

# Welcome TO ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Celebrate the Past † Imagine the Future*

In 1951, **James Cardinal McGuigan**, the Archbishop of Toronto, founded a Mission Church from St. Theresa Parish, and purchased a property on the East side of Danforth Road, just South of St. Clair Avenue. In July 1952, a basement church, built with the help of the Knights of Columbus, was blessed and opened under the patronage of ST. MARIA GORETTI, who had been canonized in 1950. **Father William Hipkin** was appointed administrator.

On 17 September 1955, St. Maria Goretti was established as a parish. The Golden Mile of Industry fueled an expansion in home development along Eglinton Avenue, so it was decided to move the location of the church further North from the original site up to the East side of Kennedy Road. A new church was built: an elegant wooden structure with a classical centre aisle. It was solemnly blessed on 23 October 1960 by Cardinal McGuigan. **Father Armand Desaulniers** became Pastor 1966.

On 5 December 1968, a tragic fire struck St. Maria Goretti Church. Fr. Desaulniers decided to build a new church more suited to the renewed liturgy. Assisting Fr. Desaulniers at the time was a newly-ordained Associate Pastor, **Fr. George Galea**. On 20 September 1970, the Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto, the **Most Reverend Philip Pocock**, blessed the new church.

In the Church: the Nave seats 900 people in five sections of pews arranged in an arc around the Altar, situated in the centre of an undulating Sanctuary asymmetrically located to the right of centre along the North wall. The walls are fashioned of fluted concrete block. The flat roof is supported by eight steel columns providing a column-free interior space. It floats free of the enclosing curved walls, just above a continuous glass strip, serving the function of a classical *clerestory* (a row of clear, high windows above the large stained-glass windows in the Nave). All windows in the church are of bronze-tinted glass. Situated in the middle of the ceiling above the Sanctuary, a skylight in a plaster funnel floods the Altar with abundant natural light. The tabernacle is in a shrine at the east end of the Sanctuary, featuring a gold-leafed dome, which contains spot lights to highlight the stucco artwork behind the Tabernacle. The interior wood, including the pews, is a Canadian white oak. The sanctuary furnishings are crafted from unpolished black marble, quarried in Quebec.

Fr. Desaulniers celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 11 June 1988; he died on 22 December. His successor was **Fr. Francis Peter Corless**, who had served at St. Paul Basilica. He served St. Maria Goretti Parish for seven years, until his retirement in 1995. He died on 3 February 2008.

In 1995, **Fr. Jan Gogolewski** was made *Administrator* of St. Maria Goretti Parish. He was responsible for many of the beautiful upgrades to the Church interior, and he shepherded the parish through its participation in the *World Youth Day* celebration in 2002, as well as its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2005.



In 2007, the Archdiocese appointed Fr. Gogolewski pastor of a new parish: *Guardian Angels* in Brampton. On 27 June, **Fr. Edwin André Galea**, who had been pastor of *Guardian Angels* Parish in Orillia, became Pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish, with the assistance of **Fr. Fred Schmid** as Associate. In September of that year, **Deacon Ramon Villardo** was appointed to the parish. In 2009, **Fr. Elias Chachati**, who had most recently served at St. Michael Cathedral, became the new Associate.

In 2012, St. Maria Goretti Parish was honoured to be one of the stations of the Pilgrimage of the BODY OF ST. MARIA GORETTI, which came to our Church on 31 May. After arriving in Toronto via Ottawa, the Body was taken to Jean Vanier High School, where students from St. Albert School joined in a Prayer Station. Then the Body was taken to St. Maria Goretti School, before being processed to our Church, which remained open from the time of her arrival until prior to the 8 am Mass on Saturday, 2 June. His Eminence, **Cardinal Thomas Collins**, presided at the celebration of a Solemn Mass at 7.30 pm on Friday, 1 June.

In May 2014, St. Maria Goretti Parish joined the *Family of Faith* effort to advance the PASTORAL PLAN developed by Cardinal Collins. The archdiocesan-wide campaign supports pastoral and capital projects under the following priorities:

*Parish Life, Vocations, Evangelization of Society, Outreach in Justice and Love, and St. Michael Cathedral.*

St. Maria Goretti parish was asked to raise \$600,000 for the capital campaign; the total eventually raised was \$900,000. The effort helped to advance plans to address chronic water infiltration in the hall area that required significant mould remediation in 2015.

The Church interior has striking plaster *bas reliefs*. Along the North wall [*left-right*], they depict:

Our patroness, **Saint Maria Goretti**;

The **Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist**, behind the Baptism font;

The **Last Supper** and **Pentecost**, behind the Altar.

The South and East walls bear the 14 Stations of the Cross.

In the Great Jubilee Year 2000, the plaster mural in the Blessed Virgin Shrine was executed. It features four sacred images within the figures of the “2000.”

