

Parish Week † Sunday, 25 June 2023

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

- 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

Monday 26 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Abelardo Eleazor Aureada (Amalia Haddad)
7.00 pm Mass: † Ester Gonzales (Concina Family)

Tuesday, 27 June / St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria Coutinho (Lawrie)

Wednesday 28 June / St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Elizabeth Chamberlain (family)

Thursday, 29 June / Ss. Peter & Paul, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)
7.00 pm Holy Hour
8.00 pm Mass: † Paul Comte

Friday, 30 June / First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

- 8.00 am Mass: † Consuelo Gotera (family)

Saturday, 1 July

- Canada Day: Anniversary of Confederation (1867)

- 8.00 am Mass: † Elizabeth Chamberlain (family)
12.00 pm Mass: Fr. Elias, 40th Anniversary of Ordination
5.00 pm Mass: † Felipe Laurel (Melchora Mulla)

SUNDAY, 2 JULY / 13-A

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas (Pushpa Christy family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Joseph D'Souza)
12.00 pm Mass: † Emma Petrucci (Gary Casper)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

St. Maria Goretti Novena: 27 June – 5 July

We may prepare for the feast of our dear Patroness by praying as families each evening for nine days prior. This Novena should include the ROSARY and the PRAYER TO ST. MARIA GORETTI. The devotion will be part of all parish Masses from 27 June to 5 July.

Families may find the Novena in the website bulletin of 25 June, and hard copies are at the Office.



Focus on the Word

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jeremiah 20.10-13; Roman 5.12-15; Matthew 10.26-33

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Bishop Nicola De Angelis

The **39** priests who were **murdered** in **Mexico** over the last **10** years



Fr. Elias: 40th Anniversary 3 July 2023

Fr. Elias Chachati celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his *Ordination to the Priesthood* on 3 July. We are all thankful for this grace-filled occasion. Fr. Elias will offer a special Anniversary Mass at 12.00 noon, Saturday, 1 July. All are welcome.

Talent & Karaoke Night 6 - 9 pm, 5 August

The *Catholic Women's League* and the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* are organizing a **PARISH BAZAAR** on Sunday, 23 July, beginning after the 9.00 am Mass and continuing to 2.00 pm.

Maintenance Collection 25 June

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 25 June, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

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;
- PARISH BAZAAR (9.00 am – 2.00 pm)
30 July 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
1-6 Aug. ▶ WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, Portugal
4 Aug. ▶ *Taste of India*, Nathan Philips Square
5 Aug. TALENT & KARAOKE NIGHT (6.00 pm)
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

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on Parish activities, including the *St. Maria Goretti Novena*, 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!



MARY CENTRE, a *ShareLife*-funded agency strives to meet the changing needs of people with development disabilities by providing a variety of residential and community connection services in the Greater Toronto Area, Peel, and York region. Through your support, they are able to provide support and services to adults with development disabilities.

MARY CENTRE tells us, "Thank you to all people who donate to *ShareLife*. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts of building a good life."

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

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.

Parish Bazaar 9 am – 2 pm, 23 July

The Catholic Women's League and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are organizing a Parish Bazaar on Sunday, 23 July, beginning after the 9.00 am Mass and continuing to 2.00 pm.

Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale: \$10 a dozen.

The proceeds will support *ShareLife*.

Would **you** like to rent a table? For \$20, you can display your culinary skills, exhibit your artworks, and clean out your closets! Check out the details in the website bulletin.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Carmen Cayanan Reyes** for their gift of the three beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar following her funeral on 14 January. May she rest in peace.

😊 *Your sabbath smile*

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

20 May

Joshua Adekoya

James Qiyuan Hu

Solomon Gebrekidan

Christianah Mary Okunuga

Sheena Chantel Sarah Lewis

Mofaramoluwa Mary Adekoya

Rereloluwasimi Rachel Adekoya

Adrianna Margarita Ester Arias

Rebekah Sophia Elizabeth Ruiz

Gabriella Aura Delilah Arias

Marlie Hannah Henry

Seth Jerome Noble

Joseph Ruiz

28 May

Gemma Winglin Fong Camillo

3 June

Chijmes Salanguit Corrado

Aisiah Jay Ocampo Datoy

Rodel Sunga Medrano Jr.

