

# Parish Week † Sunday, 3 Sept. 2023

## Saturday, 2 Sept. / Blessed André Grasset

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 10.00 am RCIC
- 1.00 pm Wedding: Haran Mailvaganam & Maria Mariadasaan
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Edgar Laurel (Melchora Mulla)

## SUNDAY, 3 SEPT. / 22-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Francis Andreas (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Waldo Fernando (Bernie & family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (John's family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday 4 Sept. / Blessed Dina Belanger

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rev. Leonard Rosario (Aruna Boila)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † George McNaughton (Corine Maulion)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

## Tuesday, 5 Sept. / Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkatta

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

## Wednesday, 6 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Theresa & Joseph Joseph (Mary)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Thursday, 7 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

## Friday, 8 Sept. / Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Christopher Roman (Shoba Ryan)
- 7.00 pm Mass: In Honour of Our Blessed Mother

## Saturday, 9 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lina & Giancarlo Vaccaro (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Armando Bacul (Melchora Mulla)

## SUNDAY, 10 SEPT. / 23-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ Annual Rosary Sunday

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Brian Francis (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Angela Sivayohan (family)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Sunday School Resumes 17 September

Parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish will be resuming its *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to listen to the Scriptures and homily.

Following the pandemic break, this ministry will resume on: 17 September. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



## Two Friends

**Princess Diana** greets **Mother Teresa** and her sisters in New York City in 1997. The princess died on 31 August that year, aged 36, at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, Paris, France.

Mother Teresa died on 5 Sept., aged 87, in the Missionaries of Charity house, Kolkatta, India.

# Focus on the Word

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Jeremiah 20.7-9; Romans 12.1-2; Matthew 16.21-27**

*God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Amen.*

## Liturgy Notes

*Ukrainian Christmas is now 25 December*



The Ukrainian Parliament has moved the date of

Christmas. The NATIVITY OF CHRIST will be celebrated in Ukraine on December 25, instead of January 7. The relevant amendments were introduced in Article 73 of the Labor Code of Ukraine.

Earlier this year, the UGCC (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church) in Ukraine announced the transition to a new style for fixed holidays starting 1 September 2023. Following this, the decision to switch to the new calendar was adopted by the UGCC in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, Germany and Scandinavia, Australia and Oceania, Poland, and the Eparchy of the Holy Family in London.

The date is now harmonized with the Roman Catholic Church. It will also be followed by the Ukrainian Orthodox. This distances Ukraine from the calendar of the Russian Orthodox Church.

## 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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- 17 Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Needs of the Church in Canada*
- 21 Sep. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 24 Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**;  
- **Samantha Goh**: *Young Adult Ministry* presentation at all Masses  
- CWL (11.30 am)
- 26 Sept. Feast of the **Canadian Martyrs**
- 29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael & the Archangels**
- 1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847)
- 2 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Oct. *St. Vincent de Paul* Bundle Up Sunday;  
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 15 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **World Mission**

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

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

## ShareLife 2023

Many thanks for your contribution to our 2023 Parish Campaign.

Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife*.

Our Parish goal for 2022 is: \$52,000.00

This year's *ShareLife* campaign ends on: **31 December**.

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



## Pray for the Faithful Departed

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

2 July

**Mena Belen**

**Carissa MacDonald & Aaron Stone**, the young couple who were killed by their landlord in May near Hamilton

9 July

**Maria Adamo**

**Ferdinand Boehm**

**Antonio Deguara**

**Josepe Maria Hernandez**

**Paul Anthony Morrison**

**Thomas Pierre**

**Benedict Rodrick** The 300 victims of the passenger trail disaster in Odisha, India in June

6 July

The 10 wedding guests who died in a bus roll over in Australia in June

23 July

**Sr. Margaret Mary Griffith** **Inez Marie McGovern**  
**John Kirk Howard** **Fr. Jose Maria Escribano Esteban**

The 15 seniors killed in the bus crash in Manitoba in June

30 July

**David Vincent Curtis**

**Fr. Lawrence Dugo**

The 50 victims of the prison riots in Honduras in May

6 August

**Emilio Bruni**

**Raffaella Capano**

**Paul Crawford**

The 5 victims of the Titan submersible tragedy in June

13 August

**Nenita Pine Cabanan**

**Angelika Courtis**

**Eileen Amelia Da Silva**

**Domenico Peticca**

**Lydia Ender** The 50 victims of the Islamic attack on the school children in Uganda in June

20 August

The 50 victims killed by a runaway truck in Kenya in June.

27 August

**Elizabeth Theresa Blakney**

**Romeo Manalese Sr.**

**Valdemar De Melo Pinherio**

**Allen Joe Richard**

**Margaret Sauer**

**Richard Sasaki**

The 5 victims of the fishing tragedy in Quebec in June

3 September

**Salvacion Gomez Viernes**

The 39 Vietnamese migrants who suffocated inside a truck trailer on their way to England in October

## Rosary Sunday *Midland, 10 September*

The annual *Rosary Sunday* celebration at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland will be held on Sunday, 10 Sept. The CWL has hired one coach for the day. Cost: \$45 per person. To reserve a seat, call:

**Lillian** (647-909-6425) or **Nicole** (647-827-0277).

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

*Coming Up:*

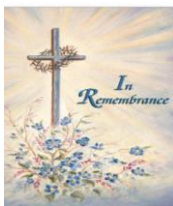
RCIA meetings: 1 & 8 Sept., 7.30 pm.

