

The Mass



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts: Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1st Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Prayer: The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

Sanctus: After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

Last Supper Narrative: The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The *bread* and *wine* become the *Body* and *Blood* of Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

Doxology, Great Amen: The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

Lord’s Prayer: We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

Breaking of Bread: The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

Communion: The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. Then the faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

CONCLUDING RITE

The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.

Prayer after Communion: The closing prayer of Mass.

Announcements: Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

Blessing and Dismissal: The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshipping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

Entrance Procession: The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

Greeting: The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

Penitential Rite: Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

Gloria: We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

Collect: With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We reply, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

Psalm: The Cantor leads as we praise God.

Second Reading: This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

Gospel: While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We reply, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” Then, in his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

Creed: In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

Intercessions: In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

Parish Week † Sunday, 23 July 2023

Saturday, 22 July / St. Mary Magdalene

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Henry Carta (family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Tessie Mendonca (friends)

SUNDAY, 23 JULY / 16-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Jude Sampath, Diocese of Galle, Sri Lanka*
 - *Mission Co-op Sunday*
 - *Parish Bazaar (9 am - 2 pm)*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Audrey Hussey (Alice)
10.30 am Mass: † Leonora Figueroa (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Patrick De Caires (Peter & Cheryl)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 24 July / St. Charbel Makhlouf, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lillian McBurney (Callus family)
7.00 pm Mass: † George & Elizabeth Laguerre
(Georgina & Darnell)

Tuesday, 25 July / St. James, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Carol Morra family members
(Corine Maulion)

Wednesday 26 July Ss. Anne & Joachim, parents of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Erlinda Deleon (family)

Thursday, 27 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Carmen, Sarmiento Espiritu &
deceased members of the family

Friday, 28 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Emil Raveedran (Doena)

Saturday, 29 July / Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

- 8.00 am Mass: † Corazon Camacho (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Mina Kapadia (Mukesh)

SUNDAY, 30 JULY / 17-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
 - *2nd Collection: Maintenance*
 - *Parish Bazaar rain date*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Camila Maulion (Maria Rodas)
10.30 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)
12.00 pm Mass: † Olympia Macabali (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

RCIA, RCIC Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 4 Aug., 1 Sept.
RCIC meetings: 5 Aug., 2 Sept.



Talent & Karaoke Night 19 August, 6 - 9 pm

St. Maria Goretti Parish will be holding a Talent & Karaoke Night on Saturday, 19 August, beginning after the 5.00 pm Mass and continuing to 9.00 pm. Mark your calendars! Come and join a fantastic Fun-Filled Family Night with amazing musical talent and great prizes. Funds raised this evening will benefit our Parish *ShareLife* Appeal. See the website bulletin for more details.

Focus on the Word

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Wisdom 12.13-19; Romans 8.26-27; Matthew 13.24-43

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Amen.

Liturgy Notes Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

On 26 January 2021, **Pope Francis** ordered the entry of **Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus** into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the previous celebration of Saint Martha alone. Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus are now celebrated each year on **29 JULY**.

Martha, Mary and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. He came to their home as a welcomed guest. May we have such a friendship.

Catholic Cemetery Masses 7.00 pm, 16 August



The annual CATHOLIC CEMETERY MASSES this year will be offered at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 16 August. For more details, see the posters on the Vestibule bulletin boards.

Parish Bazaar 23 July, 9 am – 2 pm

Our Parish annual Bazaar is on Sunday, 23 July, starting after the 9.00 am Mass and continuing to 2.00 pm. *Featured:* fresh brownies from TRADITION FOODS. All proceeds will support *ShareLife*.

2nd Collection – 23 July: Mission Co-op

On 23 July, the 2nd collection will be for our annual parish *Mission Co-op Appeal*. This year, we are honoured to host **Fr. Jude Sampath**. He was ordained 4 Oct. 2003, and serves as the Rector of St. Francis Xavier Minor Seminary in Galle. (See the website bulletin for more details.)