Jaxson Anthony Richards

10 June

Alayna May Gordon

Jaxon Bry Adeva Lee

Daniel Bongadillo Bersabe

Mi'el Angelo Prince Ferdinand Harry

16 June

Mia Isobelle Ocampo

17 June

Catalina Hermosa Munoz Pentecostes

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

Dhiviyam 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*



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

Pope Francis hopes to visit homeland in 2024

Pope Francis has said he hopes to visit his native Argentina in 2024, a journey that would mark his first trip back to his homeland since being elected as Pontiff in 2013. "My idea is next year; we will see if it can happen," the Pope said on 25 May to a video audience of students celebrating the 10th anniversary of *Scholas Occurrentes*, the educational movement he founded.

If the Argentina trip does happen, Pope Francis will be hosted by the new Archbishop of Buenos Aires, His Grace **Jorge Ignacio Garcia Cuerva**, whom the Pontiff appointed as the successor of Cardinal **Mario Poli** on 26 May. Pope Francis earlier mentioned wanting to travel to Argentina. Because he is yet to visit after being elected Pope 10 years ago, this has caused some concern in the South American country, especially since he has travelled to other nearby countries and parts of Latin America. The Pope had planned to travel to Argentina in 2017, as well as neighbouring Chile and Uruguay. But the Pope had to change the dates to accommodate requests from Chile in view of elections that were underway there.

He eventually travelled to Chile and Peru in January 2018, and did not stop in Argentina. Pope Francis said, "So Argentina is still waiting. I want and I hope to go."

The Pope has avoided election campaigns and political matters in a deeply divided country as people on both sides attempt to portray Pope Francis as an ally.

Mariano De Vedia, a writer at *La Nacion*, said, "The thing is that there are elections in Argentina all the time just as in other countries. So it is very difficult to think that a trip will take place in the future. He cannot invest much time dealing with the Argentine mess."



Pope Francis (*standing in back*) as **Father Jorge Bergoglio**, with his family in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Michael Swan

Retiring from Catholic Register

22 June 2022

To all clergy and staff of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Michael Swan, associate editor of The Catholic Register, will be retiring at the end of June, bringing to an end his storied career as a journalist at Canada's largest and oldest Catholic newspaper.

Michael most recently showed the full extent of his gifts, determination and indefatigable work ethic in summer 2022 covering the historic visit of Pope Francis to Canada. He was with the Holy Father every step of the journey providing not only text but also photos that garnered him six awards from the North American Catholic Media Association. His work covering the visit was also key to The Register's commemorative magazine *Penance and Progress*, and to it being named best special project by the CMA.

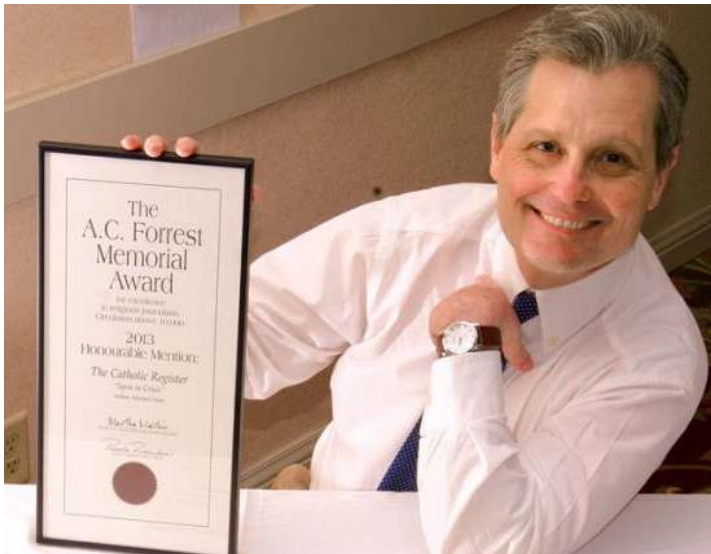
His success last summer, however, was only the latest part of what Michael brought to the newspaper in a contribution that spanned more than a quarter century. His nose for news, his vast network of sources, and his ability to produce without fail stories that fill Register pages have all been part of making him Canada's pre-eminent Catholic journalist. While he might be stepping away from the weekly routine, I have no doubt his contributions to Catholic media, and Catholic life, will continue for many years to come.

