



Jesus, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Parish Week † Sunday, 17 Sept. 2023

Sat., 16 Sept. / Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Shoba Ryan)

SUNDAY, 17 SEPT. / 24-A

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2nd Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada

9.00 am Mass: † Maria Lombardi (Carol Morra)
10.30 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Kathleen Lake (Kathleen Ryan)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 18 Sept.

8.00 am Mass: † Precilla Maulion (Corine)
7.00 pm Mass: † Luciana Dayritt (Susan & Dancy Olayers)

Tuesday, 19 Sept. / St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Angela Sinclair (family)
1.00 pm ▶ St. Albert School Mass

Wednesday, 20 Sept. / St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & companions, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: † Jesus Serneo (family)

Thursday, 21 Sept. / St. Matthew, apostle

8.00 am Mass: † Walfrido De Leon (family)
12.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School Mass

Friday, 22 Sept.

8.00 am Mass: † Edwin Mauricio (Shoba Ryan)

Saturday, 23 Sept. / St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

8.00 am Mass: † Jeanette Liles (Daphne)
5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 24 SEPT. / 25-A

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- Fall Fair, 9 am – 2 pm
- Guest Speaker: Samantha Goh, Young Adult Ministry

9.00 am Mass: † Inacia & Santana Fernandes
(Victoria & Pascaal Fernandes)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 pm Mass: † Maria Irene Vazao (Vindigni family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sirach 27.30-28.7; Romans 14.7-9; Matthew 18.21-35

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Caroline Bastiampillai, Roberto Galicia,
Eugene Hazi, Murray Wilson, Rodelio Yumol



The 40 victims of the suicide bombing in Pakistan in July.

Samantha Goh, Young Adult Ministry Visit on 24 September

St. Maria Goretti Parish is honoured to welcome **Samantha Goh**, from the *Office of Catholic Youth*, who will be with us at our Masses on 23/24 September. Samantha is a facilitator in our diocesan Young Adult Ministry, and she will share with us some of the initiatives of this outreach.

2nd Collection

17 September: Bishops'
Collection for the needs
of the Church in Canada



The 2nd collection on Sunday, 17 September, will be for the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*.

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance to support their work through the Collection for the *Needs of the Church in Canada*. Through the work of its members, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements.

The CCCB provides a forum for the Bishops to share their experiences, insights and reflections on the major events and issues that shape the Church and modern society. It also works with the Eastern Catholic rites, such as the Byzantines, Ukrainians and Syrians, to address needs within their communities.

COMING UP

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| 26 Sep. | Mass in honour of the Canadian Martyrs (7:00 pm) |
| 29 Sep. | Feast of St. Michael & the Archangels |
| 30 Sep. | Blessing of Animals (4.00 pm) |
| 1 Oct. | Bishop Michael Power , death anniversary (1847) |
| 2 Oct. | Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Fall Fair

24 September
9 am - 2 pm

Don't miss it! Our Parish is holding a FALL FAIR:

Sunday, 24 September, 9 am - 2 pm.

- ☐ Yard Sale
- ☐ Multicultural Food Tables

Tables available: \$20 to sell your wares.

Please contact: **Peter**, 647-567-4081.



Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion

Catholic Schools: Starts in September

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Families will be given Information packages to register the students in this process. Family instruction meetings will be held early in the New Year.

Public Schools: Saturday Class start 30 September

Preparation begins on 30 September for *First Holy Communion* for students in public school. They meet every Saturday at 10.00 am. For further information, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.



Sunday School

10.30 am Mass

New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *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 focus and listen to the Scriptures and homily.

Kids who want to join the Sunday School should be in the Church before Mass. When Mass begins, they will be called to come up in front of the Altar with their teachers for the Priest's blessing. Afterwards, they will be led to their room for the Sunday School. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 29 September

On 29 September 2023, we will honour the heavenly patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, **St. Michael the Archangel**, along with St. Gabriel and St. Raphael. In our Parish, in addition to our 8 am morning Mass, there will be a Liturgy at 7 pm, with special devotions to our powerful patron.

There will be an important celebration on that day at the 5:30 pm Mass at *St. Michael Cathedral Basilica*. The *Apostolic Nuncio* to Canada, the Most Rev. **Ivan Jurkovič** will confer the *pallium* on **Archbishop Francis Leo**, which **Pope Francis** blessed in Rome at the Mass on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, 29 June 2023.