The **Holy Family** is cradled in a large “2.”

To the right, scenes of the *Annunciation* and the *Coronation* of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** are each depicted in a large “0.”

The third “0,” in the centre, contains an image of **Mary** herself, with arms outstretched toward us.

A prominent *Crucifix* stands behind the Altar; and images of the *Divine Mercy* (West Wall) and *Our Mother of Perpetual Help* (behind the pulpit) grace the Nave. The latter is the devotional focus of the beautiful Novena Mass celebrated every Monday evening at 7 pm.

# Parish Week † Sunday, 20 Aug. 2023

## Saturday, 19 Aug. St. John Eudes, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fernando Remedios (Jose)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Angelina & Domenic Fernandes (Joseph)
- 6.00 pm Family Fun Night

## SUNDAY, 20 AUG. / 20-A

### ■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Roberto Galicia (Ace & Gie Alvarez)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Tseng Yuen Yun Liang (Buyser Family)
- 1.30 pm Baptism
- 1.30 pm K.O.C., *general meeting*
- 2.30 pm K.O.C., *installation of executive*
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday 21 Aug. / St. Pius X, *pope*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Corine Maulion family members (Corine)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (John's family)

## Tuesday, 22 Aug. / Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joseph Candappa (Shoba Ryan)

## Wednesday, 23 Aug. / St. Rose of Lima, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving  
(Pascoal & Victoria Fernandes)

## Thursday, 24 Aug. / St. Bartholomew, *apostle*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Audrey Caza (Racquel & Andy Diaz)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † David Meunier

## Friday, 25 Aug. / Ss. Louis, Joseph Calasanz, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † George McNaughton (Corine Maulion)
- 10.30 am Wedding: Edwin Grisales & Pearl D'Souza  
- **Fr. Sam Samuel**, VC, *concelebrant and homilist*

## Saturday, 26 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 2.00 pm Wedding: Steven Kranz & Joan Lago
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Emilia Laurel (Melchora Mulla)

## SUNDAY, 27 AUG. / 21-A

### ■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

### ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas  
(Mary Thanarajan)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Horacio Lino Lapinio (The Vindigni family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Mass Intentions Requests for 2024

The *Mass Intention* book for 2024 is now open. The Parish Office will accept requests for intentions after any Sunday Mass and during weekday office hours.

To serve parishioners well, there will be a MASS INTENTIONS table in the Vestibule at all morning Masses on **20 & 27 August 2023**.

## Knights of Columbus 20 August, 1.30 pm

The next KOC General Meeting: 1.30 pm, Sunday, 20 August (N. Classroom). It will be followed by the INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS in the Church at 2.30 pm. We look forward to seeing our honoured guests, Knights **Dennis Wahking & Hamilton Wiltshire**.

# Focus on the Word

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 56.1-7; Romans 11.13-32; Matthew 15.21-28

*O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Amen.*

## Family Fun Night 19 Aug. - Thank You

**Many thanks** to all who helped organize our FAMILY FUN NIGHT on Saturday, 19 August, 6-10 pm, and to all who took part in this vital fundraiser for our Parish *ShareLife* Appeal.

## Fr. Sam Samuel Visit to our Parish, 25 August

Our Parish looks forward to welcoming **Fr. Sam Samuel**, VC, the Director of Divine Retreat Centre Toronto. Fr. Sam was last here for the *Mission Co-op* Appeal, 4 August 2019, when he preached for the missionary apostolate of the Vincentian Congregation, founded in Kerala. Fr. Sam will be here on Friday, 25 August, to assist at the Wedding of **Pearl D'Souza** and **Edwin Grisales**.

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

### Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 1 & 8 Sept.

RCIC meetings: 2 & 9 Sept.



## Stewardship Envelope Numbers reassignment

Parishioners are advised that, as we resume pre-pandemic procedures, our SUNDAY ENVELOPE SYSTEM needs to be put in order. Effective immediately, any Parishioners who have Sunday Envelope boxes with **numbers higher than 1300** will be asked to return their boxes to the Office to be assigned a new number. Please cooperate in this effort, as the boxes for 2024 will be delivered after Labour Day. We will need time to prepare the labels so the boxes can be set out for pick up in October.

## COMING UP

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- 4 Sep. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 Sep. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 17 Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Bishops**
- 21 Sep. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 24 Sep. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**;  
CWL Meeting
- 29 Sep. Feast of **St. Michael** & the **Archangels**
- 1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847)
- 8 Oct. *St. Vincent de Paul* Bundle Up Sunday
- 15 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **World Mission**

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

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





## Pope Francis concludes World Youth Day 2023

His address during the traditional *Angelus* prayer focuses on the word “Obrigado,” *Thank You* in Portuguese.

