

# Parish Week † Sunday, 4 Feb. 2024

## Saturday, 3 Feb. / St. Blaise, *bishop & martyr*

### ■ Individual Blessing of Throats

- 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of Francis & Correa families (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)

## SUNDAY, 4 FEB. / 5-B

### ■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

### ■ Congregational Blessing of Throats

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Thanesh Thanarajan)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Patrick De Caires (Peter Carnie)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 5 Feb. / St. Agatha, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Emarie Garcia (Vinah)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Scott Partington (family)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

## Tuesday, 6 Feb. / St. Paul Miki and Companions, *martyrs*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

## Wednesday, 7 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joyce Durban (Amalia Haddad)
- 9.30 am St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (& whole school)

## Thursday, 8 Feb. / St. Josephine Bakhita, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Briccio Madarang (family)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

## Friday, 9 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Kathleen Spatola (family)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti Sch. Reconciliation (whole school)

## Saturday, 10 Feb. / St. Scholastica, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Carrol Fernandes (school mate)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Evaristo family)

## SUNDAY, 11 FEB. / 6-B

### ■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

### ■ World Day of the Sick

### ■ Fr. Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.: death anniversary (2015)

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Siromi Ameresekere (friends)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Marguerite Chan Chan Wong (family)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## RCIA Rite of Election

2 pm, 18 Feb., St. Isaac Jogues Church  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, 18 February, RCIA & RCIC candidates completing the *Catechumenate* period will celebrate the Rite of ELECTION.

The Rite be conducted by **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** at 2.00 pm at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering.



# Focus on the Word

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Job 7.1-7; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39

*Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

### Fr. Fred Schmid, Roberto DiCicco, Cardinal Telesphore Placidus Toppo

The **40** victims of the **recent flooding** in **Kenya & Somalia**



## Marriage Sunday 3.00 pm, 11 February

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Mass with **Archbishop Francis Leo**

As part of the Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, **Archbishop Francis Leo** will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating anniversaries # 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+. The Mass will take place at 3.00 on Sunday, 11 February at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their Marriage commitment during the Mass.

## COMING UP

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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)

17 Feb.

Family Night Spaghetti Supper (6.30 – 8.30 pm)

25 Feb.

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

4 Mar.

Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

10 Mar.

Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)

17 Mar.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **ShareLife**

19 Mar.

- ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)

24 Mar.

### Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins

28 Mar.

**Holy Thursday:** *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;*  
- Adoration until midnight

29 Mar.

**Good Friday:** *The Passion of Our Lord;*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Good Friday*

31 Mar.

**Easter Sunday:** *Resurrection of Our Lord;*  
2 Collections: (a) *Offertory;* (b) *Easter;*

1 Apr.

Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

7 Apr.

Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)

14 Apr.

St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass

16 Apr.

► St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)

17 Apr.

St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)

21 Apr.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **ShareLife #2;**  
St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (2:30 pm)

28 Apr.

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

## ShareLife 2024 ✠ *Living the Gospel*



Dear brothers and sisters,  
It is with immense joy that I extend my deep appreciation to each one of you for your kind and compassionate support of *ShareLife*.

In my very brief time as your Archbishop, I have been deeply moved by the sensitive and giving spirit that pervades our wonderful

archdiocese. Your commitment to demonstrating love through tangible actions truly inspires me. In the biblical account of the multiplication of the loaves, we witness the profound impact that love can have. Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves to feed the hungry crowd, your compassion multiplies blessings for those on the fringes of society. May you continue to be moved by His love for us and inspired to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters.

In 2023, your support of the Parish Campaign led to an exceptional fundraising achievement of \$14.2 million. This marks an extraordinary record. Your continued faithful support makes it possible to carry out the essential work of ShareLife-funded agencies, reaching out to those most in need with love and understanding. The impact of your warm generosity echoes the teachings of the Gospel, and for that I express my deepest gratitude. Thank you for living the Gospel by being a beacon of kindness in our community. Your caring support enables us to make a lasting impact in the lives of many.

May the Lord's blessings abundantly multiply in your lives.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

**Most Reverend Francis Leo**

*Archbishop of Toronto*

Your support for *ShareLife* brought the hands of Christ to those in need. Because of you, *ShareLife* agencies annually help more than 150,000 people.

