



Parish Week † Sunday, 7 Jan. 2024

Saturday, 6 Jan. / St. André Bessette, / religious

8.00 am Mass: † Domingo Villasis (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 7 JAN. / EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Maria Subramaniam)
10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Carol Morra)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 8 Jan. / THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. John Velasco on his Birthday
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent

Tuesday, 9 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Alexandra D'Cunha (Esme D'Mello)

Wednesday, 10 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Ina Manuel (Corine)

Thursday, 11 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: † Andres C. Bustamante (family)

Friday, 12 Jan. / St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

8.00 am Mass: † Kelvin Capit (St. Maria Goretti School Staff)

Saturday, 13 Jan. / St. Hilary, bishop & doctor

■ *Bishop Vincent Nguyen: Episcopal Ordination Anniversary (2010)*

8.00 am Mass: † Cerelina Velasco (friend)
5.00 pm Mass: † Isaac Gallego (Gloria)

SUNDAY, 14 JAN. / 2-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

9.00 am Mass: † Francis & Johnny D'Souza (family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Reginald D'Cunha (KOC Beach's Council)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Mother of Perpetual Help

Let Mary bring peace into your life. Pray for your special intentions at the Monday Novena Mass to *Our Mother of Perpetual Help*. Rosary at 6.40 pm, Mass at 7.00.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Focus on the Word

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-6; Matthew 2.1-12

O God, who on this day revealed your Only begotten Son the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

24 December 2023

Chinnamma Abraham, Margarita Pinlac,

Fr. Patrick Joseph Fitzpatrick, Fr. William Henry Irwin

The 2 Swedish soccer fans killed in an Islamic attack in Brussels

31 December 2023

Isidra Calma De Guzman,

Fr. Russell Ralph Sampson, Fr. John Szkodzinski

The 55 victims of the flash floods in Haiti in June

7 January 2024

Josie Nosan, Annette Hynes, Sesilia Sunami,

Fr. James Kelsey McConica

The 14 victims of the mass shooting in Prague

Liturgy Notes

7 JANUARY: ■ Feast of the Epiphany

The Nativity Scene is complete today with the addition of the figures of the *Three Magi*. These remarkable individuals were not Jewish, but they were completely caught up with looking for Jesus. They pored over the Scriptures to find out where he would be born. To reach Bethlehem, they rode camels and traveled by the guidance and light of a star. After their epic journey, they wanted to give their gifts to the newborn King right away!



COMING UP

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8 Jan. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
14 Jan. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
22 Jan. ► St. Albert School Mass (1.00 pm)
23 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9.00 am)
28 Jan. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

5 Feb. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
7 Feb. ► St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation & School Reconciliation (9.30 am)

8 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation (9.00 am)
9 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation (9.30 am)

11 Feb.

Our Lady of Lourdes;

- World Day of Prayer for the Sick;

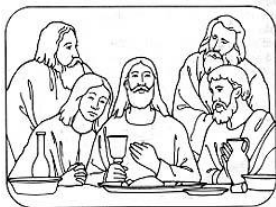
- Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Communion



Students in our parish Catholic Schools receive RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION preparation in Grade 2. The parish will take care of the immediate instruction; families of enrolled students will be given a calendar at their Information Night early in the New Year. See the bulletin & website for the schedule.

Students not in our Parish Schools receive preparation at our Saturday classes, held at 10.00 am in the South Classroom.

Confirmation

Students in our Catholic Schools receive Confirmation in Grade 7. The Family Information Nights will be held in January. See the bulletin & website for the schedule.

Students not in our Parish Schools receive preparation at our Saturday classes, held at 10.00 am in the Stage.



RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the next meetings are on 5 & 12 January 2023. The RCIC meets Saturday mornings; the next meetings are on 6 & 13 January.

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. The culmination of the candidates' preparation will occur in the celebration of the rites of initiation at the Easter Vigil Liturgy, Holy Saturday night. Contact the Parish office for details: 416-261-0076. Thank you.

