



Parish Week

Sunday,
18 June 2023

Today, O Lord, as we observe Father's Day, we lift all the fathers of the world up to You with respect and love. Shower them with Your divine blessing. Amen.

Saturday, 17 June / Immaculate Heart of Mary

8.00 am Mass: Int. Elfridade 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)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 19 June / St. Romuald, abbot

- Deacon Ramon Villardo, Ordination Anniversary (2004)
- 8.00 am Mass: † William Rosario (Aruna Boila)
7.00 pm Mass: † Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Montgrain (Carol)

Tuesday, 20 June

8.00 am Mass: † Sebamalimarian Sugirithamalar (family)
9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass

Wednesday 21 June / St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Cristeta Villanueva
11.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Liturgy
7.00 pm ► Indigenous Peoples Mass (St. Ann Church)

Thursday, 22 June / Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: Int. Corine Maulion on her Birthday (Gina)
9.30 am ► St. Albert School Graduation Mass

Friday, 23 June

8.00 am Mass: † Daphne Piil (Carol Morra)

Saturday, 24 June / Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- Deacon Ramon & Mely Villardo, Wedding Anniversary (1988)
- 8.00 am Mass: † Juanita & Ramon Antonio Gatchalian (Ophelia)
1.00 pm Wedding: Adrian Borzic & Angelica Dizon
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Joan Penumerty (Mary Fernando)

SUNDAY, 25 JUNE / 12-A

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

9.00 am Mass: † Go Bee Ah Lim & Nicholas Meliton (Emilio Go & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Rita D'Souza (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Nolesco Remedio (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Ezekiel 17.22-24; Corinthians 5.6-10; Mark 4.26-34

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your comments we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Helen Chan Ah Sy

The 9,000 Ukrainian civilians killed in Russia's invasion since February 2022



Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we praise You for saving us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to live by Your commandments. Bless our fathers, and deepen their love for their families. Guide them with the example of St. Joseph, the faithful husband of Mary. May all fathers lead their children to follow Your Son, Jesus, by their work, example and prayer. May we live together by the Gospel of truth and life.

We ask this through Christ, Lord. *Amen.*

COMING UP

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26 Jun Election for new Toronto Mayor
27 Jun. ► St. Albert School Graduation Exercises (5:30 pm)
29 Jun. Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul; Holy Hour, 7.00 pm; Mass, 8.00 pm
3 July **Fr. Elias**, 40th Anniversary of Ordination as Priest; - Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
9 July Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
16 July 2nd Collection: **ShareLife Freewill**
23 July **Mission Co-op Sunday: Fr. Sampath**, representing the Diocese of Galle, Sri Lanka
30 July 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
1-6 Aug. ► WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, Portugal
4 Aug. ► **Taste of India**, Nathan Philips Square
7 Aug. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
15 Aug. **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
16 Aug. Annual CATHOLIC CEMETERY Masses

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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!



This coming Tuesday, 20 June, we observe *World Refugee Day*, which honours refugees around the world.

Through your generosity, you help the Office of Refugees (ORAT) as they support the faithful in resettling refugees to Canada. Their work saves lives of refugees from different backgrounds and walks of life. In a special way, their work is directed towards assisting Christian refugees who have been marginalized and persecuted for practicing their faith.

Thank you for welcoming them here to Canada, for giving them hope, and for living the Gospel by giving to ShareLife.

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

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.

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 CANDLES

We thank the family of **Diana Sanchez Lopez** for their gift of the memorial votive candles at the Altar following her recent death. May she rest in peace.

😊 *Your sabbath smile*

Up to no mischief

Mother, "Were you a good boy in Kindergarten today?"

Son, "Yes. You can't get into very much trouble standing in a corner all day!"

