



If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! - 2 Corinthians 5.17

Parish Week † Sunday, 14 Jan. 2024

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)
- RCIA Commissioning Rite & Certificate Presentation

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 Beaches Council)
- *KOC Family of the Year certificate presentation to Rene & Jocelyn Antigua*
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 15 Jan.

- 9.00 am Mass: † Trevor Felix DeSilva (wife)
- 11.00 am funeral: † Lucia Cornilla
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Saverian Joseph (family)

Tuesday, 16 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Camila Maulion (Corine)

Wednesday, 17 Jan. / St. Anthony, *abbot*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mr. & Mrs. John (Bastiampillai family)

Thursday, 18 Jan.

- *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*
- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving, 43rd Wedding Anniversary (Emilio & Aurora Go)

Friday, 19 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Antoinetta Antonio (Mariani & Portia Arriola)

Saturday, 20 Jan. / St. Sebastian, *martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)

SUNDAY, 21 JAN. / 3-B

Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Roger Escorpiso (friend)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Rebecca Gomes & family
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Alford Williams (Anastasia & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 Samuel 3.3-19; 1 Corinthians 6.13-20; John 1.35-42

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Amen

Pray for the Deceased

Manuel Basa, Anton Emmanuel, Severina Mamaril, Cristobel Ventura

The **2 victims** of the **multi vehicle crash** involving a **school bus** in **Caledon** in **December**

Knights of Columbus



- The next *Knights of Columbus* Executive Meeting will be held at 12.15 pm on 13 January.
- Choir Rehearsal to follow at 1 pm.
- Presentation of the *Family of the Year* certificate to **Rene and Jocelyn Antigua** at the 7 pm Mass, 14 Jan.
- Remove Christmas decorations after 7 pm Mass, 15 Jan.
- Next General Meeting: 1.30 pm on 21 January.

COMING UP

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- 22 Jan. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (1.00 pm)
- 22 & 23 Jan. 1st Communion Family Information Nights (7:30 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)
- 12 & 13 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Nights (7:30 pm)
- 14 Feb. **Ash Wednesday;**
- *Lent* begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence;
- Parish Mass (8.00 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Liturgy (9.00 am);
- ▶ St. Albert School Liturgy (1.00 pm);
- Parish Mass (7.00 pm)
- 25 Feb. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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



[Above:] The 1st Communion class of Holy Family Parish, Gaza, Palestine, 7 January 2024, with their Parish Priests and the Nuns who taught them.

1st Communion, Confirmation Information Meetings

Families with children ready to prepare as Candidates for:

1ST CONFESSION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

are invited to attend one of two Information Meetings:

Monday or Tuesday - 22 or 23 January

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

This invitation is extended to all families who have:

- Children in Grade 2 in our Catholic Schools;
- Children in private and public schools who are in our Saturday 1st Communion class which began in September.

We also welcome families with Catholic School children in Grade 3 & up, who have not yet received these Sacraments;

Families with students ready to prepare as Candidates for:

CONFIRMATION

are invited to attend one of two Information Meetings:

Monday or Tuesday - 12 or 13 February

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the next meetings are on 19 & 26 January 2023. The RCIC meets at 10.00 am on Saturday mornings; the next meetings are on 20 & 28 January.

Please pray for the Neophytes from the Early Initiation Rite on 18 November 2023. Their MYSTAGOGY Period will end with the *Rite of Commissioning & Certificate Presentation* at the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 13 January. May God bless them and their families as they continue to mature as faithful disciples of Christ.

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.



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.

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.

A Special Gift PENS FOR PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

We thank **Mark Jardine** for his kind gift of the canister of pens for the prayer slips for our Monday *Perpetual Help* devotions.

Stewardship

2023 Receipts, 2024 Envelopes



Soon, the Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all 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*.

Parish Memorials

A *lasting legacy*: Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus.

