

Parish Week

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.*

Sunday, 18 Feb. 2024

Saturday, 17 Feb. / Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 8.00 am Mass: † Estrellita Papag (Arriola family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Norberto Pasia
(St. Maria Goretti School Staff)
- 6.30 pm *Family Night* Spaghetti Supper

SUNDAY, 18 FEB. / LENT 1-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Fely Mawirat)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Joseph & Theresa (Mary Joseph)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Celerina Potes (family)
- 2.00 pm ► RCIA Rite of Election
(St. Isaac Jogues Church, Pickering)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 19 Feb. / Family Day

- 8.00 am Mass: † Benita Chew Ang (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † In Memory of Babies
Alleluia & Glory D’Cunha (family)

Tuesday, 20 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosa & Paolo Lo Monaco (family)

Wednesday, 21 Feb. / St. Peter Damian, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Melanio Dacany on his birthday (mom)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Anastasia Williams)

Thursday, 22 Feb. / Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jeyaratnam Subramaniam (Precy & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Teodora David (Mylene)

Friday, 23 Feb. / St. Polycarp, *bishop & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francisco Diaz (Shine family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias for Healing (Tessie Mendonca)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Youth Ministry)

Saturday, 24 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Aldie Tan (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Helen Cecilia Gomes (family)

SUNDAY, 25 FEB. / LENT 2-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia, Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Mary Joseph)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15

*Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Amen.*

Pray for the Deceased

Alexander Donar

The **10 victims** of the **landslide**
in **Davao, Philippines** in **January**.



Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The Facilitators for 2024 will be:

- Feb. 16 **Catholic Women’s League**
23 **Youth Ministry**
- Mar. 1 **Altar Servers**
8 **St. Vincent de Paul**
15 **Greeters & Euch. Ministers**
22 **Knights of Columbus**
29 **Lectors**



Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (17 March). Kindly place them in the *palm box* in the Vestibule.

COMING UP

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- 4 Mar. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 Mar. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 17 Mar. 2nd Collection: *ShareLife*
► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 19 Mar.

- 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;**
2nd 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 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
► St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
- 16 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 17 Apr. - 2nd Collection: *ShareLife #2*;
- 21 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 28 Apr. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

ShareLife 2024

You can work wonders !

1st Sunday of Lent, 18 February

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings



Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a time to reflect on our relationship with the Lord, and a time to think of others: especially those seeking a second chance in life.

ROSE OF DURHAM is one of the agencies you support through *ShareLife*. They provide pre- and post-natal services to support young parents and help them raise their children with love and care. Last year, *ShareLife* supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing.

Your support of *ShareLife* provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families.

17 March is *ShareLife* Sunday.

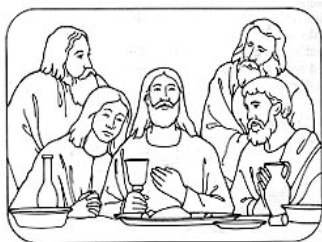
Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*

A Special Gift SHARELIFE BAKE SALE

We thank **Corine Maulion** for her very helpful sale of Baked Goods in the Vestibule on various Sundays after Easter 2023, to benefit our *ShareLife* Appeal.

Sacramental Preparation

1st Communion Confirmation



Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

2 & 4 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #1**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

23 & 25 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #2**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

22, 29 Feb. & 7 March: **Confirmation Instructions,**
St. Albert School (1.10 pm, at the school)

7, 21 March & 4 April: **Confirmation Instructions,**
St. Maria Goretti School (9.10 am, at the school)

RCIA Rite of Election

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

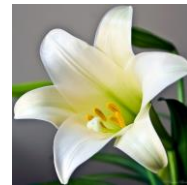


On Sunday, 18 February, RCIA & RCIC candidates completing the *Catechumenate* period will celebrate the Rite of ELECTION.

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

Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



Catholic Women's League

Family Night Spaghetti Supper, 17 Feb.

The *Catholic Women's League of Canada* invites Parishioners to a 1st Class Spaghetti Supper at 6.30 pm on Saturday, 17 February.

Come, celebrate Family Day with us with a delicious dinner and an evening of fellowship! A *ShareLife* moment to cherish.



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.

Stewardship

2023 Receipts, 2024 Envelopes



The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2023 are in the Vestibule for pick up at 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.

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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.

Catholic Women's League *Family Night Spaghetti Supper* 6.30 pm, 17 February

Make sure you have your calendar marked !

This is your big chance to celebrate **Family Day** with your friends. Enjoy a delicious dinner and an evening of fellowship! A *Sharelife* moment to cherish.



Coming Up Next Month *Parish Ministry Renewal* 16 March

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

An Invitation to all Parishioners involved in Ministry to renew their commitment as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Watch for details in the coming weeks.