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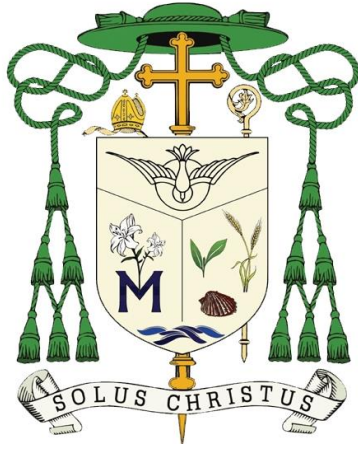
- 1-6 Aug. ► WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, Portugal
5 Aug. Feast of the Dedication of the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**;
- **Fr. Elias Chachati**, Anniversary of birth (1955)
7 Aug. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
13 Aug. 2nd Collections: **Canadian Missions**
15 Aug. Feast of the **Assumption of Mary**
19 Aug. TALENT & KARAOKE NIGHT (6 – 9 pm)
25 Aug. Wedding: Grisales – D'Souza (10:30 am)
26 Aug. Wedding: Kranz – Lago (2:00 pm)
27 Aug. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more details on Parish activities, see the website bulletin.

Diocese of Galle

The original Diocese of Galle comprised the Southern and Sabaragamuwa civil Provinces. As such it extended from the foothills of Utuwankanda to the coastal parish of Hambantota, covering an area of 403,875 sq. miles of the most varied topography, scenery, population and pastoral circumstances.

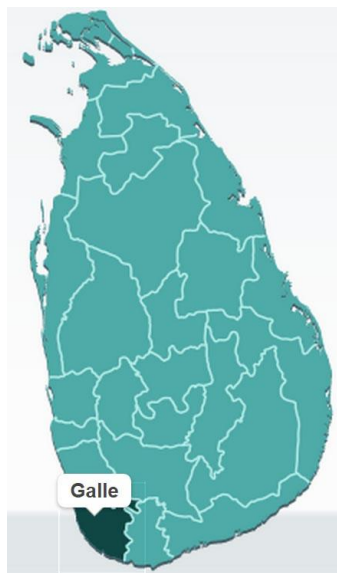


The diocese was established in 1893 as a first and immediate step to making it a distinct ecclesiastical unit. Until then, in fact, the Southern and Sabaragamuwa Provinces had been just a portion of the Archdiocese of Colombo (1887) and earlier of the "Southern Vicariate of Ceylon" (1847). However, right back to the time of Blessed Joseph Vaz and his Oratorian disciples, and still earlier in Portuguese times (mid-16th Century) there are records of stations in its coastal fringe as well as in its Ratnapura reaches, for fruitful evangelization and advanced pastoral structure.

After the division of the Diocese in 1995 into Ratnapura, nearly 9000 Catholics are still spread unevenly across the hills, dales and coasts of the Galle Diocese. This diocese presently comprises the Southern Province, including Galle, Matara and Hambantota civil districts, and has an area of 5493 km². The membership of the Presbyterium counts 28 Priests (24 diocesan and four Religious). They serve in 12 parishes and other institutions of Diocesan Apostolates. Nearly 90 Religious Sisters extend their supportive hands in serving the people of God in Ruhunu Rata Diocese.

On the Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diocese of Galle, with love and gratitude we remember our first Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph van Reeth SJ who guided the destinies of the infant diocese from 1893 to 1923. Rt. Rev. Dr. Gaston Robchez SJ, the Bishop of Trincomalee and Apostolic Administrator of Galle for 10 long years (1923 – 1933) who lovingly continued the work of his predecessor had started. Rt. Rev. Dr. Nicholas Laudadio SJ took up the responsibilities of the diocese from where the former left and worked untiringly for 30 years. Having ended the Jesuit era, the first-ever Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Anthony De Saram, arrived from Colombo to render the yeomen service to the diocese from 1964 to 1982. With his demise, Rt. Rev. Dr. Don Sylvester arrived from Colombo to continue the work of the diocesan era from 1982 to 1993. May they rest in peace.

