

**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: † Christyanton Antnypillai (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. 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Sabina Mendonca (daughter)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Sebastiano & Giuseppina Rabito (Vindigni family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

**Monday 2 Oct. / Holy Guardian Angels**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Shoba Ryan)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Francis Lagundi (Buyser family)
- 7.40 pm Infant Parent Godparent meeting

**Tuesday, 3 Oct.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

**Wednesday, 4 Oct. / St. Francis of Assisi**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

**Thursday, 5 Oct. / St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Corrado Vindigni (Carmelo & Edna)

**Friday, 6 Oct. / Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Reginald Mendonca (The Rebello family)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lim Teng Chay and William Sy Eng Chon (Emilio Go and family)

**Saturday, 7 Oct. / Our Lady of the Rosary**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Teresa San Juan (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Alexander King (wife Lucy)

**SUNDAY, 8 OCT. / 27-A**

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *SVDP Bundle up Sunday*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Norma Cassidy
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

**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.



**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Ezekiel 18.25-28; Philipians 2.1-11; Matthew 21.28-32**

*O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Amen.*

**Pray for the Deceased**

**Glyden Catalan, Romeo Gorospe, Samuel Lagera, Norman Lalonde, Giuliana Petrei, Maria Roccasalva, Adele Strach**



The **6** victims of the **flooding** in **Slovenia** in **August**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

**1 October, Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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- 9 Oct. Wedding: Wilson – Young (3:00 pm)
- 15 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **World Mission**; - October attendance survey, Week #1
- 19 Oct. St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy *Open House* (6:00 pm)
- 22 Oct. October attendance survey, Week #2
- 23 Oct. Wedding: Diaz – Ocampo (11:00 am)
- 24 Oct. ► St. Albert School Mass (11:00 am); - St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 29 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**; - CWL (11:30 pm)
- 1 Nov. **Feast of All Saints**
- 2 Nov. **Feast of All Souls**
- 6 Nov. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 Nov. ► St. Albert School Remembrance Service
- 12 Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Shepherds' Trust**; Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 13 Nov. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 26 Nov. CWL (11:30 am)

**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

Our 2023 *ShareLife* Campaign is underway. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages! Thank you for your generosity and for living the Gospel by giving to *ShareLife*!

## Food Security: \$500,000 pledged

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- ❑ \$250,000 in new funding to the SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL 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 food programs through its member agencies. Funding for some of these programs began in November 2022.

► See page 3 in the website bulletin for further details.

## Morocco and Libya aid

Humanitarian aid for Morocco & Libya: The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so through one of two ways:

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- [2] By *phoning* the Development Office: 416-934-3411

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## Blessing of Animals

30 September, 4.00 pm

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



## Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

*Catholic Schools: Starts in September*

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## First Friday Holy Hour

Each First Friday, there is a *Holy Hour* at 6.00 pm, followed by the celebration of Mass at 7.00 pm.

The *Holy Hour* includes Exposition, the Litany of the Sacred Heart, the Rosary, and Benediction.

For private use any time, the personal *Holy Hour* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.



## A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Edita Bereber** for their gift of the lovely casket spray at the Altar following her passing on 12 January, and her subsequent funeral. May she rest in peace.

## Bishop Michael Power 1 October

Bishop **Michael Power**

(17 October 1804 –

1 October 1847) was the first Bishop of Toronto, after the diocese was established on

17 December 1841. More than 90,000 poor Irish refugees landed at Quebec in 1847 to escape the Great Famine. Typhus was rife among them and spread among Canadian towns, including Toronto. Power contracted the disease while visiting some of the victims and died on 1 Oct. 1847. He was 42 years old. His remains are buried in a crypt beneath St. Michael Cathedral.



## Christopher Leadership

Scarborough Course: 3 October – 12 December

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
- ❑ Enhance presentation skills
- ❑ Speak with self-confidence
- ❑ Gain leadership tools

Call: 415-410-7776 / [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com)

## 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 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*

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*ShareLife* initiated the Food Security Grants commitment in response to the surging demand for support witnessed by government, charities, and parish communities. Year-over-year grocery cost increases of 10% or more (as documented by StatsCan) are forcing many families to turn for help for the first time. One in seven food bank users are employed. Those already struggling are being pushed further into poverty, as Food Banks Canada reported a 16% increase in food bank use in 2022 over the previous year. A staggering 5.8 million people in Ontario (16.1% of households) experienced food insecurity according to a 2021 study.

Agencies may apply for funding through Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Toronto Central Council is accepting applications for funding from Catholic parishes. Please review the linked documents for further details.

**Archbishop Francis Leo** said, "It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone in our city 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 today."

**Louise Coutu**, Executive Director of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Toronto Central Council, added, "We see our neighbours in need increasingly struggle with food insecurity. As part of our mission of '*turning concern into action*,' we are ready to assist with the expansion of parish-based food and meal programs through this bold initiative."

"Those in hunger cannot wait for the systemic causes of food insecurity to be solved before we take action," says **Dr. Agnes Thomas**, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto. "By working with member agencies and other partners already on the ground, we are

making an immediate impact in the lives of the most vulnerable."

*ShareLife* funds over 40 agencies and grant recipients through the annual \$13.8 million Parish Campaign. Since its founding in 1976, *ShareLife* has united Catholic parishes, schools, and the corporate community in its mission of "LIVING THE GOSPEL BY PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED."

Catholics across the Archdiocese of Toronto are rallying together to support the \$13.8 million *ShareLife* Parish Campaign for 2023. Members of 225 parishes are continuing to raise funds with renewed vigor, as *ShareLife* takes bold action to tackle food insecurity.





[Top] An aerial view of Derna, Libya, prior to the deadly flood of 11 Sept. 2023.  
[Below] The same view after the flood, showing 25% of the city washed away.