Please join me in wishing him God's speed in his next adventure, and giving him thanks for all he's done.

Peter Stockland

Publisher-Editor

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New Staff Roles at the Archdiocese, Cathedral

Effective 29 June 2023, **Valeria Ayala** will be serving as Executive Assistant to **Archbishop Francis Leo**. Valeria began her career with the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2002 at ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Parish. She then supported the PASTORAL MISSION FUND for two years before moving to the OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL AFFAIRS. Valeria has continued her education in the areas of *Theology* and *Human Resources Management*. She will also continue to participate as Co-chair of the *Occupational Health & Safety Committee* at the Catholic Pastoral Centre and as a member of the *Building Wellness Committee*.

Angie Nalepka, who has been assisting Archbishop Leo since his arrival in Toronto in March, will assume a new position as *Communications and Projects Coordinator* with ST. MICHAEL CATHEDRAL BASILICA.

We offer your prayers and good wishes to Valeria and Angie as they embark on these vital new roles.

Novena

to St. Maria Goretti
27 June – 5 July



How to pray the Novena

This novena, was written to mark the first observance of the Feast of St. Maria Goretti after she was canonized on 24 June, during the Holy Year of 1950. The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, who had called her “the modern Saint Agnes,” proposed the Little Maid of Corinaldo as a model for youth.

Select an appropriate time each day to pray the Novena. It may be said privately; or it may be said by a family (perhaps after dinner), or by an extended family, neighbours or group of friends in a host home.

[A] Begin with the *Sign of the Cross* and the *Opening Prayer*.

[B] Pray the *Petition for a Special Favour*.

[C] Each day of the Novena, offer the proper *Daily Prayer*.

[D] Offer one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys* and one *Glory Be*. Add the invocation, “*St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!*” Conclude with the *Sign of the Cross*.

[A] Sign of the Cross, Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O St. Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God’s grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

[B] Petition for a Special Favour

Dear Saint Maria Goretti, obtain for us from our Lord victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we earnestly beg of you... (*here insert your daily intention*).

May we one day enjoy with you the imperishable glory of Heaven. Amen.

[C] Daily Prayer ✠ 1st Day: PURITY June 27

“*There stands out, above everything else, her purity.*”

Let us pray. Most lovable little Saint, who valued your purity above any earthly gain, and who sealed this choice with a martyr’s death, obtain for me also a strong love of this virtue, so consoling to the Sacred Heart of JESUS and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The pleasures of the world create many temptations for me. I turn to your powerful intercession in Heaven, so that with this help I may remain ever loyal to GOD, no matter what the price. In danger, inspire me to repeat with you, “No, it is a sin!” Amen.

2nd Day: OBEDIENCE June 28

“*We see in her life a tender and docile love for her parents, which was at the same time practical and obedient.*”

Let us pray. Dear St. Maria Goretti, model of loving obedience to parents, teach me to imitate your example. Help me to overcome all selfish and stubborn pride; draw my parents to you, then lead me to accept their authority as the voice of GOD in my life. Direct me to live aright, and enable me to obey their every wish. Amen.

