



Parish Week † Sunday, 11 June 2023

Saturday, 10 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Leonardo Deleon (family)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
 - RCIA Special Initiation group Commissioning
 and Certificate distribution

SUNDAY, 11 JUNE / CORPUS CHRISTI

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
 - 2nd Collection: Marygrove Camp
 - Religious Articles
- 9.00 am Mass: † Julie Menezes on her 101st Birthday (Gerard)
 10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Nolasco Remedio (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 12 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Modesto Tolentino Sr. (Evelyn)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Pablo Regala Sr. & Jr., and Jesus Regala
 (Clarita Rodrigues)

Tuesday, 13 June / St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra)
 10.30 am Principals' Mass

Wednesday 14 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

Thursday, 15 June

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Ariel Flores (mother)

Fri., 16 June / Solemn Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 8.00 am Mass: † Camila Maulion (Carol)
 7.00 pm Mass: Memorial Mass: † Camila Maulion

Saturday, 17 June / Immaculate Heart of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Elfriede Frey (Carol)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 18 JUNE / 11-A

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
 - Fr. Edwin Galea: Birthday (1954)
- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Fr. Edwin (CWL)
 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: Thanksgiving (Gilda)
 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Corpus Christi Sunday, Year A

Deuteronomy 8.2-16; 1 Corinthians 10.16-17; John 6.51-59

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Pray for the Deceased

Oswaldo Cambanza
 Philomena Carriere
 Ruben Dimalanta

The 226 victims of the starvation
 cult in Kenya in April



Corpus Christi

Eucharistic Devotion

On CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, all Masses will conclude with *Benediction*.

In the morning, the Blessed Sacrament will remain on the Altar for *Adoration* :
 after the 9.00 am Mass until 10.30 am; &
 after the 10.30 am Mass until 12.00 noon.



Upcoming Collections

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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- 20 Jun. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9.00 am)
 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 Election for new Toronto Mayor
 27 Jun. ► St. Albert School Graduation Exercises (5:30 pm)
 3 July **Fr. Elias**, 40th Anniversary of Ordination as Priest;
 - Infant/Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
 9 July Infant Baptism (1:30 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

Our 2023 *ShareLife* Campaign is underway. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages!



Many families and individuals are silently suffering from depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through your support, CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES agencies supported by *ShareLife* provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges.

Because you care, you eased the struggles of 23,000 people through access to mental health care. Thank you for bringing hope and healing to those who need it most.

So far, we have raised: \$ 16,815.00

toward our 2023 goal of: \$ 52,000.00

A **Freewill offering** will be taken on: **16 July**.

Thank you for your generosity and for living the Gospel by giving to *ShareLife*!

RCIA, RCIC *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children*

Coming Up:

RCIA meeting: 7 July

RCIC meeting: 8 July



10 June Commissioning Rite and Certificate distribution for the 20 May *Special Initiation Group* (FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, 5.00 pm Mass)

National Indigenous Peoples Day Mass 7 pm, 21 June, St. Ann Church

His Grace **Archbishop Francis Leo** will celebrate Mass at the Native Peoples' Mission in observance of *National Indigenous Peoples Day*. The day honours and celebrates the culture and heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

7 pm, Wednesday, 21 June

Native Peoples' Mission, St. Ann Church, 120 First Avenue

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Marilou Macalalad Rivera** for their gift of the beautiful flower arrangement at the Altar following her funeral on 7 January. May she rest in peace.

😊 *Your sabbath smile*

The Mother-in-Law

One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year he didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked him why, he replied,

“Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year.”

The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church, born again in water and the Spirit as brothers & sisters of Jesus:

15 January 2023

Lennox Marley Ramirez

20 January

Josiah Boaz Z. Buenaobra

11 February

Izak Kaizer Frac

11 March

Zia Samantha Moncog Catajoy

Julian Miguel Espinoza

Dominik Anthony Pozniak

12 March

Alec Souza Correia Da Silva

Zane William Marian Matthews

Abigail Mindajao

Alina Italia Murdoch

18 March

Amelia Rosario Francisco

1 April

Kye Mason Parungo

8 April

Omoshola Ariel Adekoya

Weinarge Hannah Haile

Shana-Gaye Ruth Owen

Tarikua Hana Robi

Bemnet Santo Semere *Profession

Adesola Faith Sobodum *Profession

15 April

Hana Hosanna Abraha

Miriam Abraha

Barkot Peter Issak

Adonai Bemnet Tesfaldet

Ariel Bemnet Tesfaldet

Ivan Minassey Mary Yehdeigo

Mfiondu Emile Kabengele

Kanyinda Francois Kabengele

Tshimanga John Kabengele

29 April

Alexandra Patrice Navarro Domingo

Ziggy Carter Heine

Eliza Ysabelle Joson

6 May

Amelia Julianna Amato

Malakhi Casroy Thomas

Elijah Desi Thomas

Michael Dale S. Zamora

7 May

Noah Joseph Furtado Deveau

Pedro Miguel Paulino

Samantha Kelly Santos

Keshore Suren

ShareLife 2023



4 June was our 3rd 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. Join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift today to *ShareLife*. Contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, and give to the best of your ability.