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

13 May

Theodore Soco Hiploylee
Riley Madison Luxmore

20 May

Joshua Adekoya
Solomon Gebrekidan
Sheen Chantel Sarah Lewis
Christianah Mary Okunuga
Mofaramoluwa Mary Adekoya
Rereloluwasimi Rachel Adekoya
Adrianna Margarita Ester Arias
Gabriella Aura Delilah Arias
Marlie Hannah Henry
James Qiyuan Hu

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Adrian Borzic and Angelica Dizon
24 June

Steve Chrishanthan Patrick Sothiratnam
and Danielle De Rango
8 July, Mary Mother of God Parish, Oakville

Edwin Grisales and Pearl D'Souza
25 August

Steven Kranz and Joan Lago
26 August

Dhivyan Valentine and Thaksa Subramaniam
26 August, St. Michael Basilica Cathedral

Haran Mailvaganam and Maria Mariadasaan
2 September

Sarujan Thirumal and Klarissa Antony
23 September, Our Lady of Good Health Church, Scarborough

Tyrone Anandarajan and Shalika Sivathasan
20 October, Sacred Heart Church, King City

Kyle Anthony Valdez Diaz and Frances Marion Ocampo
23 October

Shoan Sathiyendran and Priyanka Chandrakumar
4 November, St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill

Jonathan Jeyarajah and Kattren Wilfred
1 December, St. Mary Church, Toronto

Norvic Manahan and Mara Amor
8 December

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



A Vow to Cherish

My father, John V., was born in Mount Vernon, New York, the son of a shoemaker, Pasquale V., who was born in the Italian region of Basilicata. My father first graduated from Columbia University, and then specialized in medicine in Italy, graduating from the University of Naples Medical School in 1941. Unable to return to the United States because of World War II, he met my mother Ada and married her in 1943. I was born in 1944 in Bari, a large port city on the Adriatic coast across from Dubrovnik.

Being an Italian American, my father was extremely concerned about being caught by the Nazis, who were then occupying Italy, as he was an American citizen. He therefore hid in the hinterland, leaving my mother and I behind in Bari.

Soon after I was born, the US Army hired my father to serve as a civilian doctor for them in their campaign northward, chasing the Nazis. That left my mother and myself in a city where she had no friends or relatives. She could not read English, and did not know that *Carnation Evaporated Milk* was *condensed* milk, and needed to be watered down significantly before drinking! After she gave me a small can of this milk as a newborn baby, I became extremely sick and dehydrated. She called the doctor to examine me, and he told her that I would soon die unless I received a special injection in my stomach. He told her that because of the War, he was unable to find this special medication for me. He asked her if her husband, being a doctor, had left her any medication before leaving.

My mother prayed to St. Anthony to beg him to spare her first child's life, and even promised to give up both smoking and coffee on Tuesdays for the rest of her life if the Saint would assist her in finding this medication.

Almost instantly, she remembered that my father had left her a small box of medicines, hidden in the attic of the house. She quickly ran upstairs to bring down the box to show the doctor. Lo and behold, that special, rare medication was in that box, and it saved my life!

My mother kept her promise. She stopped smoking completely and never drank coffee on Tuesdays for the rest of her life. After all, a vow is vow!

Jim V., Washington, DC, USA.

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Morning Offering

My Queen, My Mother,
I offer myself entirely to you.
And to show my devotion to you,
I offer you this day, my eyes,
my ears, my mouth, my heart,
my whole being without reserve.
Wherefore, good Mother, as I am
your own, keep me, guard me as
your property and possession.
Amen.

Catholic Cemetery Masses

7.00 pm, 16 August

As per the Vestibule posters, the CATHOLIC CEMETERY MASSES this year will be at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 16 August.

The Catholic Cemeteries most used by our parishioners are:

- Christ the King* (near Steeles & Markham)
Celebrant: **His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen**
- Holy Cross* (near Steeles & Yonge)
Celebrant: **His Excellency, Bishop John Boissonneau**

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Laudato Si

Prayer for the 8th Anniversary of the Encyclical “Care for our Common Home”

Laudato Si was published on 18 June 2015.

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, of earth and all they contain.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.
Be present to the needy in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing
the consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous in embracing the changes
geared to the search for the common good.