(6 August 2023) A word that has resonated many times these days has been “thank you,” better said, “*obrigado*.” What the Patriarch of Lisbon has just explained to us is beautiful, that “*obrigado*” not only expresses gratitude for what has been received, but also to correspond to the good [received]. In this event, of grace, we have all received and, now, that we are preparing to return home, the Lord makes us feel the necessity to share also with others, witnessing with joy our gratitude to God and what He has placed in our hearts.

However, before leaving, I also wish to say “*obrigado*.”

In the first place, to Cardinal Clemente, and with him to the Church of all the Portuguese people: *obrigado*.

*Obrigado* to Mister President, who has accompanied us; *obrigado* to the national and local institutions for the support and assistance they have given us; *obrigado* to the Bishops, Priests, consecrated and laity; and *obrigado* to you, Lisbon who will remain in the memory of these young people as “House of Fraternity” and “City of Dreams.”

I express my gratitude to Cardinal Farrell, who has renewed these Days. *Obrigado* to the volunteers, to them this heartfelt applause for their great service! And a special gratitude to those that from Heaven have watched over the WYD, namely, the event’s Patron Saints, and one in particular: **John Paul II**, who gave life to World Youth Day.

And *obrigado* to all of you, dear young people! God sees all the good that you are, and He alone knows what He has sown in your hearts. You are leaving here with what God sowed in your heart. Make it grow, take care of it diligently. I will make a recommendation: keep present in your mind and heart the most beautiful moments. Then, when moments of exhaustion and discouragement come, which are inevitable, and perhaps the temptations to stop walking and communicating, you may revive with your memory the experiences and the grace of these days, because (don’t ever

forget it) this is the reality. You are this, the holy, faithful People of God that walks with the joy of the Gospel! I would like to send greetings to the young people who were unable to be present here, but who have taken part in the initiatives organized by their countries, Episcopal Conferences and their Dioceses. I think, for example, of the Sub-Saharan brothers and sisters gathered in Tangiers. Thank you to all.

We accompany with affection those that are unable to come because of wars. There are many conflicts in the world. Thinking of this Continent, I feel great pain for beloved Ukraine, which continues to suffer. Friends, permit me also, now old, to share with you, young people, a dream I have in my heart, the dream of peace, the dream of young people who pray for peace, to live in peace, and build a future of peace. Through the *Angelus* that we will shortly pray, let us place the future in the hands of Mary, Queen of Peace.

And there is one last *obrigado*, which I would like to stress at the end: *obrigado* to our roots, to our grandparents, who transmitted the faith to us, who transmitted to us the horizon of a life. They are our roots. And on your return home, continue praying for peace. You are a sign of peace for the world, a testimony of how different nationalities languages and histories can unite instead of dividing. You are the hope for a different world. Thank you. Keep going!

Now, there is a moment we are awaiting: the announcement of the next stage of the path. But before telling you which will be the venue for the forty-first World Youth Day, I would like to extend an invitation to you. I make an appointment for all the young people of the world for 2025 in Rome, to celebrate together the *Jubilee of Young People*! And I’ll wait for you in 2025 to celebrate together this Jubilee. And the next World Youth Day will take place in Asia: it will be in **South Korea**, in **Seoul**! And so, in 2027 from the western edge of Europe it will go to the Far East. This is a beautiful sign of the universality of the Church and of the dream of unity of which you are witnesses!

Finally one last *obrigado* we address to two special persons. They were here with us, and they continue being with us always. They love our lives as no one else can. *Obrigado* to You, Lord Jesus. *Obrigado* to you, Mary, our Mother.

Now, let’s pray the *Angelus*.



# Archbishop Leo visits St. Augustine Seminary

**Archbishop Francis Leo** was appointed by **Pope Francis** on 11 February 2023. He was officially installed as the 14<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of the Toronto diocese on 25 March 2023.

On 13 March, St. Augustine Seminary was pleased to welcome Archbishop Leo as well as **Cardinal Thomas Collins** for an official visit.

“It is telling that Archbishop Leo chose to visit the Seminary so soon after being appointed by the Holy Father,” said **Fr. Edwin Gonsalves**, the Rector of St. Augustine Seminary. “It really shows his appreciation of the important role the Seminary plays within the Archdiocese, and his commitment and dedication to fostering that role.”

During his visit, Archbishop Leo, who is now also officially Chancellor of the Seminary, took time to meet with Seminarians and Faculty, and spoke to them about the importance of nourishing and nurturing their vocations.

“People need strong, wise and compassionate witnesses today,” he told the Seminarians. He encouraged them to “fill [their] day with encounters with Jesus” and to allow themselves to be “transformed and configured to Him.” He said that the Seminary has always been very special to him.

After welcoming Archbishop Leo, the Seminary also expressed gratitude for the leadership of Cardinal Collins, who is officially retired.