The *ShareLife* Freewill Sunday is 16 July.

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



Relic of St. Anthony of Padua in St. Aidan Church on 14 June

13 June is the Feast of **St. Anthony of Padua**. St. Aidan Church will have a Mass Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm, and the following day, Wednesday 14 June, the relic of St. Anthony will be in the Church for veneration. There will be a Mass at 9:00 am as well as an evening Mass at 7:30 pm.

St. Anthony of Padua, (Italian: Sant'Antonio da Padova: original name, Fernando Martins de Bulhões) was born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal, and died 13 June 1231 in Arcella, Verona, Italy. He was canonized in 1232. He served as a Franciscan friar, Doctor of the Church, and patron of the poor. Padua and Portugal both claim him as their Patron Saint, and he is invoked for the return of lost property.

Anthony was born into a wealthy family and was raised in the Church. He joined the Augustinians in 1210 and became a Priest. In 1220 he joined the Franciscan order, hoping to preach to the Muslims and be martyred. On his way to Morocco, he became seriously ill and was forced to return home. However, his ship back to Portugal was blown off course and eventually landed in Sicily. Because of his continuing poor health, he was not allowed to pursue his missionary work among the Muslims. Instead, he taught theology at Bologna, Italy, and at Montpellier, Toulouse, and Puy-en-Velay in southern France. He won great acclaim as a preacher and was noted for his simple yet profound teaching of the Catholic faith. He died en route to Padua, Italy, where he is buried.

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The Road Less Travelled

In 2022, Mark Nestor, a young Irish politician quit his seat on Clare County Council to enter the Seminary.

He was a rising star of the Irish political scene. When he was elected for the Irish *Fianna Fail* party in 2019, he was Clare County Council's youngest member. It was his first time contesting a seat. He was due to become Mayor of Ennis town in the West of Ireland last year, but to the surprise of many, he declined the post. Then the 30-year-old created an even greater stir when he resigned his Council seat and announced he was beginning his studies for the Priesthood. Becoming a Priest today, he was on "the road less travelled."

Mark Nestor's decision to pursue his vocation comes as the Church in Ireland faces huge challenges amid a decline in the number of diocesan Priests. Recent research by the Association of Catholic Priests in Ireland revealed that a quarter of all diocesan Priests currently serving in the Irish Church expected to retire over the next 15 years. The survey also showed that across all 26 Irish dioceses, 52 Priests or fewer than 2.5 percent of working Priests are younger than 40, and there are just 47 seminarians studying for all dioceses at the national seminary in Maynooth. Mark Nestor did an interview with the *Messenger of Saint Anthony*.

When Mark Nestor announced he was leaving politics to begin studying for the Priesthood, his political colleagues paid tribute to him personally, praised his decision and gave him a standing ovation in the Council chamber.

The members of *Fianna Fail* in Ennis wrote, "Now that the news is officially out, we at *Ennis Comhairle Ceantair* would like to extend our congratulations to Mark Nestor as he leaves the political field for a vocation of a very different kind. We wish Mark the very best in the future. Though he will be missed in the town, he is gentleman who will bring youth, enthusiasm and a great work ethic into his vocation."

Councillor Mary Howard of *Fine Gael* said Mark Nestor was following his dreams and his heart in pursuing his ambition to become a Priest. She confessed that she started crying when he first informed her of his decision. "My first reaction was to start crying because I was delighted for him, but sad for us. Today is a sad day for us, but a happy day for Mark. You are following your heart and your dreams. Mark is a man of great integrity and really loves his town and his family. Please God in seven years' time, you might officiate as a Priest at our Mass here in the foyer for Clare County Council staff. Be very proud that you have made a very, very difficult decision and you have done it".

Independent Councillor Ann Norton, a former Mayor of Ennis town, praised what she described as Mark's difficult decision' to leave his work as a Councillor and begin his studies to become a Priest. She expressed the wish that he would return in the future and officiate at weddings diocese of Killaloe, and she said Mark Nestor had "the temperament to become a Priest. A wonderful Priest."



Ennis mayor Councillor Clare Coleran Molly of *Fianna Fail* said, "You are a conscientious, serious, contemplative young man.... It is the right way for you to go and you are 100 percent certain of it"; while the Mayor of Clare, Councillor Tony O'Brien told Mark Nestor, "What you are doing is a very brave and courageous move. You are a person and a man to be admired and respected." Summing up how everyone felt, Clare Council chief executive, Pat Dowling said, "It is a long journey. It is a big step from Councillor to priesthood and from politics to piety at such a young age."





Frances Marian Ocampo and Kyle Diaz plan for their Wedding on 23 October.



RCIC students, 3 June.



Rodel Medrano & his family at his Baptism, 4 June.



Aisiah Datoy & his family at his Baptism, 4 June.

Let the Earth breathe

*Nature scenes from British Columbia
to the Serengeti plain, Africa.*



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