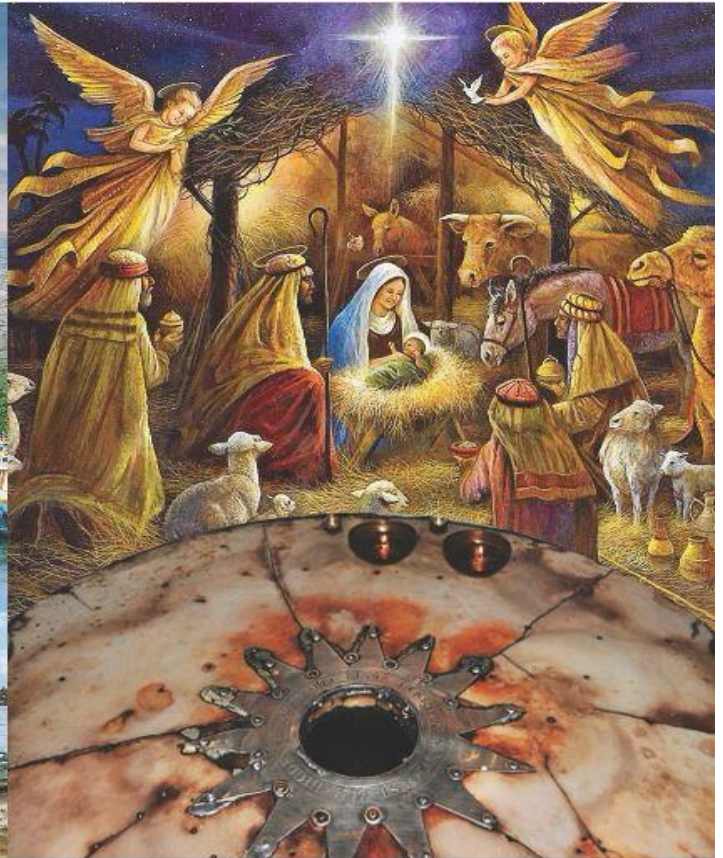
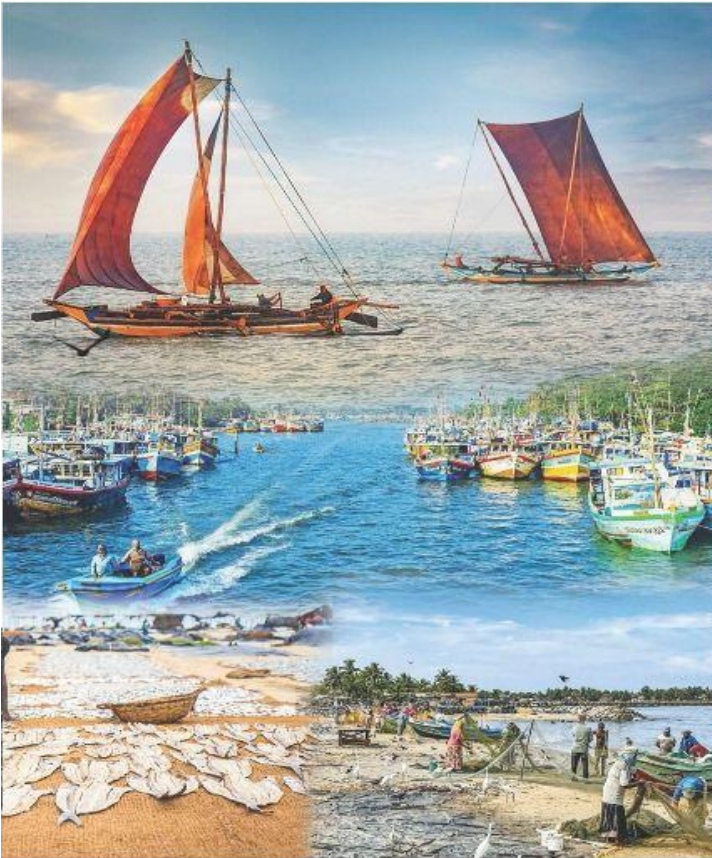
Our *legal title* is: "**St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Scarborough, Ontario.**" Correspondence is addressed to the *Pastor*, 717 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 2C1.



Daphne Dias celebrates Christmas with her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and her great-great-grandchildren.



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy staff and choir members at the Advent Mass, 20 December.



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NEGOMBO
SRI LANKA




CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
BETHLEHEM
BIRTHPLACE OF JESUS CHRIST



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
GRAND STREET
NEGOMBO.

"A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT LIGHT
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HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



THIS IS MY WISH FOR ALL OF YOU,
WHEN YOU CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

REV. FR. K. A. JUDE RAJ FERNANDO



Participants in the Memorial Candle ceremony at the 7 pm New Year Eve Mass, 31 December.



