

O Canada



Immediately following the Final Blessing and Dismissal at all our Masses today, 3 July, we will sing one verse of our national anthem, *O Canada*. Kindly follow the usual protocol for the anthem by setting aside books or personal articles, and keeping your arms straight by your sides. Face toward the Canadian flag, which will be near the Tabernacle.

The anthem will be followed by the Recessional hymn.

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.



Prayer to St. Maria Goretti

O Saint 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.

St. Maria Goretti Feast Day Devotions

6 July is the feast of **St. Maria Goretti**, our dear patroness. We have the privilege of honouring her in a special way in our Masses on the nearest Sunday: **8/9 July**. On Saturday, 8 July, we will begin with a Holy Hour at 4 pm. Each Sunday Mass will include the Veneration of the Relic. See the bulletin cover for details.

A Special Gift FESTIVE CAPE FOR ST. MARY CLOPAS

We thank **Rani Roberts** for her gift of the new festive dress for the statue of St. Mary of Clopas in our Vestibule.

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 23 July, 9 am – 2 pm

St. Maria Goretti Parish is organizing a 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.

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

**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*

Tyrone Anandarajan and Shalika Sivathasan

20 October, *Sacred Heart Church, King City*

Kyle Anthony Valdez Diaz and Frances Marion Ocampo

23 October

Adrian Canagasuriam and Vaishy Sivakumar

26 October, *St. Michael Cathedral Basilica, Toronto*

Daniel MacCuaig and Paula Steele

28 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

Parish Week † Sunday, 2 July 2023

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: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 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

Monday 3 July / St. Thomas, apostle

■ *Fr. Elias Chachati: Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (1983)*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving,
40th Anniversary of Ordination (Fr. Elias Chachati)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Joseph D'Souza (friends)
7.40 pm Infant Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 4 July / St. Elizabeth of Portugal

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lea Abinajem (Amalia)

Wednesday 5 July / St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Marguerite & George Chachati (Fr. Elias)

Thursday, 6 July / St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr

■ *Parish Feast Day*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cecelia Medina (Siena Sanguan)
6.00 pm St. M.G. Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, 7 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cornelio Sardua (Chita)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: Mr. & Mrs. Soosaipillai (family)

Saturday, 8 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Elizabeth Chamberlain (family)
6.00 pm St. M.G. Holy Hour
5.00 pm Mass: † Jose, Maria, Antonio & Stella Fernandes
(Joseph)

SUNDAY, 9 JULY / 14-A

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *St. Maria Goretti Devotions at all Masses*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Elizabeth Chamberlain (family)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Helen Serneo (family)
1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 27 June

27 June is the calendar Feast of *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*, a deep tradition in the Catholic faith throughout the world. The devotion features an icon which shows the Blessed Mother protecting our Lord Jesus with her around him. Her solemn face is looking at us. The two archangels, Michael and Gabriel, carry instruments of Christ's crucifixion, a lance & sponge and a cross & nails. In our Parish, we honour Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Holy Mass every Monday at 7.00 pm.

Focus on the Word

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 2 Kings 4.8-16; Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 10.37-42

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Amen.

ShareLife 2023

Living the Gospel by supporting
our neighbours in need



Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife* through our parish.

Our Parish goal for 2023 is: \$52,000.00

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

Please donate, and help us reach our goal! Your generosity will help bring compassion and hope to others.

Talent & Karaoke Night 5 August, 6 - 9 pm

St. Maria Goretti Parish will be holding a Talent & Karaoke Night on Saturday, 5 August, beginning after the 5.00 pm Mass and continuing to 9.00 pm. Funds raised this evening will benefit our Parish *ShareLife* Appeal. Stay tuned for more details.

Upcoming Special Collections

16 July: *ShareLife* Appeal, Freewill Offering

On 16 July, the 2nd collection will be the *Freewill* Offering for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, supporting 33 Catholic agencies and 10 grant recipients that respect the sanctity of all human life.

23 July: *Mission Co-op*

On 23 July, the 2nd collection will be for our annual *Mission Co-op Appeal*. This year, we have the honour of welcoming Fr. Sampath, from the diocese of Galle, Sri Lanka.

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| 16 July | 2 nd Collection: <i>ShareLife Freewill</i> |
| 23 July | <i>Mission Co-op</i> Sunday: Fr. Sampath ,
representing the Diocese of Galle, Sri Lanka |
| 30 July | 2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i> |
| 1-6 Aug. | ▶ WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, Portugal |
| 4 Aug. | ▶ <i>Taste of India</i> , Nathan Philips Square |

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on Parish activities, see pages 3 and following in the *website bulletin*.

The Home Page of our website regularly features a summary of the Mass schedule and principal activities in the Parish for at least the coming week. For visitors to our site, it is a handy way to review our upcoming activities without having to guess which link to choose on the selection bar at the top.

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 a ministry, neighbours or group of friends in a host home.

- [A] Begin with the *Sign of the Cross* and *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*, one *Glory Be*.
- [E] Add the invocation, “*St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!*”
- [F] 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.

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[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 the evangelical poverty which she freely accepted.*”

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 divine 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 each 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 desire 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.



Family and friends of Mena Belen gather for Memorial Prayers, 25 June.



Jeanne Kale (at right) with her visiting sister (at left) and friends, 18 June.



Jennifer Preman (*in pink dress*), with her mother and friends, receives a Blessing for her Birthday, 25 June.



Principals from the Catholic Schools of South Scarborough at their Mass, 13 June.



Amando and Elena Dimaculangan receive a Blessing on their 30th Wedding Anniversary, 25 June.



Aiden Turowicz receives a Blessing to prepare for his Baptism, 15 June.



Tyler Gilbert receives a Blessing to prepare for his Baptism, 25 June.



George Pei receives his First Holy Communion Certificate, 18 June.