“We want to express our gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Collins for his leadership, fatherhood and spiritual guidance in our ministry,” said **Fr. Michael Corpus**, Vice-Rector. “We were very blessed to have him readily available to support Seminary formation as the Archbishop of Toronto. We extend to him our prayers, and wish him good health during his well-deserved retirement.”





# Popular Musicians Trivia



**Eric Clapton** was born in Ripley, Surrey, England on 30 March 1945. His mother Patricia was 16 years old. His father was a Canadian soldier from Montreal, who returned to Canada.

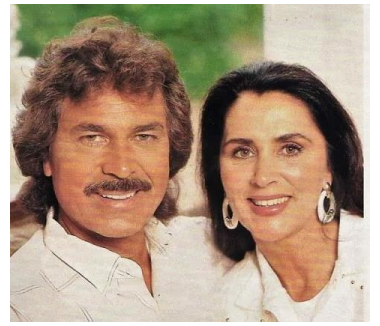
Years later, his mother married another Canadian soldier and moved to Germany. His huge career successes in the 1970s were in stark contrast with the struggles he had in his personal life, which was troubled by romantic longings and drug and alcohol addiction. Many factors influenced Clapton's comebacks, including his "deepening commitment to Christianity," to which he had converted prior to his heroin addiction. In 1982, Clapton admitted that he was an alcoholic, and entered the Hazelden Treatment Center in Minnesota. On the flight over, Clapton indulged in a large number of drinks, for fear he would never be able to drink again. He wrote in his autobiography: "In the lowest moments of my life, the only reason I didn't commit suicide was that I knew I wouldn't be able to drink any more if I was dead." The history of rock music would not be complete without his "*Tears in Heaven*." The iconic song was written in memory of his 4-year-old son, Conor, who died on 20 March 1991 as a result of a tragic fall from the 53<sup>rd</sup> floor of the apartment in New York City where he was living with his mother. Conor's death was the darkest moment in Clapton's life. "*Tears in Heaven*" is undoubtedly one of his best pieces of work.



**Fr. Robert Galea** is Catholic Priest serving in Australia after moving there in 2007 from Malta, his home. He is a singer and songwriter with a large international fan base. Apart from a series of recordings and CDs, Fr Rob has also written a number of songs for various international conferences. He was selected to sing in the international version of the official 2008 World Youth Day song, *Receive the Power*, and performed in some key events before an estimated 500,000 pilgrims in Sydney. Fr Rob's passion is to draw others to the heart of God. He believes that music is an important instrument in helping people understanding the need for intimacy with God. He has released six music projects to date. In all this, Fr Rob recognizes that before everything he is a *follower of Christ*, a *Priest* and only then, a *musician*.

## Engelbert Humperdinck

Arnold George Dorsey was born in Madras, British India (now Chennai) on 2 May 1936, one of 10 children born to British Army NCO Mervyn Dorsey, who was of Welsh descent, and his wife Olive who was of German descent. In 1965, he changed his name to Englebert Humperdinck, in honour of a 19<sup>th</sup> century German opera composer. In 1967, his version of the 1949 song *Release Me* hit the top of the UK charts. Lifelong Catholics, Engelbert married Patricia Healey in 1964. They had four children: Scott, Jason, Louise and Bradley. Patricia once said that she could paper their bedroom with all of the paternity lawsuits filed against her husband. In 2007, Patricia was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She died on 5 February 2021 after contracting COVID-19. Engelbert later described how the family had prayed with her and blessed her with water from the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, before she "slipped softly away."



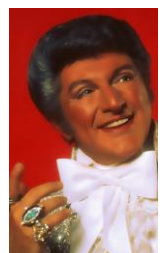
**Gordon Lightfoot's** home town was Orillia, where he was a choirboy at St. Paul United Church, across the

street from St. James Anglican Church and around the corner from Guardian Angels Catholic Church. He performed regularly at Massey Hall in Toronto. He was born 17 November 1938 and died 1 May 2023. His visitation at St. Paul Church drew 2,400 visitors. His funeral service lasted 2 hours and was attended by 50 family members and close friends, including his wife Kim, his 6 children and his grandchildren. He is buried beside his parents in St. Andrew-St. James Cemetery in Orillia. He left an array of iconic songs, including *If You Could Read My Mind* and the *Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*.

**Unchained Melody** quiz. Which of the following is correct?

- [1] Written by Alex North and Hy Zaret in 1955 for a prison film, and sung by Todd Duncan.
- [2] Written and sung by Bobby Hatfield of the *Righteous Brothers* in 1965 for Phillies Records.
- [3] Written by Whoopi Goldberg for the 1990 blockbuster movie *Ghost*, and sung by Liberace.

ANSWER: See next week's bulletin.











*Above:* Piazza Del Popolo, Rome

*Below:* Cape Town







*Above: Dubai*

*Below: Swiss Rail*

