

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

Monday 25 Sept.

8.00 am Mass: † Yoahan Alexan der (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Ellen Grace Dunan (Corine Maulion)

Tues., 26 Sept. / Ss. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests, & Companions, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: † Ron Forrester (Debbie)
7.00 pm Mass: In Honor of the Canadian Martyrs

Wednesday, 27 Sept. / St. Vincent de Paul, priest

8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)

Thursday, 28 Sept. / St. Lorenzo Ruiz & companions, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: † Michael Watson (Ophelia Gatchalian)

Friday, 29 Sept. / Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8.00 am Mass: † Valerie Gibson (Daphne)

Saturday, 30 Sept. / St. Jerome, priest & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Emma De Cicco)
4.00 pm Blessing of Animals (*in front of Church*)
5.00 pm Mass: † Christyantton Antonympillai (family)

SUNDAY, 1 OCT. / 26-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas (Vethanayagi Raj family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. 98th Birthday, Sabina Mendonca (daughter)
12.00 pm Mass: † Sebastiano & Giuseppina Rabito (Vindigni family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



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 morning Masses on 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.

Focus on the Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 55.6-9; Philippians 1.20-27; Matthew 20.1-16

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Isaac Gallego, Edita De Lima Lopez

The 180 victims of the tragic August wild fires in Hawaii

2nd Collections

[A] 24 September, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 25 Sept., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

[B] 1 October, Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 1 October, will be for the effort of the Church in Canada to assist with the *Healing and Reconciliation* process with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect on the history of residential schools. We recognize this painful chapter in Canada's history and, as a Catholic community, acknowledge our involvement. On this day, we pray, educate and advocate, looking for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

COMING UP

7025023

- 2 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Oct. **St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Sunday:**
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 9 Oct. Wedding: Wilson – Young (3:00 pm)
- 15 Oct. 2nd Collection: **World Mission;**
- October attendance survey, Week #1
October attendance survey, Week #2
- 22 Oct. Wedding: Diaz – Ocampo (11:00 am)
- 23 Oct. ► St. Albert School Mass (11:00 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 24 Oct. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance;**
- CWL (11:30 pm)
- 29 Oct. **Feast of All Saints**
Feast of All Souls
- 1 Nov.
- 2 Nov.

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.



Christopher Leadership

Scarborough Course: 3 October – 12 December

Discover your Inner Leader

Enroll in the Christopher Leadership Course on Effective Speaking and join us on an exciting journey of self-improvement and empowerment. The next Scarborough Course begins on 3 October.

BENEFITS:

- ☐ Improve communication skills
- ☐ Speak with self-confidence
- ☐ Enhance presentation skills
- ☐ Gain valuable leadership tools

Call: 415-410-7776 / www.clctontorontoeast.com

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.



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 we need to prepare the labels for 2024. Bring any box with a number higher than 1300 to the Parish Office at any Sunday morning Mass.

Blessing of Animals 30 September, 4.00 pm

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, the *Blessing of Animals* will be celebrated at 4 pm on Saturday, 30 Sept., in front of the main entrance. You are welcome to bring beloved pets for this blessing.

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

Coming Up:

Candidacy Rite: 5 pm Mass, 23 Sept.

RCIA meetings: 22 & 29 Sept., 7.30 pm.

RCIC meetings: 23 & 30 Sept., 10.00 am.



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.

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Glenn Sandrasagra and Rebecca Gnanasingam

6 October, St. Mary Church, Brampton

Mathew Wilson and May Young

9 October

Tyrone Anandarajan and Shalika Sivathanan

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



Derna, Libya, after Storm Daniel

[Above:] Flood washes away entire neighbourhoods in Derna, Libya.

The United Nations Support Mission in Libya is worried about water contamination and the lack of sanitation after two dams collapsed during Mediterranean storm Daniel, sending a wall of water gushing through the city of Derna on 11 September. 11,300 residents were killed immediately, and another 10,000 are missing and presumed dead.



Morocco earthquake

[Below:] Cities in ruins after devastating earthquake in Morocco.





Rosary Sunday 10 September

Renaming Streets

Are we ready to give up Yonge St. in Toronto? The most famous street in the city is on the list of streets and places that should be considered for renaming. The same city report that proposed renaming Dundas St. said that there were 60 street names, including 12 named for slave owners, which “no longer reflect the city’s contemporary values.”

What’s shocking in all of this, is that the first name city council chose to remove was an absolute abolitionist. This is the view of three former mayors of Toronto (Art Eggleton, John Sewell and David Crombie) along with historians in a just released peer reviewed article in Scotland.