In 1993 Very Rev. Msgr. Elmo Noel Joseph Perera, a Priest from the diocese itself who knew



his sheep well, was installed the Bishop of Galle. He served the diocese with love and humility till his retirement in 1995. Very Rev. Fr. Terrence Leavage took over the affairs of the diocese as the Apostolic Administrator until the new Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera was installed as the bishop of the diocese of Galle on 8 March 2005.

With the experience he gained as the Bishop of Ratnapura, his love and loyalty to the Church and his concern for his flock will make him more dedicated, competent and enthusiastic in carrying out the mission of Jesus in a missionary diocese like Galle.

After serving the Diocese for nearly 4 years, it was in 2009 that Bishop Harold was transferred and appointed to the Diocese of Kurunegala as the 2nd Bishop, which became vacant after the retirement of Bishop Raymond Peiris. The Diocese of Galle remained vacant without a Bishop until 2011. It was in 2011 that the Vatican appointed Rt. Rev. Dr. Raymond Wickramasinghe, a priest from the Diocese itself, as the Bishop of Galle while teaching at the National Seminary of Our Lady of Lanka. Bishop Raymond was installed and consecrated as the 7th Bishop of Galle on 31 August 2011 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Galle by His Eminence Malcom Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo.

Fr. Jude Sampath

Fr. Jude Sampath is our Missionary Co-operative visitor this year. He was ordained on 4 October 2003, and has been assigned as the Rector of St. Francis Xavier Minor Seminary in Galle. He will be with us at St. Maria Goretti on 22/23 July.





Pope's Angelus address 16 July, *The Parable of the Sower*

On Sunday, July 16, some 15,000 people joined the Holy Father to recite the Marian Angelus prayer. Pope Francis appeared at midday, at the window of the papal apartment, to give his traditional Sunday address.

Today the Gospel presents us the parable of the sower (cf. Matthew 13:1-23). "Sowing" is a very beautiful image, and Jesus uses it to describe the gift of His Word. Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it. So, if the Word is the seed, we are the soil: we can receive it or not. But Jesus, the "good sower," does not tire of sowing it generously. He knows our terrain, He knows that the stones of our inconstancy and the thorns of our vices (cf. vv. 21-22) can suffocate the Word, yet He hopes, He always hopes that we can bear abundant fruit (cf. v. 8).

This is what the Lord does, and this is what we too are required to do: to sow tirelessly. How can we do this? Let us take a few examples.

First: *Parents*. They sow goodness and faith in their children, and they are called to do so without being discouraged even if at times they do not seem to understand or appreciate their teachings, or if the mentality of the world is against them. The good seed remains, this is what counts, and it will take root in due time. But if parents give up sowing and leave their children at the mercy of fashions and mobile phones, without dedicating time to them, without educating them, then the fertile soil will be filled with weeds. Parents, never tire to sow in your children!

Let us look, then, at the young: they too can sow the Gospel in the furrows of everyday life. For example, with prayer: it is a small seed that you cannot see, but with which you entrust everything you live to Jesus,

and so He can make it ripen. But I am also thinking of the time to dedicate to others, to those most in need: it may seem wasted; instead, it is holy time, while the apparent satisfactions of consumerism and hedonism leave one empty-handed. And I think of study: it is true, it is tiring and not immediately satisfying, like sowing, but is essential to build a better future for all.

We have seen parents, we have seen the young; now let us look at the sowers of the Gospel, many good priests, religious and laypeople engaged in proclamation, who live and preach the Word of God often without immediate success. Let us never forget, when we proclaim the Word, that even where it seems that nothing is happening, in reality the Holy Spirit is at work, and the Kingdom of God is already growing, through and beyond our efforts. Therefore, go ahead joyfully, dear brothers and sisters! Let us remember the people who placed the seed of the Word of God in our life: each one of us, think of "how my faith began." Perhaps it germinated years after we encountered their examples, but it happened thanks to them!

