largest mercury ore reserves in Europe.
- 10 2nd in the world in production & export of barley.
- 11 3rd in the world, after US and France, in production of locators and locating equipment.
- 12 3rd largest rail network in Europe: 21,700 km, after Germany and France.
- 13 3rd in the world in iron exports.
- 14 3rd in the world in the area of black soil.
- 15 4th in the world in production & export of potatoes.
- 16 4th largest exporter of turbines for nuclear power.
- 17 4th in the world in clay export.
- 18 4th largest manufacturer of rocket launchers.
- 19 5th largest rye producer in the world.
- 20 5th in the world in bee production.
- 21 8th in the world in wheat export.
- 22 8th in the world in titanium export.
- 23 10th largest exporter of defense industry products.
- 24 10th largest producer of steel products.
- 25 16th largest cheese exporter.

Pope Francis meets President Zelensky

The Pope told President Volodymyr Zelensky he is constantly praying for peace after the two met privately at the Vatican. The Pontiff also stressed on the urgent need to help "the most fragile people, innocent victims" of the full-scale invasion launched by Russia last year. Mr. Zelensky earlier met Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, who assured him of Rome's support.

In a statement on Saturday, the Holy See said Pope Francis and President Zelensky "discussed the humanitarian and political situation in Ukraine caused by the ongoing war" during a meeting that lasted about 40 minutes. The Argentine Pontiff and President Zelensky "both agreed on the need to continue humanitarian efforts to support the population."

The statement added: "The Pope has assured his constant prayer and continuous invocation to the Lord for peace," since Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Pope Francis has often said that the Vatican stands ready to act as a mediator in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Earlier this month, he stated that the Vatican was working on a peace plan to end the war, saying that the mission was "not yet public."

A separate topic of the meeting was Russia's crimes of abducting Ukrainian children and deporting them to the aggressor state.





Rosary Apostolate, with St. Maria Goretti School children, 16 May.





Jaxson Berbano, born 14 April, with his parents.



Shewit Gebremichael and her three daughters.



Elvis Presley 1962 Lockheed Jetstar



Winch Design, *Mayfair* interior



Donald Trump



Waldorf Astoria executive jet