- ✠ You eased the struggles of more than 13,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services;
- ✠ You offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors;
- ✠ You invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at *St. Augustine Seminary* and *Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary* in the current academic year;
- ✠ You helped sponsor 708 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- ✠ You extended a helping hand to over 1,600 young parents and their children;
- ✠ You provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,300 people with special needs and their families.

*Thank you* for LIVING THE GOSPEL by helping those who are in need!



## 1<sup>st</sup> Confession

Kindly remember in your prayers our parish youth who will soon receive the Sacrament of *Reconciliation*:



### FIRST CONFESSION

7 February: ST. ALBERT SCHOOL: 9.30 am

8 February: ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: 9.00 am

## Confirmation Information Meetings



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.

## Church Bulletin Advertising

*Liturgical Publications* will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call *Liturgical Publications* at: **905-624-4422**.

### *A Special Gift* TABERNACLE CANDLES

We thank **Corine Maulion** for her kind gift of a supply of the special candles used at our Tabernacle. God bless you.

## 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*.

### 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.



# ShareLife

As we prepare to begin our 2024 ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Since 1976, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our 2024 *ShareLife* Appeal.

## Family Services

Catholic Family Services of Durham  
 Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin  
 Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County  
 Catholic Family Services of Toronto (416) 921-1163  
 Catholic Community Services of York Region  
 FertilityCare Toronto (416) 465-2868  
 Natural Family Planning Association | (416) 481-5465

## Children and Youth

Camp Ozanam (416) 364-5577  
 Covenant House (416) 598-4898  
 Office of Catholic Youth (416) 599-7676  
 Sancta Maria House (416) 925-7333  
 Youth-In-Transition (416) 598-4898

## People with Special Needs

Mary Centre of Toronto (416) 630-5533  
 Our Place Community of Hope (416) 598-2919  
 Saint Elizabeth Health Care (905) 940-9655  
 Silent Voice Canada (416) 463-1104  
 St. Bernadette Family Resource Centre (416) 654-9810  
 St. Michael's / Matt Talbot Houses (416) 926-8267  
 Street Haven at the Crossroads (416) 967-6060

## Elderly People

Centres d'Accueil Héritage | (416) 365-3350  
 LA Centre for Active Living | (416) 452-4875  
 Providence Healthcare | (416) 285-3666  
 Society of Sharing | (416) 413-0380

## Immigrants and Refugees

Catholic Cross-Cultural Services | (416) 757-7010  
 Office for Refugees | (416) 934-0606 ext. 804

## Single and Teen Parents

Rosalie Hall | (416) 438-6880  
 Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services | (905) 432-3622 (Oshawa) | (289) 385-1160 (Ajax)  
 Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers | (905) 853-5514  
 Vita Centre | (905) 502-7933

## Education of Clergy

St. Augustine's Seminary | (416) 261-7207  
 Office of Vocations | (416) 968-0997  
 Redemptoris Mater Seminary | (416) 264-9477

## International Development and Missions

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace |  
 Pastoral Mission Fund | (416) 934-0606 ext. 567

## Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development

Catholic Charities of Toronto Archdiocese (416) 934-3401

## Special Projects

Special Project funding was directed to our Parish Outreach to Seniors pilot project, Grief Reconciliation for Young Mothers pilot project and Shared Services between agencies for financial management and information technology.