Changes for our Parish Records

Please notify the Parish Office in person after Sunday morning Mass, or by phone at 416-261-0076, if you:

- Have had a change of address
- Have a new phone number, e-mail or cell phone

A simple phone call would keep our parish records updated and eliminate unnecessary postage and returned mail.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Emiliano de los Reyes** for their gift of the three beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar following his funeral on 25 February 2023. May he rest in peace.

☺ Your sabbath smile

When I got home last night, my wife begged me to take her someplace expensive. So, I took her to a gas station. And that's when the fight started...

Catholic Women's League

The *Catholic Women's League of Canada* calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Watch for their upcoming events.



Ordinary Time



The day following the Feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* marks the Resumption of the liturgical season called ORDINARY TIME. There is nothing "ordinary" about Ordinary Time. Its name refers simply to the fact that weeks are listed by *ordinal* numbers; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

During Ordinary Time, we examine the ordinary ways in which we celebrate the mysteries of God's Kingdom in our lives. Ordinary Time begins after Christmas season. It is interrupted a few weeks later by Lent and Easter; it resumes on the day after Pentecost, and continues until the beginning of a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

During this longest of the liturgical season - 34 weeks altogether - we reflect on the message of Christ and on our role as a Christian community, in helping to bring about the *Kingdom of God* in the world. We focus on the work of being the Church: sharing the mission of Jesus to proclaim God's love.

The Knights of Columbus

Upcoming events



- 14 Jan. 1.30 pm Executive meeting
- 21 Jan. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting

Sunday School Christmas / New Year break

After the current Christmas / New Year Break, our *Sunday School for Kids*, held at the 10.30 Mass, will resume on:

7 January 2024.

Stewardship

2023 Receipts, 2024 Envelopes



Soon, the Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2023 will be in the Vestibule, for pick up after Mass.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

Parishioners who have not yet picked up their 2024 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule are invited to do so. They are for *registered* parishioners; if you are new to the parish and have not registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

Christmas Flowers

PATRON

Corine Maulion

Large Arrangement

IN HONOUR OF

**Members of the Bermas Family
Our Mother Mary
Members of the Pacia Family
Members of the Penalosa Family
Members of the Villaverde Family**

IN MEMORY OF

**Deceased Members of the Balomit Family
Deceased Members of Camacho Family
Deceased Members of the Contreras Family
Kavitha Deschamp
Clive Francis Fernandez
Ramon & Juanita Gatchalian
Feliciano De Guzman
Chiu Tseng Hsiang & Liu Fang Chin Mei
Deceased Members of the Jimenez
J. Joseph & Theresa Family Deceased
Members of Macabali Family
George Morcos
Deceased Members of the Nidea Family
Deceased Members of the Pantano Family
John Blanco Racoya
Deceased Members of the Serneo Family
Arjune & Nandrani Singh
Elaine Singh Deceased Members of the
Adorica Sunga Family
Srikantha Mohar & Thangarani
Eileen Wright**

Small Arrangement

IN MEMORY OF

**Dioscora & Espiridion Antigua
Members of the Antigua Family
Anastacia & Marcelo Durano
Matteo Lombardi
Peter Joseph Liu
Members of the Magdadaro Family
Linda & Teofisto Jr. Magdadaro
Michele Morra
Silveria & Eufrazio Mundo
Paz & Jose Segador
Felisa & Juan Trinidad
Jose, Isabel & Larry Trinidad**





Family and friends of Gabriel Micah Zapanta gather for his Memorial Mass, 28 December.



Isabella Sarte celebrates her first Christmas with her parents.

Mass for the Faithful Departed of 2023

At the 7 pm Mass on New Year Eve, 31 December 2023, we will pray for all the *Faithful Departed of 2023*. Those whose names were included in our Sunday intercessions (up to publication time) are noted below:

The Faithful Departed of 2023

Prayers for 2022

DECEMBER

(26) **Robert Fleming, Jocelyn Jeremiah, Raymond Kundinger, Dolores Ramirez, Peter John Woodcock**, The 142 victims of the Halloween surge in South Korea.

