



Let us pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.  
 "We loved them in life; let us not forget them in death."  
 - **St. Ambrose**

## Parish Week † Sunday, 12 Nov. 2023

### Saturday, 11 Nov. / St. Martin of Tours, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Juan Trinidad (Gilda)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of the family of  
 † Lalita & Joseph D'Souza (Joseph)  
 - *Knights of Columbus Remembrance Ceremony*
- 6.15 pm KOC Spiritual Reflection: THE PRODIGAL SON
- 6.30 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe

### SUNDAY, 12 NOV. / 32-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Shepherds' Trust*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday 13 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Apolonia Solatre Baclig (Vina Garcia)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Shoba Ryan (friends)

### Tuesday, 14 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra)
- 7.00 pm Liturgy

### Wednesday, 15 Nov. / St. Albert the Great, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Simeona Trinidad (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Louisito Montalba (Joel & family)

### Thursday, 16 Nov. / St. Margaret of Scotland

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Joy Camacho (family))
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Sebastian Lobo (Maria & family)

### Friday, 17 Nov. / St. Elizabeth of Hungary, *religious*

- *Anniversary of the arrival of Fr. Edwin's family in Canada (1957)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Trevor D'Silva (wife)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Maria & Sergeo Guerra (family)

### Sat., 18 Nov. / Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Xavier Turiano (family)  
 - *RCIA Early Initiation Rite*

### SUNDAY, 19 NOV. / 33-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *Religious Articles Sale*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Remedios Bulchand (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Belen & Lorenzo Merin (family)
- 1.30 pm Knights of Columbus
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
**Wisdom 6.12-16; 1 Thess. 4-13-18; Matthew 25.1-13**

*God of power and mercy protect us from all harm. Give us freedom of spirit and health in mind and body to do your work on earth. Amen.*

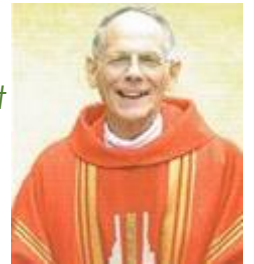
## Pray for the Deceased

**Benito Cortese, Sandra Lee Dinsmore,  
 Terence Doi, Steven Michael Langridge,  
 Regent Poulin**



The **11,000** victims of the **flooding in Libya in September.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 13 November, *Shepherds' Trust*



The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on 13 November will be for the support of our retired priests through the *Shepherds' Trust*.  
 [r.: **Monsignor John Pilkauskas**]

Each year, grateful parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto contribute to the *Shepherds' Trust*.

The *Shepherds' Trust* has a mission to provide comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us: our retired Priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic Priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives.

We want all our Priests to be able to retire safely and with dignity. The *Shepherds' Trust* allows us to help achieve this goal.

On your *Shepherds' Trust* special collection envelope, please print your own personal Sunday envelope number in the space provided.

## COMING UP

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- 13 Nov. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 26 Nov. CWL Meeting (11:30 am)
- 29 Nov. **Fr. Edwin:** Ordination Anniversary (1980)
- 3 Dec. **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**
- 4 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 6 Dec. St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation (9:00 am)
- 7 Dec. ▶ St. Albert School Reconciliation (9:30 am)
- 8 Dec. Wedding: Burr – Garcia (12:00 pm);  
 - Wedding: Manahan – Amor (2:00 pm)
- 10 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 11 Dec. ▶ - St. Albert School Mass (9:45 am);  
 St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 13 Dec. **Advent Day of Confession**
- 16 Dec. Memorial Mass: † Donna Sookraj Singh
- 22 Dec. **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers:** death anniversary (1988)

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

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

## Ministry Sunday

Many thanks to all who participated in our Annual *Ministry Sunday* on 29 October. A special *Thank You* to all who offered their names to serve in various parish ministries. Soon, our parish Volunteer Screening Committee will finish reviewing the list of candidates, to make sure they are registered in our parish, etc. Then, the Ministry Facilitators will be contacting you to arrange the follow-up so you can begin the orientation process to share your talents in our parish family of faith and service.

## Catholic Women's League

Saturday, 25 November

ADVENT REFLECTION, 2 - 4 pm



The CWL is sponsoring an *Advent Reflection* on Saturday, 25 November at 2:00 pm. Please join us and be amazed by the topic of the Presenter, **Fr. Dominic Borg**:

*"Hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."*

A LIVING ADVENT IN EXPECTATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN OUR HEARTS. See you all!

## November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

## Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

## Sunday Missals

The new Sunday Missals have arrived for the next liturgical year, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent on 3 December 2023. Pick up your copy at the table in the Vestibule for \$5.