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Please continue to pray for those who have died, for those who are missing or displaced because of these tragic disasters in both Morocco and Libya and for all who are working hard to provide relief and rescue in both locations.



## 2023 Life Chain Locations

*Life Chain* is a peaceful and prayerful pro-life witness held annually. For more information, please see: [campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain](http://campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain)

*Life Chain* will be held on Sunday, 1 October 2023, in approximately 300 communities across Canada.

Please check for updates, especially in the week leading up to *Life Chain*, as organizers may have to make changes due to last minute circumstances. If you intend to participate in *Life Chain*, please abide by the Code of Conduct. Our assembly location is:

**Danforth Avenue & Victoria Park Avenue,  
or Lawrence Avenue & Kennedy Road**

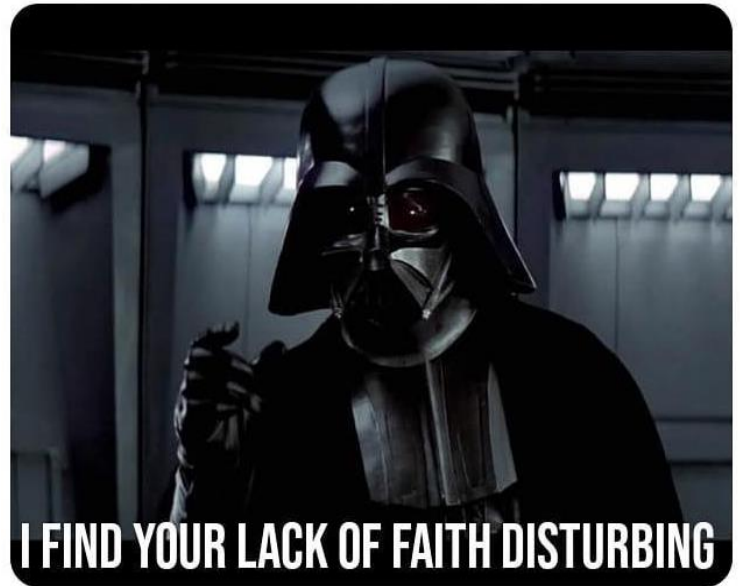
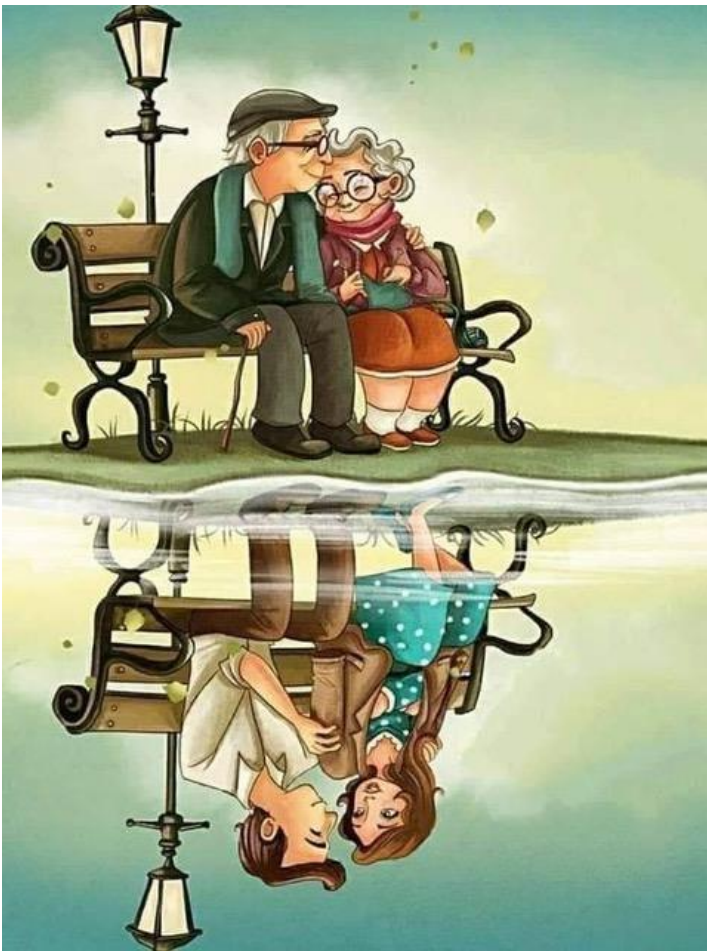
**LIFE CHAIN will be from 2 – 3 pm.** If you have any questions or would like to start up a *Life Chain* in your community, call: Life Chain Canada, 1-800-730-5358; or: [lifecain@campaignlifecoalition.com](mailto:lifecain@campaignlifecoalition.com).

## Life Chain Code of Conduct

1. Commit to being peaceful. Do not physically interfere with counter-protesters or passersby. Do not jostle for position if they block your *Life Chain* signs.
2. Avoid loud casual talk, frivolity, and arguments. *Life Chain* is a *Silent* prayer vigil.
3. Refer media, police and retailers who want information to the organizer. Notify the organizer of any misconduct from counter-protesters or passers-by, so they can handle it properly and ensure it is recorded.
4. Please arrive promptly, accounting for the time required for parking/positioning. Stand on the sidewalk, facing traffic with your sign, ensuring you do not block pedestrians, driveways, or drivers' sightlines.
5. Please take care of your signs and **return** them to the organizer for future *Life Chains*.
6. Please DO NOT display other signs, or distribute material other than that which is provided, unless the organizer permits you to do so.
7. Watch your small children at all times.







*"Tell them is fake news, work of moose and squirrel."*



*"What does he know, and how long will he know it?"*



[Above:] Netherlands in the Spring.

[Below:] Mangrove trees at Walakiri Beach, Indonesia