Prayers for 2023

JANUARY

(1) **Alex Slawomir Chamara, Fr. Vince Jazmines**, The 132 victims of the suspension bridge collapse in Morbi, India; (8) The 12 victims of the landslide on the Island of Ischia, Italy in November; (15) **Emilie Mijares, Vanessa Kurpiewska**, the victim of the stabbing at the High Park subway station on 8 December; (22) **Agapito De Rosales, Emelina Mendez, Cardinal George Pell**, The 5 victims of the shooting at the Bellaria Condo in Vaughan; (29) **Rosalina Dy-Contreras, Rita Camilleri, Vittorio Panza, Russell & Lorraine Manock, Naveed Dada**;

FEBRUARY

(5) **Maria Paula Lang, Anne Mastrovita**; The 4 victims of the Christmas Eve bus crash in British Columbia; (12) **Essa Salim Hafawi**, The 48 victims of the Christmas Snow Storm in the US; (19) **Deacon William Carson, Constable Grzegorz Pierzchala**, the OPP officer shot on 27 December in Hagersville; (26) **Deacon Cornelius Manne, Rosario Pascua**, The 121 victims of the bombing at Zobe junction in Mogadishu, Somalia in October

MARCH

(5) **Fr. Mario Bellinaso, Fr. Ivica Kecerin, Crofton Martyn, Elaine Singh, Miguel Venzon**, The 72 victims of the plane crash in Nepal in January; (12) **Rosetta Mizzi**, All the victims this year of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, including the 45 victims of the Russian missile strike on an apartment building in Dnipro on 17 January; (19) **Nestor Abon, Anita Hennis, Anthony Mascarenhas, Ivan Storey**, The 18 victims of the shootings in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay, California in January; (26) The 45,000 victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria in February

APRIL

(2) **Jose Da Costa Amaral, Gwen Camacho**, The 101 victims of the mosque bombing in Peshawar, Pakistan; (9) **Theresa Cherickal**, The 20 victims of the suicide bombing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul, Afghanistan on 11 January; (16) **Bishop David O'Connell** of Los Angeles who was murdered in February; (23) **Ralph Koch, Clara Rodrigues**, The 45,000 victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria in February; (30) **Hermogenes Macandog, Gloria McLaren**, The 57 victims of the train tragedy in Greece at the end of February

MAY

(7) **Flora Abuan, Deacon Giovanni Leva, Joseph Calderon, Fr. Viateur Laurin**, The hundreds of victims of extreme gang violence in Haiti this year; (14) **Sienna Menezes Almeida, Fr. Christopher Bennett, Helen Cinco, Elmer James Simbol**, The 7 victims of the tragic fire in the center of old Montreal in March; (21) **Elizabeth Chamberlain, Dionisia Claudio, Janet Somerville**, The 8 migrants who drowned in the St. Lawrence River in a failed attempt to enter the USA in the Winter; (28) **Fabian Arico, Frances Bartolotta, Paul Comte, Alain Canizares, Nada Eljuga, Clarence Lee, Peter Paul Sarino**

JUNE

(4) **Ronald Caruso, Pedro Favila, Elera Fernandes, William Juricek, Carmen Shim-Ping**; The 26 victims of the tornados that struck Mississippi at the end of March; (11) **Osvaldo Cambanza, Philomena Carriere, Ruben Dimalanta**, The 226 victims of the starvation cult in Kenya in April; (18) **Helen Chan Ah Sy**, The 9,000 Ukrainian civilians killed in Russia's invasion since February 2022; (25) **Bishop Nicola De Angelis**, The 39 priests who were murdered in Mexico over the last 10 years

JULY

(2) **Mena Belen, Carissa MacDonald & Aaron Stone**, the young couple who were killed by their landlord in May near Hamilton; (9) **Maria Adamo, Ferdinand Boehm, Antonio Deguara, Josepe Maria Hernandez, Paul Anthony Morrison, Thomas Pierre, Benedict Rodrick**, The 300 victims of the passenger trail disaster in Odisha, India in June; (16) The 10 wedding guests who died on a bus rollover in Australia in June; (23) **Fr. Jose Maria Escribano Esteban, Sr. Margaret Mary Griffith, John Kirk Howard, Inez Marie McGovern**, The 15 seniors who died in the bus crash in Manitoba in June; (30) **David Vincent Curtis, Fr. Lawrence Dugo**, The 50 victims of the prison riots in Honduras in May

