



## Parish Week

“We loved them in life;  
we will not forget them  
in death.”

✠ Sunday, 26 Nov. 2023

## Focus on the Word

### Christ the King Sunday, Year A

Ezekiel 34.11-17; 1 Corinthians 15.20-28; Matthew 25.31-46

*Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased



### Hyderali Ladha

The **100** victims of the **flooding** in **China** in **August**

## 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.

## A New Liturgical Year

The current liturgical year, “A,” ends with the week after the Feast of **Christ the King**, which this year is on:

26 November 2023.

The next Sunday is the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**;

3 December 2023.

It starts a new Liturgical Year, “B” in our 3-year cycle of readings. The Sunday Gospels will be from the evangelist **Mark**.

## Diocesan Consultation

*Please complete survey by 15 December*

*A reminder to everyone: 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 the website bulletin of 19 November, 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.

## COMING UP

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- 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)
- 11 Dec. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:45 am);  
St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)

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

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

### 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
- St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal

- 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

### Monday 27 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
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### Tuesday, 28 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (Jose)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lucita Castro (Rima Sunglao & family)

### Wednesday, 29 Nov.

- Fr. Edwin Galea: Ordination Anniversary (1980)
- 8.00 am Mass: † Pedro & Mervin Camacho (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Holy Souls (Lillian D’Souza)

### Thursday, 30 Nov. / St. Andrew, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 6.00 pm Memorial Mass – Antonia Pe Benito
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Fe & Florentino Tablada (family)

### Friday, 1 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † All Souls of the Alagaratnam family
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

### Sat., 2 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday  
(Peter & Savitri Mosahib)
- 6.15 pm Advent Family Carol Night

### SUNDAY, 3 DEC. / ADVENT 1-B

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- R&R Report

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas  
(Maria Subramaniam)
- 10.30 am Mass: † George Bastiampillai (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Wayne Arsenault (John & Louise)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# 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!*



## The Knights of Columbus host an ADVENT FAMILY CAROL NIGHT Saturday, 2 December, 6.15 pm

All are welcome to an evening of fellowship and joy in anticipation of the feast of the birth of the Messiah. Bring the whole family! Would you like to sing with us and be on the program? Call: **Mario**, 437-245-1975.

## Confirmation

*Saturday Confirmation classes: start 2 December*

Preparation will begin on 2 December for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for students in public school, and students in Catholic schools outside our Parish.

The meetings are from 10 – 11 am, in the Stage Area on the Hall level. No documents are required for the first meeting, which is primarily for registration and orientation. See the details on page 3 in the website bulletin.

**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. Contact the Pastor, **Fr. Edwin**, for details: 416-261-0076. Thank you.

# 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."

## St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal Launch: 26 November

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we recall many in our community who are less fortunate and who could benefit from our prayers and almsgiving.

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks your support for the help we provide to the poor. Envelopes will be made available at the doors of the Church so that you can help us to extend Christ's love to our neighbors who are in need.

## R&R Report 3 December

The November R&R REPORT will be presented at all Masses on 2 and 3 December.

## Stewardship

### 2024 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2024 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

<i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</i> <small>Matt 6:21</small>	<b>My Offering</b>
	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

## 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.



# Double your love

**For a limited time, your gift will be matched!**

## ShareLife | Matching Gift

*To all Parishioners:*

Today we bring you an exciting opportunity, which has the power to amplify the impact of your compassion. From now through December 31, your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous donor, up to \$500,000.

This means your year-end gift goes twice as far toward helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters. That includes the homeless and marginalized people served by Good Shepherd Ministries. This *ShareLife*-funded organization has been a beacon of hope for the past 60 years. With your unwavering support, they uphold the dignity of everyone who walks through their doors.

In addition to its *ShareLife*-funded addiction recovery program, you're now providing meals at Good Shepherd Ministries through our recently-launched FOOD SECURITY GRANTS. Your support of this program is providing 13,000 meals at Good Shepherd Ministries.