Now more than ever, may we be able to feel that
we are all inter-connected and interdependent.
Make sure that we truly listen and respond to
the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray to You through Christ Our Lord, under
the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians. Amen.



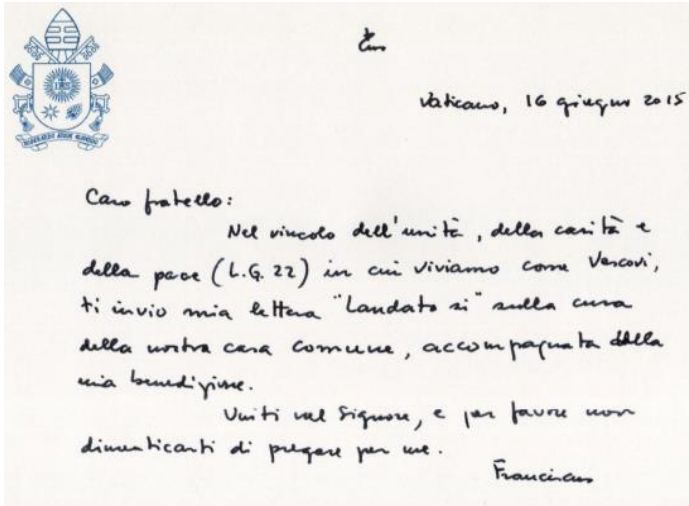
St. Joseph, model of Christian fathers

St. Joseph was a carpenter by trade, a just and pious man, and a most excellent husband and father. The genealogy given in Matthew 1.1-17, traces his line from Abraham and King David. In accordance with the Jewish ritual, he was betrothed to the Virgin Mary, who was also of the race of David. Joseph accepted without question the two-fold office with which he was charged, protector of Mary's honor and foster father of the Child that she bore. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary took him to the temple in Jerusalem, where Simeon recognized that this was the promised Messiah. He blessed Joseph and Mary and spoke of the glory that had come to them.

All that Scripture says of Joseph adds to the picture of a gentle, protective and wise father and husband.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph to tell him to flee with his family into Egypt to escape the wrath of the jealous King Herod. When it was safe, they returned to their home town of Nazareth. Joseph carried on his trade, teaching it to Jesus as the boy grew older. Joseph shared his wife's anxiety when, on one Passover, the twelve-year-old Jesus became separated from them, and was later found debating with the learned men in the temple.

Popular veneration of St. Joseph developed first among the Copts, and then from early times in Ireland. In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him patron of the Universal Church. The great number of Churches dedicated to St. Joseph is an indication of the depth of this veneration.



Before the public release of the encyclical *Laudato Si* on 18 June 2015, Pope Francis sent the encyclical to all Bishops with a handwritten note which says: “Dear brother, In the bond of unity, charity and peace in which we live as Bishops, I send you my letter LAUDATO SI on care of our common home, and my blessing. Let us be united in the Lord; and please do not forget to pray for me.”

Pope Francis’ Encyclical *Laudato Si* is a landmark document which proposes integrity of human life and creation. It reveals the urgency and the immensity of the challenges that ‘our common home’ and humanity face today. It proposes an integral ecology which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings.



Above: Chijmes Corrado, Jaxson Richards and Asiah Datoy at their Baptism, 3 June.
Below: Chijmes, with Mom & Dad.





On 10 November 2016, Pope Francis received in a private audience the delegation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB): Msgr. Frank Leo, Jr., C.S.S., CCCB General Secretary, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and CCCB President; the Most Reverend Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil and CCCB Vice President. On 16 July 2022, Pope Francis appointed Monsignor

Leo auxiliary bishop of Montreal. On 11 February 2023, Pope Francis appointed him Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. He was installed on 25 March in St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Since then, he has begun to celebrate Masses for significant occasions, such as the Indigenous Day Mass on 21 June at St. Anne Church on Gerrard Street East, which hosts the Indigenous Mission for the Toronto Archdiocese.



Nottawasaga River, May 2023.