AUGUST

(6) Emilio Bruni, Raffaella Capano, Paul Crawford, Saveria Longo, The 5 victims of the Titan submarine tragedy in June; (13) Nenita Pine Cabanan, Angelika Courtis, Eileen Amelia Da Silva, Lydia Ender, Domenico Peticca, The 50 victims of the Islamic attack on the school children in Uganda in June; (20) The 50 victims who were killed by a runaway truck in Kenya in June; (27) Elizabeth Theresa Blakney, Romeo Manalese Sr., Valdemar De Melo Pinherio, Allen Joe Richard, Margaret Sauer, Richard Sasaki, The 5 victims of the fishing tragedy in Quebec in June

SEPTEMBER

(3) Salvacion Gomez Viernes, The 39 Vietnamese migrants who suffocated inside a truck trailer on their way to England in October; (9) Frank Doyle, Romeo Aguilar Gorospe, Rodelio Yumol, The 40 victims of the riot in a women's prison in Honduras in June; (10) Frank Doyle, Rodelio Yumol, The 40 victims of the riot in a women's prison in Honduras in June; (17) Caroline Bastiampillai, Roberto Galicia, Eugene Hazi, Murray Wilson, The 40 victims of the suicide bombing in Pakistan in July; (24) Isaac Gallego, Edita De Lima Lopez, The 180 victims of the tragic August wild fires in Hawaii

OCTOBER

(1) Glyden Catalan, Samuel Lagera, Norman Lalonde, Giuliana Petrei, Maria Roccasalva, Adele Strach, The 6 victims of the flooding in Slovenia in August; (8) Jose Feliciano Evangelista; (15) Michael Raymond Munian, The 28 victims of the explosion in San Cristobel, Puerto Rico in August; (22) Caterina Mangano, Quirino Reoliquio, Julius Yntig, The 2,439 victims of the civil violence in Haiti since the beginning of this year; Antonia Pe Benito, The 80 low income renters and squatters who died in the fire in an apartment building in Johannesburg, South Africa in August

NOVEMBER

(5) Kelvin Capit, Conchita D'Villa, The 28 labourers who died in the railway bridge collapse in Mizoram State, India; (12) Benito Cortese, Sandra Lee Dinsmore, Terence Doi, Steven Michael Langridge, Regent Poulin, The 11,000 victims of the flooding in Libya in September; (19) Guy Leger, Deacon Dominic Pullano, Nilda Ortiz, Giovanni Parisi, The 3,000 victims of the earthquake in Morocco in September; (26) Hyderali Ladha, The 100 victims of the flooding in China in August

DECEMBER

(3) Paolo Di Natale; The 21 victims of the tourist bus disaster near Venice in October; (10) Edison Gonzales, The 63 victims of the Khyber terrorist attack in Pakistan in July; (17) Chinnamma Abraham, Maud Joan Fisher, Margarite Pinlac, The 2 Swedish fans killed in an Islamic attack in Brussels in October; (24) Isidro Calma De Guzman, The 55 victims of the flash floods Haiti in June.

Other friends:

Adel Chachati, Barbara Court, Camila Rosales Maulion, Kaki Rempillo, Rosanna Narag, Indradevi Appadurai, Soosai Josephpillai, Jesulita Roy, Sandra Dinsmore, Mary Elizabeth Millwood, Maud Joan Fisher, Juanita Peralta, Franziska Begitsch, Rizalito Parco Caguicla, Edelfonsa Reyes-Balagtas, Emiliana Gonsay Javier-Borja, Ethen Cinilkumar, Joyce Isobel Durban, Lawrie Coutinho.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among
women and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*



*Holy Mary, mother of
God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

REQUIEM AETERNAM

dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Requiescant in pace. Amen.



ETERNAL REST grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

O Lord, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your departed servants, the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. You who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.



Parish choir members at their Caroling sessions: *McCowan Residence* (top), and *Providence Healthcare* (below).





Trilogy Long Term Care, and Scarborough Retirement Home.