The Monthly Devotions of the Liturgical Year

If you read the PARISH WEEK column, and follow the FOCUS ON THE WORD and LITURGY NOTES, you can keep track of the feasts and devotional seasons of the Liturgical year, and be reminded to focus your prayer on a different aspect of our faith each month.

January	HOLY NAME OF JESUS
February	HOLY FAMILY
March	ST. JOSEPH
April	BLESSED SACRAMENT
May	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
June	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
July	PRECIOUS BLOOD
August	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
September	SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY
October	HOLY ROSARY
November	POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
December	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Your sabbath smile





Sunday School, 11 February

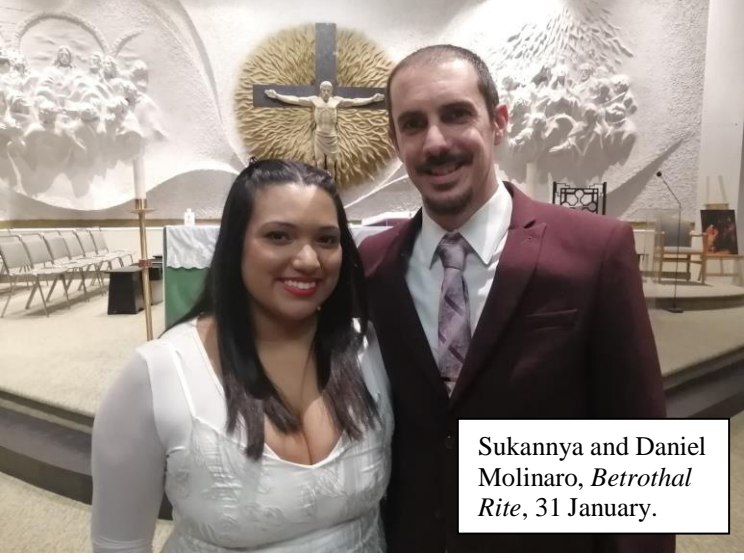




Juvy Iraola with son Ryan on his 26th birthday, 29 Jan.



Truck blessing, Tomines



Sukannya and Daniel Molinaro, *Betrothal Rite*, 31 January.



Navigator blessing, Parrilla.



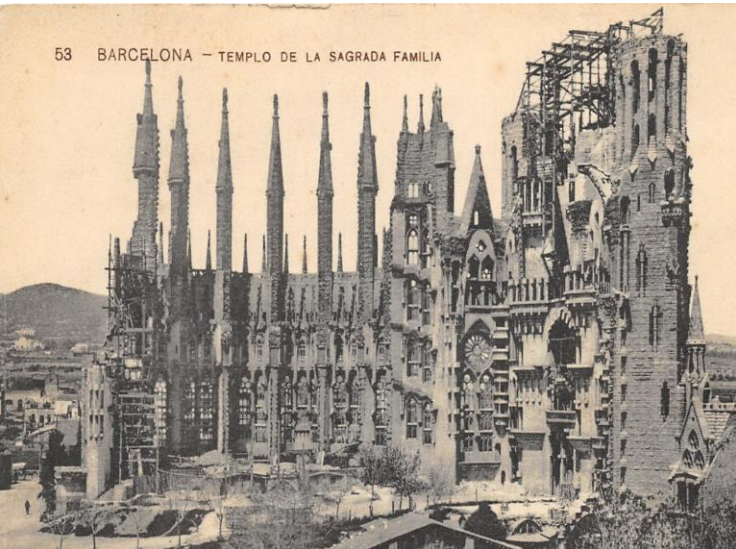
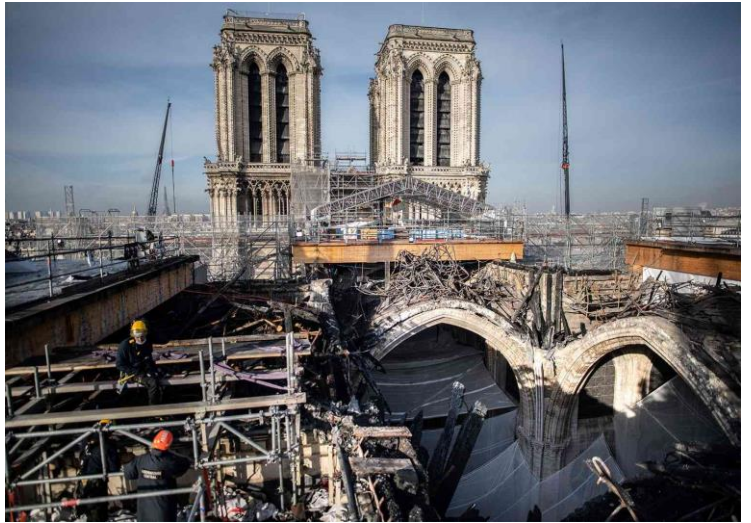
Camila Maulion



Rene & Jocelyn Antigua, Family of the Year.

The *Brady Bunch* home, North Hollywood, CA





Churches: Then & now.