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

19 August

Jaden Vincent Albano

Raegan Kris Arrieta

Unikho Willer Guillermo Caga-Anan

Aidan Shanilka Emmanuel

Elijah Kai Dionio Pedraja

Kaiden Rodrigo Justo

20 August

Jasmine Sofia Mendoza

26 August

Leia Magdalena Simeon Atkins

Elleanna Rose Fritz

Kaidon Manalo Marini

Kalisto Angel Dator Quismundo

27 August

Ezekiel Kavanie Duffus

Kamal Evanie Duffus

Greyson Caide Espina

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Sarujan Thirumal and Klarissa Antony

23 September, *Our Lady of Good Health Church, Scarborough*

Glenn Sandrasagra and Rebecca Gnanasingam

6 October, *St. Mary Church, Brampton*

Mathew Wilson and May Young

9 October

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*

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*

Jonathan Jeyarajah and Kattren Wilfred

1 December, *St. Mary Church, Toronto*

Norvic Manahan and Mara Amor

8 December

Jonathan Gnanapragasam and Sangavi Sivapalan

13 April 2024, *St. Paul Basilica, Toronto*

Mark Salabit and Rhyse Noel

20 April 2024, *St. Mary Church, Toronto*



Archbishop Leo to be invested with Pallium on 29 September

Archbishop Francis Leo of Toronto joined 31 other archbishops appointed over the past year who received their pallium from Pope Francis after Mass for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on 29 June 2023. They went to the *Chapel of the Pietà* in St. Peter Basilica and, in front of Michelangelo's famous statue of Mary holding her deceased son, the Pope handed each archbishop the newly blessed woolen band folded up in a small wooden box.

The pallium is a stole-like vestment, worn on top of the chasuble of metropolitan archbishops when celebrating Mass. Traditionally, they are made from white wool from two lambs blessed each year by the Holy Father on the feast of St. Agnes (21 January). They are approximately two inches wide and are worn on the shoulders.

Leo was appointed Toronto's archbishop on 11 February 2023, and installed on March 25. He succeeded Cardinal Thomas Collins, who accompanied his successor, with a small delegation from the archdiocese, at the ceremony.

The Pope gave the Toronto archbishop the box with the pallium on the day before his 52nd birthday. At a reception afterward, a gathering that included 30 Italian relatives he had not seen in years, Leo said, "The pallium is a powerful symbol of our Church. First, it symbolizes the unity and communion with the successor of Peter, Pope Francis himself. Second it symbolizes the mission a bishop has to be a good shepherd according to the heart of Christ. We are called to be good shepherds, like Jesus, for the flock."

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Mother Teresa quotes

26 August 1910- 5 September 1997

1. "Peace begins with a smile."
2. "We fear the future because we are wasting today."
3. "When you don't have anything, then you have everything."
4. "Profound joy of the heart is like a magnet that indicates the path of life."
5. "Love begins by taking care of the closest ones, the ones at home."
6. "Let us always meet each other with a smile; the smile is the beginning of love."
7. "Some people come in our life as a blessing. Some come as a lesson."
8. "If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway."
9. "A life not lived for others is not a life."
10. "I prefer to make mistakes in kindness than to work miracles in unkindness."
11. "Love is a fruit in season at all times and within reach of every hand."
12. "Work without love is slavery."
13. "I want you to be concerned about your next-door neighbor. Do you know your next-door neighbor?"
14. "Be happy in the moment; that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more."
15. "Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment."
16. "There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation than for bread."
17. "If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive."
18. "I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot. Together, we can do something beautiful for God."
19. "The hunger for love is much more difficult to satisfy than the hunger for bread."





Edwin Grisales and Pearl D'Souza on their Wedding day, 25 August 2023.



Brayson Gabriel Diaz with his parents at his Blessing in Preparation for Baptism, 13 August

ShareLife Initiates Food Security Grants

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, *ShareLife* has launched the Food Security Grants, dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger.

The generosity of parishioners makes possible this initiative. They can join the fight against hunger by supporting your parish's *ShareLife* Campaign.

As such, we ask all parishes to promote this news through your respective websites, bulletins, pulpit, and social media. Please follow and share content from *ShareLife*'s social media pages.

The funding consists of three pillars:

\$250,000 in new funding to the *Saint Vincent de Paul Society* Toronto Central Council, which will distribute grants to parish food banks and meal programs.

\$150,000 in new funding to *Catholic Charities* of the Archdiocese of Toronto, which will distribute grants to agency-run food programs.

\$120,000 already allocated to *Catholic Charities* for various food-related charity programs operated by its member agencies. Funding for some of these programs began in November 2022.



Your compassionate support of our parish's *ShareLife* Campaign will make possible this bold action. We have currently raised \$27,000.00 towards our goal of \$52,000.00. Please support our fight against hunger by giving at the parish with a *ShareLife* envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

Our Archbishop, **Francis Leo**, has commented:

"It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food, which is a most basic human right. Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy."





Athens



Coimbra



Tallinn



Schweiz