Your selfless compassion does more than combat hunger. Good Shepherd Ministries – one of 28 agencies and parishes receiving Food Security Grants – creates a welcoming space where vulnerable individuals find hope for a better future.

With this matching gift, your faithful generosity makes that future brighter. Take full advantage, knowing every dollar you give will be doubled.

Together, we can create a ripple effect of positive change, so no one in our community goes hungry.

### *Matching Gift*

From now through December 31, your gift will be matched up to \$500,000.

Your contribution supports over 40 Catholic agencies and grant recipients that serve the poor and marginalized in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond. ShareLife-funded social service agencies help the entire community, regardless of religious affiliation or financial means.

How often would you like to donate?

### *Parish Campaign Progress*

\$11,667,387 of \$13,800,000

85% of goal

*“It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right.”*

**- Archbishop Francis Leo.**









Above: The family of **Louis Ventigan** receives the Certificate for His Baptism on 18 November 2023.



Left: Officers **Omid Mojtahedi**, **Michael Sharpe** and **Glenn Pais** from 41 Division, after the Police Community Presentation in our Church following the 5.00 pm Mass on 4 November 2023. The *Question & Answer* period following the actual presentation generated considerable discussion.

Below: Participants in the REMEMBRANCE DAY Ceremony gather in front of the Altar following the 5.00 pm Mass, 11 November.

The ceremony, organized by the Knights of Columbus, involved a number of their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members, as well as our Parish Clergy, Seminarian **Raphael Carolina**, Police Officers **Naylon** and **Yegit**, and a student who read *In Flanders Fields*, the poem written on 3 May 1915 (during the First World War) by Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel **John McCrae**, from Guelph.



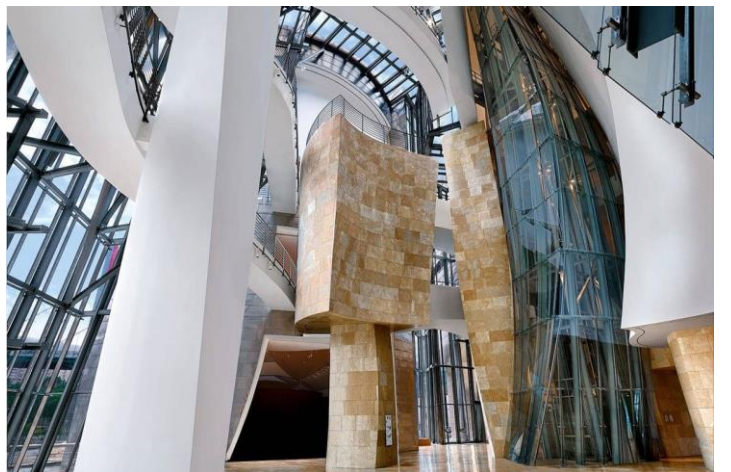
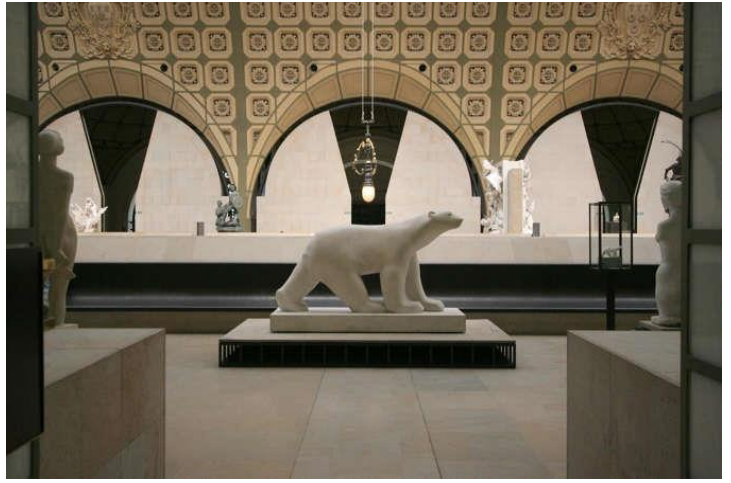




Knights of Columbus join Fr. Elias after the funeral Mass for his brother Adel, 20 November.











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