



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, 19 Nov. 2023

### 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

### Monday 20 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)

7.00 pm Mass: † Abraha Garcia (Vina)

### Tuesday, 21 Nov. / Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 am Mass: † Vincent Boila (Aruna)

7.00 pm Mass: Int. Vera Abbott (Tina)

### Wednesday, 22 Nov. / St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Victoria & Alfred Alagaratnam (family)

7.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Lillian D'Souza)

### Thursday, 23 Nov. / St. Clement I, pope & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

7.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Esme D'Mello)

### Friday, 24 Nov. / St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, & Companions, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

7.00 pm Mass: † Maria & Sergeo Guerra (family)

### Sat., 25 Nov. / St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Rizalina Trinidad (Domingo)

2.00 pm Catholic Women's League ADVENT REFLECTION

5.00 pm Mass: † Clem D'Cunha (Esme)

6.00 pm CWL Dinner

### SUNDAY, 26 NOV. / CHRIST THE KING

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance

9.00 am Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva (family)

10.30 am Mass: † Deceased CWL Sisters (CWL Council)

11.30 am Catholic Women's League

12.00 pm Mass: Int. Julie D'Cunha (Esme)

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Prov. 31.10-31; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6; Matthew 24.36; 25.14-30

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Amen.

## Pray for the Deceased

Guy Leger, Deacon Dominic Pullano

Nilda Ortiz, Giovanni Parisi

The 3,000 victims of the earthquake in Morocco in September



## 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.

## 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.	<b>Fr. Edwin:</b> Ordination Anniversary (1980)
3 Dec.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
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.	<b>Advent Day of Confession</b>
16 Dec.	25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann. Mass: Rhoderick & Shialemar Santiaguell
20 Dec.	St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy Mass (8:50 am)
22 Dec.	<b>Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers:</b> 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.

The lists of candidates have been prepared. Ministry Facilitators are invited to collect their list at the Parish Office to begin contacting the candidates to arrange the follow-up and to schedule the orientation process.

## Catholic Women's League

The CWL is sponsoring an *Advent Reflection* on:

Saturday, 25 November at 2:00 pm.

Join us and be amazed by **Fr. Dominic Borg**'s topic:



*“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.”*

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



RCIA *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*  
Early Initiation, 18 Nov.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

Saturday, 18 November

some of the participants who have been involved since the *Rite of Election* earlier this year will celebrate the *Early Initiation Rite*.

The RCIA is for adults who want to be Baptized; those who are Christian and not yet Catholic; and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information on how you can help as a sponsor and prayer partner, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

## Spiritual Reflection

*If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve.*

- Mother Teresa of Kolkatta

## ADVENT PREPARATIONS

### Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



You may *dedicate* your flowers. Fill out the “Christmas Flower” form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until:

Noon on Friday, 22 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a couple who share a common family name; or, for many persons, “For the members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Family.”

### Advent Wreath Lighters

*Would you like to be an Advent Wreath candle lighter?* This is a wonderful way to involve your family in the spirit of this wonderful season, and assist your fellow parishioners in our common worship and praise of the Father. See the sign-up list on the Vestibule bulletin board.



## Knights of Columbus

### Upcoming events

19 Nov. General meeting, 1.30 pm

2 Dec. ADVENT HYMN NIGHT, 6.15 pm

- Unveiling & Blessing of Rembrandt van Rijn's  
PRODIGAL SON painting.

17 Dec. General meeting, 1.30 pm, N. Classroom



## Diocesan Consultation

*Complete survey by 15 December*

Many thanks to Seminarian **Raphael Carolino** for reading the Letter of **Archbishop Francis Leo** at our Masses on 11/12 November.



Archbishop Leo invites the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed PASTORAL PLAN to be used in the years ahead.

To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the Archbishop on page 3 of our website bulletin, and complete the short survey by 15 December.

Visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation).

Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this diocesan initiative.

# Diocesan Consultation

31 October 2023

May Jesus and Mary be in your soul.

It has been a true blessing and joy to spend time with many Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto since my arrival in March 2023. This includes the dedicated priests and deacons, religious women and men and the numerous parishioners, volunteers and all who are working to strengthen the Body of Christ in our archdiocese in ecclesial movements and associations, as well as those serving in education, healthcare, social services and institutions.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is blessed with an abundance of workers in the vineyard of the Lord. I am grateful for your role in reflecting the face of Christ to all those we encounter each day. In his Sermon on the Mount (*Mt. 5-7*), our Divine Lord Jesus taught us that, as his disciples, we are salt of the earth and light of the world (*Mt. 5:13-16*). In fidelity to the Church's mission to evangelize, let each one of us make every effort so as to proclaim Jesus Christ, bear witness to the Gospel and serve with a compassionate heart.