## Grants-in-aid Agencies

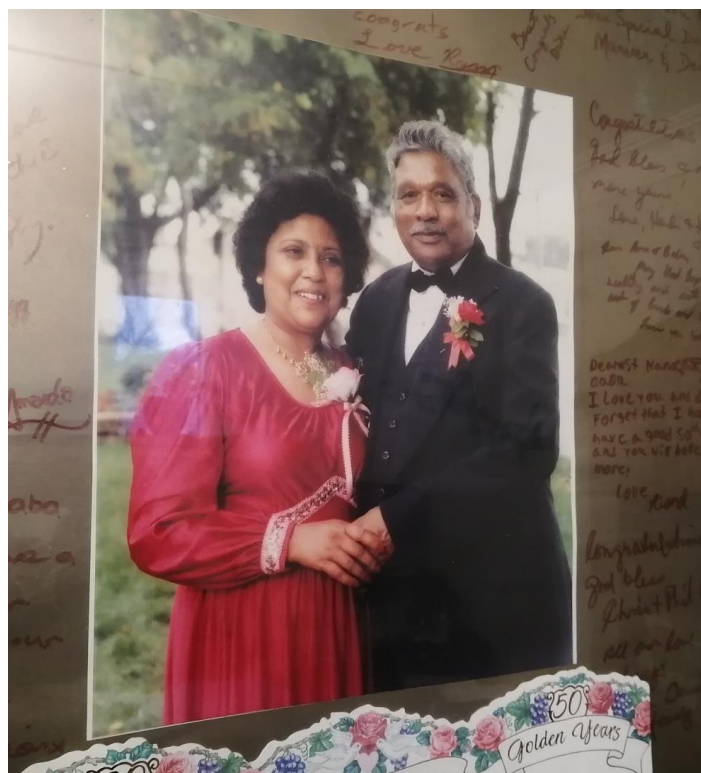
The deVeber Institute; Birthright International - Toronto  
 Toronto Right to Life; New Beginnings; Canadian Food for Children; Good Shepherd Ministries; St. John Paul the Great Family Centre; Hospital Chaplaincy; Special grants allocated by Catholic Charities.

\* Catholic Charities, with the support of *ShareLife*, provided additional community grants for services to those who are hungry, homeless and dying; to refugees and immigrants; to children living in poverty; and for prison ministry through community reintegration programs.

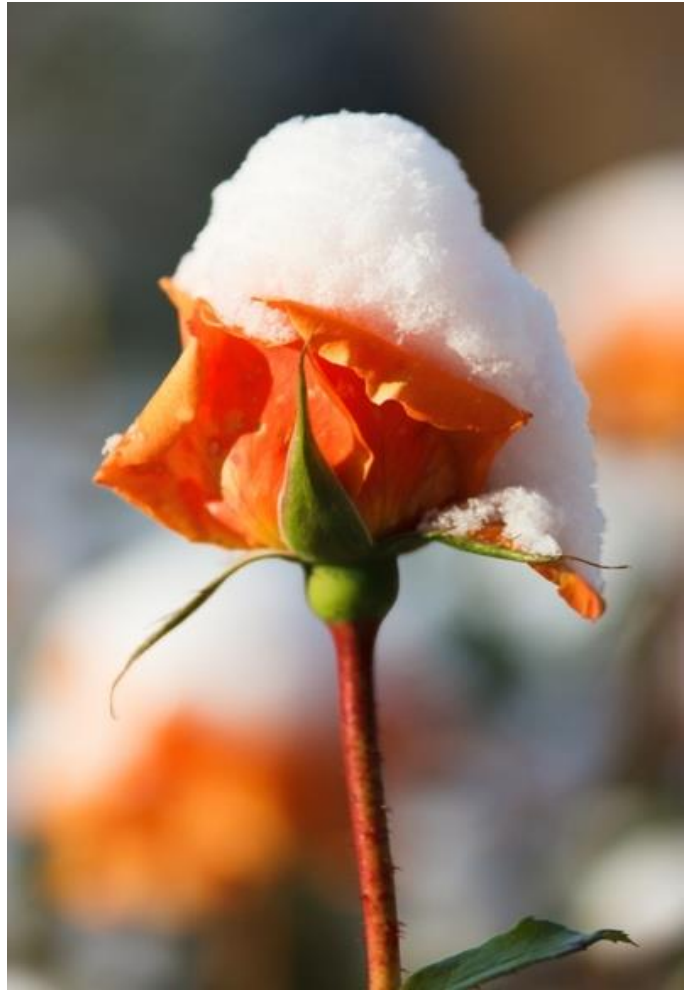
40<sup>th</sup> & 41<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Blessings, 28 January 2024.



The family of Mildred Cusi, 19 January.



Thelma and Martin John on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.







[Above:] As Catedrais, Galcia coast, Spain



[Above:] Trakai Island, Lithuania

[Below:] Stromatolites, Shark Bay, Australia