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sponsors needed

We are currently seeking sponsors for the RCIA and RCIC. Your willingness to act as a sponsor will help another person to move closer to Jesus, and closer to the Salvation he won for us. As a sponsor you will have to indicate your sincerity and commitment in the course of the RCIA and RCIC processes. Contact the Parish office for details: 416-261-0076. Thank you.

## Knights of Columbus

Upcoming events

Saturday, 11 November

5.00 pm Mass

- KOC Remembrance Day Ceremony
  - Laying of Wreath
  - Memorial Candles
  - Reading of *In Flanders Fields*



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6.15 pm: **Spiritual Reflection**

## THE PRODIGAL SON

*A study in redemption, employing an artistic masterpiece by Rembrandt van Rijn.*

In the North Classroom.



*We will look at Rembrandt's painting of the Prodigal Son. What will you see in it?*

*There are six people in front of an arched doorway. On the left, an old man lovingly embraces a young and bold man who bows his head in humility. This is his son who returned home after a long time. While the father is dressed in beautiful clothes, the son is not. He wears old clothes with holes in it, and his sandals are worn and broken. He still wears the dagger on his belt that he needed to defend himself in the outside world.*

*On the right, at a little distance, is the older son. Dressed in a red cloak, he has his hands folded while holding a cane.*

Join us for a time of spiritual reflection, study, sharing and delving into the insight that art provides for our lives of faith.

## Seminarian Raphael Carolino at our Parish

*In September, Mr. **Raphael Carolino** began his visits to assist at our Parish on weekends this year. Below is a little bio that he has provided as a self-introduction.*

Hello there! My name is Raphael Carolino and I am a Seminarian at St. Augustine's Seminary. I am studying for the Archdiocese of Toronto, and am currently in my second year of Theology. As part of our Sunday Parish program in this academic year, I am very delighted to be assigned here at St. Maria Goretti Parish and I look forward in helping in various capacities in this parish.

I was born and raised in the Philippines. To become a Priest was my dream since my youth. I started assisting as an Altar Server at Mass when I was in elementary school. I was in the seminary in the Philippines and spent 5 years in formation. I then worked as a teacher for a year, and later decided to apply as an international student here in Canada. I attended Fanshawe College in Norfolk County, Ontario where I completed a Diploma in the Social Service Worker Program.

After this, I joined St. Augustine's Seminary.

I am enjoying my time at the seminary and feel at peace with what I am doing. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to discern my vocation, and rest assured of my prayers for the St. Maria Goretti Parish community. God bless you!

### A STUDENT'S PRAYER (*St. Thomas Aquinas*)

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour out your brilliance on my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness of sin which covers me. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.







Mass at Christ the King Cemetery, 4 November. The Parish Jubilee Choir provides music for the Liturgy.



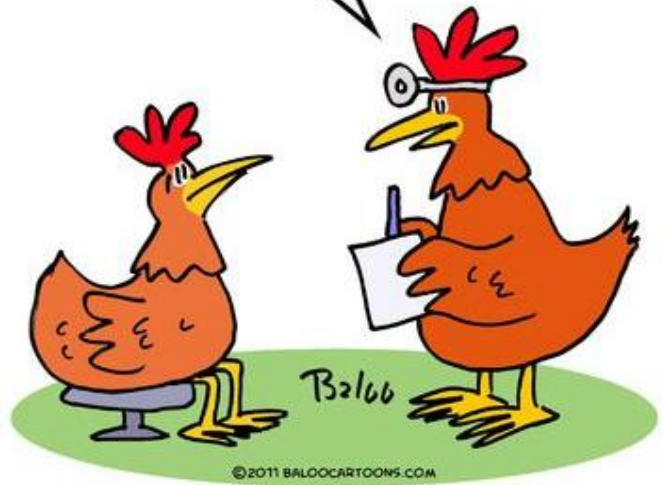
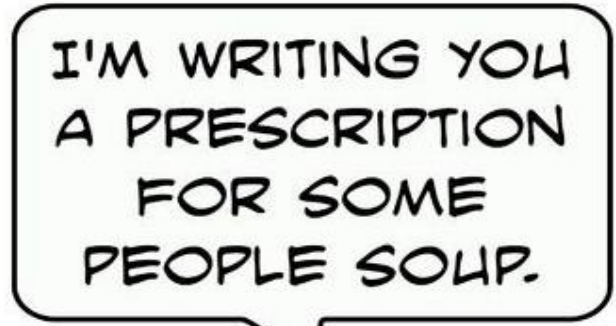
Police Community Presentation, 4 November.

"Page 377 in your hymnals, or selection #15 on your Ipods."



CHOIR REHEARSAL

"Will this be live?"



"Can't we take him back and have him 'super-sized'?"



[Above] Scarborough Bluffs

[Below] La Mauricie Park, Quebec