3rd Day: SELF-DENIAL June 29

“*There was the sacrifice she made in her difficult daily work.*”

Let us pray. Dear little saint Maria! You were ready for the moment of martyrdom because your short life was given over to daily and heroic self-denial. Your great love of the Sacred Heart made all this possible. Teach me to love JESUS and His Blessed Mother, so that I too will be inspired to daily self-denial. I am inclined to pamper myself, to gratify my senses, and to excuse myself from penance. This keeps me from being a true follower of CHRIST. Help me, lovable little martyr, to a sincere practice of self-denial, so that I may be your worthy follower and thus gain Heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

4th Day: CONTENTED LIVING June 30

“*There was that evangelical poverty to which she freely submitted.*”

Let us pray. Dear little saint! Your days were spent in the filth of the marshes, willingly helping your desperately poor parents and family. Obtain for me the grace to accept my present circumstances in life, no matter how difficult or humiliating they may be. “Just one little drop of water,” was the only request that fell from your parched lips during those last horrible hours of life. How much I demand, how unhappy I am when I cannot have my share of the world’s conveniences!

Teach me by your heroic example to be content with what I have, and to be grateful for the blessings which GOD has showered upon me. Amen.

5th Day: CONFIDENCE IN GOD July 1

“She was sustained by her confidence in heavenly Providence...”

Let us pray. Dear little saint, I depend a great deal upon the help of my friends in time of trouble or sorrow. I look for their approval in many things that I do, and I am disconsolate and lonely when they desert me. Through your powerful intercession in Heaven, obtain for me the grace to place all my confidence in GOD.

Only by walking constantly in His presence and depending on His help, will I have the courage to stand up for His laws, even though it may mean loss of friends, criticism, and complete removal of worldly comfort. Help me to look for all my strength in Him. Amen.

6th Day: RESPECT FOR TEACHERS July 2

“There was her religion to which she tenaciously clung- and which she desired to understand better with each passing day.”

Let us pray. Dear little saint! Help me to obtain greater love of my Faith. I have many GOD-given opportunities to study it, but, sad to say, I neglect them. I am even critical of the priests, brothers, and sisters who offer their lives that I may better know and love my holy religion. Dear saint Maria Goretti, teach me to be thankful for these graces, which you did not have. Make me proud of my Faith and ready to die for it, if GOD should require that of me. Amen.

7th Day: LOVE OF HOLY COMMUNION July 3

“There was her ardent longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist.”

Let us pray. Dear little saint, never was JESUS more welcome in a human heart than yours. The great day of First Communion could not come quickly enough. In borrowed clothes, and with head crowned with flowers of the field, you knelt to receive Him into your soul, so rich with purity and love, after months of keen anticipation!

O powerful intercessor with the Lamb of GOD, inflame my soul with your “ardent longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist.” Obtain for me the grace to put aside laziness and indifference, so that I may often, even daily, allow myself to be consumed in the “burning Furnace of Charity.”

Teach me what true love really is! Amen.



8th Day: CHARITY TO OTHERS July 4

“As the crown of her charity, there was the heroic pardon, which she granted to the man who had murdered her.”

Let us pray. Dear little martyr! To the last you followed your beloved JESUS! He, while hanging upon His Cross of suffering, uttered through parched lips, “FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do!” And you upon your bed of pain, burning with fever, forgave your murderer with the words, “I too pardon him...I too wish him to join me in Paradise!”

Grant me the grace, O heroic saint, to be charitable to others! Much of my time is spent on vengeful thoughts, seeking how I may pay back others the harm they have done to me. Teach me to forgive, so that I may not only gain Heaven, but also lead others there, who might otherwise be doomed to Hell. As I follow CHRIST, help me imitate His charity, even as you have done. Amen.

9th Day: LOVE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER July 5

“In you...all young people will find safe refuge.”

Let us pray. Dear Saint Maria Goretti! Once again, I turn to you, and beg of you, in the words of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, that “serenity of spirit and deep joy which is the heritage of those who are pure of heart.”

Help me to turn to Our Blessed Lady, confident in the hope that she will take my hand as she did yours and lead me on to Paradise, my heavenly country, there to enjoy with you and Her, the company of GOD the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT for all eternity. Amen.



St. Ann Church, Gerrard Street East, hosted the *Mass for Indigenous Healing* on 21 June.