In 2013, our Archbishop-emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins launched a *Pastoral Plan* to focus our attention and identify areas of emphasis to help bring us closer to the Lord, our faith and one another. It is now an appropriate time to review the current Pastoral Plan, updating the vision through the lens of 2023 and our current reality.

I would ask for your assistance in helping to identify what you believe to be key priorities and objectives as we move forward as a faith community. To be clear, this is not a synodal process. The synodal consultation requested by the Holy See took place in 2021-2022. Rather, I am reaching out to our archdiocesan family to solicit your thoughts and dreams, what you believe to be your three key priorities for our archdiocesan Pastoral Planning for the next decade. I encourage you to ground your reflection and responses in prayer to the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, so that He may inspire, guide and animate this Archdiocesan ecclesial process of consulting the Body of Christ.

I invite you to participate in our consultation. We have made every effort to ensure the process is brief and efficient. Options are also available should you wish to offer a group submission. Please make sure to complete your feedback by December 15, 2023. We will then analyze the results which will help guide us as we discern and craft an updated Pastoral Plan, to be shared at an appropriate time in 2024.

Be assured of my ongoing gratitude for all that you do and witness and prayers for your loved ones and communities. Let us entrust this consultation and reflection to the maternal mediation of Mary, Mother of the Church and through the powerful intercession of our archdiocesan patron, Saint Michael the Archangel.

Yours Sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

**Most Rev. Francis Leo**  
*Archbishop of Toronto*





CWL members remember our friend **Marlon Henry** at a Mass in St. Boniface Church, 15 November.



In preparation for an operation on 15 November, baby **Aidan Emmanuel** receives the Anointing of the Sick;

St. Augustine Seminary



## The first in a series of Patristic Talks for the 2023-2024 Seminary Year

On October 17, 2023, **Rev. Brendan Lupton** spoke about ST. GREGORY THE GREAT in his talk entitled, "Gregory the Great: Why is he Great?"

A diverse group of 65 participants, including seminarians, professors, and students from the University of Toronto, attended the hybrid lecture. Rev. Lupton is President of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology, and Associate Professor in the Department of Dogmatic Theology and Patristics at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois.

He is a Member of the North American Patristic Society and the Academy of Catholic Theology.

Please join us for our upcoming talks in the *Divina Eloquia* series ([www.staugustines.on.ca/events](http://www.staugustines.on.ca/events)).

*Next public event:*

**Journeying with the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer:  
An Advent Reflection** † 9 December 2023

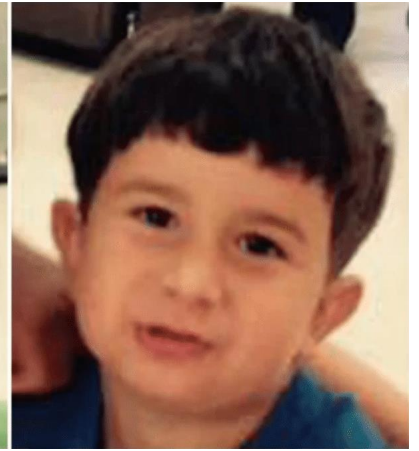
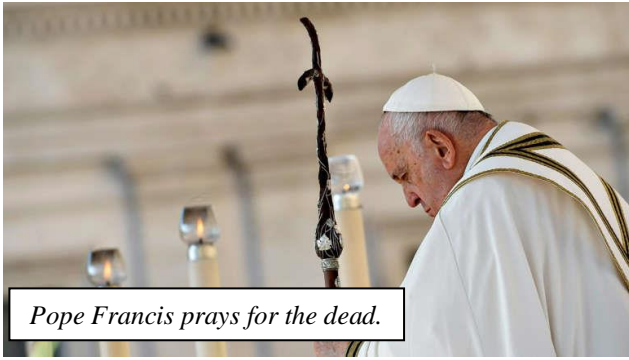
**Speaker: Dr. Josephine Lombardi**

*Registration is open*



O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.





They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
Laurence Binyon

Jonathan (12) and Nicholas (9) Bastidas, died on 6 November 2019 at their home in Brampton.





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Peggy's Cove, N.S.