In the light of all this, we can ask ourselves: do I sow goodness? Do I only care about reaping for myself, or do I also sow for others? Do I sow some seeds of the Gospel in everyday life: study, work, free time? Do I get discouraged or, like Jesus, do I continue to sow, even if I do not see immediate results? May Mary, whom we venerate today as the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, help us to be generous and joyful sowers of the Good News.

Talent & Karaoke Night 19 August, 6 - 9 pm

St Maria Goretti Parish choir members, along with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are organizing a fundraising event for Share Life.

It will be a fun evening with Karaoke, Line Dancing, Housie and a 50/50 draw.

Come and enjoy this evening with your family and friends, on Saturday evening, 19 August 2023, from 6.00 to 10.00 pm.

At St Maria Goretti Church basement hall. Limited admission tickets will be available on first come, first served basis.

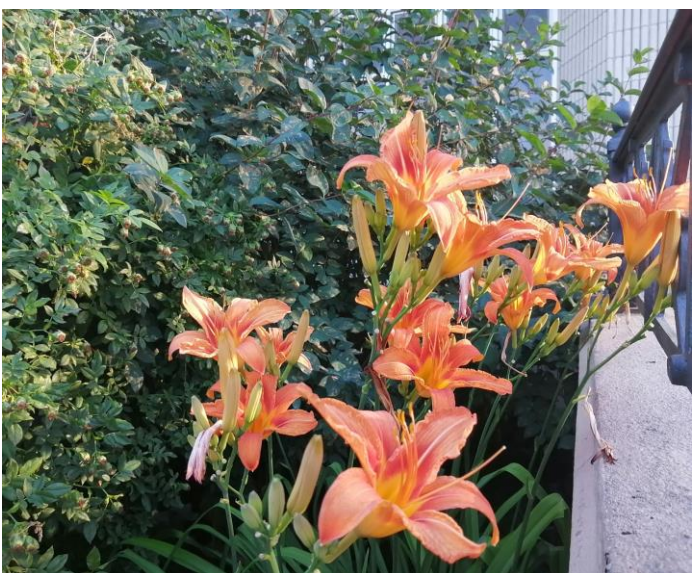
For details, call or text choir member: **Peter Lobo:** 647-679-9649, between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm."