RCIC meetings: 2 & 9 Sept., 10.00 am.



## 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.



## Upcoming Weddings

*There is a promise of Marriage between:*

**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*

**Francesco Mario Badillo and Sandra Winiarek**

*4 November, St. Peter Basilica Cathedral, London, Ontario*

# World Youth Day 2023

## A Pilgrim's Reflections



**Michelle Pacheco**, Mission Development Coordinator for *OCY Missionaries* at the Office of Catholic Youth, was one of the more than 5,000 Canadian pilgrims who journeyed to Lisbon, Portugal, to celebrate World Youth Day in August. Below, she reflects on the experience of celebrating her Catholic faith among 1.5 million international pilgrims

### 1. What were the highlights of your WYD experience?

One highlight was the opportunity for *Adoration*. In all the busyness, the chance for quiet prayer was consoling and strengthening. This was especially profound at the overnight Vigil, where I was struck by the stillness as 1.5 million people were adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. And I had the chance to venerate the relics of **Pope St. John Paul II**, **Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati**, and **St. Therese of Lisieux**.

### 2. How did this year's theme come to life for you?

Pope Francis' addresses and homilies brought to life how Mary is our model in responding to God's love and grace. When we look at the Annunciation and the Visitation, with the theme scripture, Mary arose and went with haste, right between the two stories, we see that Mary has a powerful experience of "being loved by God and called by name." Then, she must "embrace the risk of loving" as she says yes to "welcoming the Redeemer of the world." She goes to Elizabeth because authentic love and "joy is missionary" or, in other words, "it is to be shared with others." Finally, when Mary encounters Elizabeth, she "radiates light" since she has "welcomed Jesus into her heart and has learned to love as He does." I've never reflected so deeply on this movement of grace that Mary experiences and how I can learn from it.

### 3. What impact did World Youth Day have on your faith, and how will you share this in your faith life at home?

Prior to World Youth Day, I asked God for the grace to be confident in His love for me and He answered in many surprising ways. While on a walking pilgrimage, I was so physically and emotionally exhausted that I was falling asleep in prayer and struggling to begin conversations with other pilgrims. I had nothing to offer God or others, and this frustrated me. In this experience, God reminded me that I am loved, and there is nothing I can do to earn His love. Pope Francis echoed this point in his first address when he said that "Jesus calls me as I am, not as I would like to be." Now that I am home, I want to remember this experience and let myself be grounded in the truth that I am loved as I am.

# Orthodox – Catholic Theological Consultation

at St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough

The *North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation* met on 16-18 May 2023 at St. Augustine Seminary of Toronto. The 101<sup>st</sup> meeting was hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In addition to those who came together in person, six members joined virtually. In the course of the meeting, the Consultation completed a joint statement on the theology and practice of marriage in both of our Churches. The Consultation resolved its discussions on the topic of "Orthodox-Catholic Marriages" and completed the document for ultimate publication.

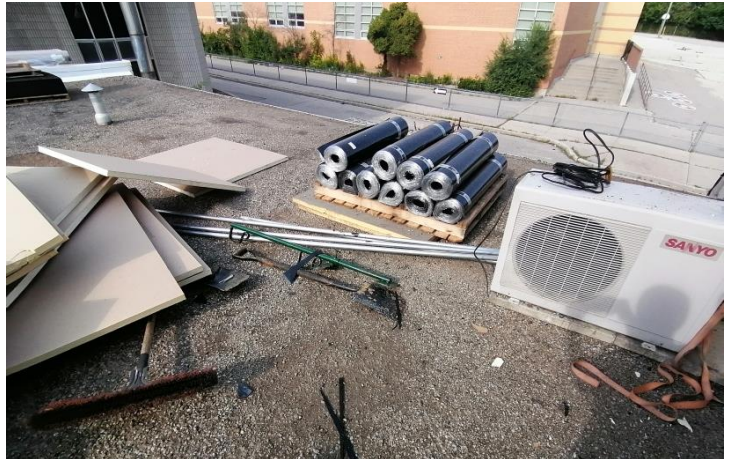
His Eminence **Cardinal Joseph Tobin**, N.J., Catholic co-chair of the Consultation stated, "this meeting was important in many ways and marks a turning point in the Consultation's future. I am convinced that this new document on marriage offers compassionate and specific pastoral recommendations for the care and spiritual growth of Catholic-Orthodox families."

Additionally, the Consultation, building on the success of the past fifty-eight years, finalized a restructuring proposal to work well moving forward.

About the restructuring of the Consultation, His Eminence **Metropolitan Methodios**, Orthodox co-chair commented that "the new form envisioned for the future work of the Consultation will offer more flexibility and a renewed commitment to reconciliation between Orthodox and Catholics."

Both the Document, entitled "The Pastoral Care of Mixed Marriages: Neither Yours nor Mine, but Ours," and the Restructuring Proposal were sent to the USCCB/CCCB (the national conferences of Catholic Bishops for the U.S. and Canada) and the ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS of the U.S.A. for their review and publication.







Dwain Macabali with his sponsor and parents at his Confirmation, 15 August. At the Mass were Anastasia Williams and Dorie Thomas (at right), celebrating their birthdays.



Lester Anselm d'Souza at the Memorial Mass on 15 August for his father Leonard, who was born 25 November 1917, and died 25 February 2023.



Levi Alexander Antolin with his parents, at his Blessing in Preparation for Baptism, 15 Aug.



Let the Earth breathe.