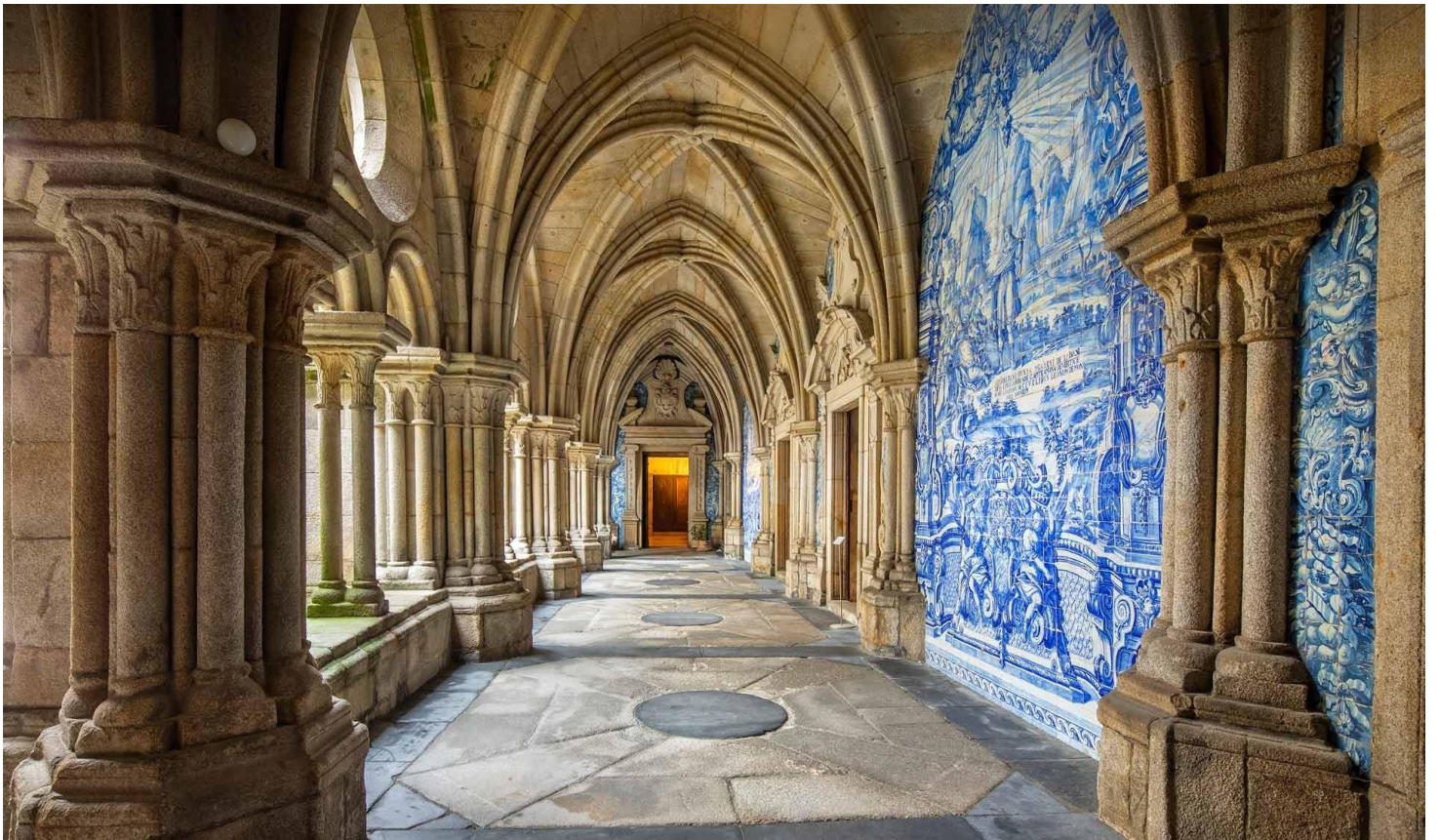
Here is the full list of street names that city staff identify as not meeting Toronto’s contemporary values:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Abbey Lane | Alexander Place |
| Alexander Street | Amherst Avenue |
| Baby Point Crescent | Baby Point Road |
| Baby Point Terrace | Brant Place |
| Brant Street | Breadalbane Street |
| Castle Frank Crescent | Castle Frank Road |
| Churchill Avenue (N.York) | Churchill Avenue (Toronto) |
| Colony Road | Columbus Avenue |
| Columbus Parkette | Cornwallis Drive |
| Dalhousie Street | Gladstone Avenue |
| Indian Grove | Indian Mound Crescent |
| Indian Road | Indian Road Crescent |
| Indian Trail | Indian Valley Crescent |
| Jarvis Street | John Street |
| John Street | John Street |
| Kitchener Avenue | Kitchener Road |
| Langevin Crescent | Laurier Avenue |
| Macdonald Avenue | Macdonald Street |
| Maitland Place | Maitland Street |
| McGill Parkette | McGill Street |
| Old Colony Road | Old Yonge Street |
| Peter Street | Portland Street |
| Rhodes Avenue | Russell Hill Drive |
| Russell Hill Road | Russell Road |
| Russell Street | Ryerson Avenue |
| Simcoe Park | Simcoe Street |
| Vaughan Road | Wellesley Avenue |
| Wellesley Place | Wellesley Street |
| Wellington Street | Wood Street |
| Yonge Blvd | Yonge Street |
| Wendigo Way | |











Beautiful Shrines

Top: The interior of the Sainte-Chapelle, Paris

Left: Pútnická bazilika Panny Márie (Mariánska hora)

The Basilica of Our Lady of Levoča (Slovakia), the premier national pilgrimage site.