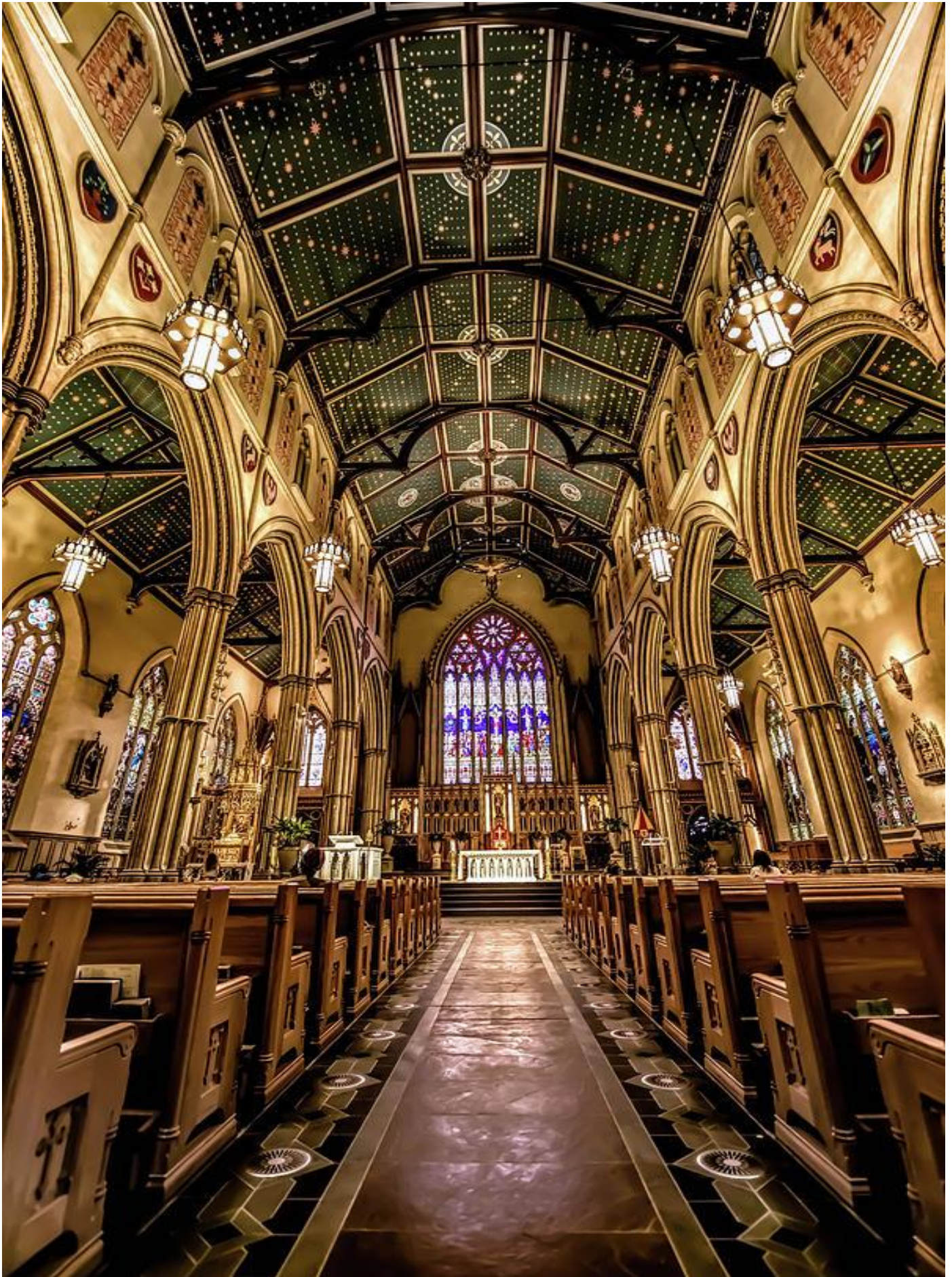


*Remembering Mother: The children of **Caroline Bastiampillai** honour their dear mother, who died on 3 July at the age of 98, at a reception following her funeral on 5 July. May she rest in peace.*

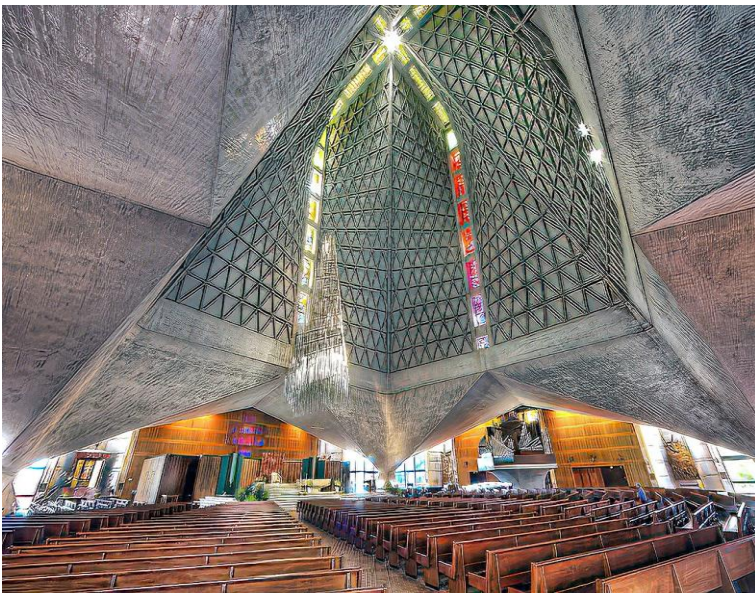


World Youth Day 2023 / 1-6 August
Remember the youth taking part from Canada and from all over the world.





St. Michael Cathedral Basilica, Toronto.



[Clockwise, from upper left: Brasilia, Los Angeles, Las Vegas,

Rome millennium Church, Chicago, Oakland, San Francisco.]