



Parish Week

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

Sunday, 25 Feb. 2024

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*
- *Religious Articles Sale*

- 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

Monday, 26 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Carla Gotan)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Healing Fr. Elias (Geonzon family)

Tuesday, 27 Feb. / St. Gregory of Narek, abbot & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jowhara Chachati (Fr. Elias)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Marcus Concepcion (Ace & Gie Alvarez)

Wednesday, 28 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Grantham Visser (Naomi)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Esme D'Mello (friends)

Thursday, 29 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Arthur Braganza (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)

Friday, 1 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ann Stafford (Alice Larkin)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosario Pascua (family)

Saturday, 2 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Healing Fr. Elias (Lillian D'Souza)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Marylou Neundorf (Aduino Bertazzon)

SUNDAY, 3 MAR. / LENT 3-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Antonia Ambrose)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Magdalena Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday Claire Francis (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

RCIA Rite of Election, 18 February

Congratulations to the Candidates, Sponsors, relatives and friends who participated in the Rite of Election with **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** at St. Isaac Jogues Church on 18 February. May God guide you in your effort to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

Genesis 22.1-18; Romans 8.31-37; Mark 9.2-10

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

**Josefina Tupaz Macatangga,
Bridget Martha Nusca**

The **137** victims of the earthquake in **Gansu, China, in December.**



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 next Facilitators will be:

- Mar. 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.

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- 4 Mar. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 17 Mar. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife**
- 19 Mar. ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
- 21 Mar. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 24 Mar. Olivia Chow: *birthday* (1957)

- 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)
- 16 Apr. ► St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
- 17 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 21 Apr. - 2nd Collection: **ShareLife #2**;
- 28 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 9 May Bishop Vincent Nguyen: *birthday* (1966)

ShareLife 2024

You can work wonders !

2nd Sunday of Lent, 25 February

*Living the Gospel by thinking
of others and reaching out*



Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish using a *ShareLife* envelope

17 March is *ShareLife* Sunday.

Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Felice de Feo** for their gift of two beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar after his funeral on 24 March. May he rest in peace.

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)

Prayer before Mass by St. Thomas Aquinas

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the Sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in Your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power. Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members. Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a Sacrament, may I one day see Him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You forever. Amen.

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

World Day of Prayer, 1.00 pm, 2 March

at St. Therese Church, 2559 Kingston Road

Saturday, 2 March: This year's World Day of Prayer event will be held at St. Therese Parish.

This year's program calls us to **bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression**. It was written by a group of Christian Palestinian women in response to this passage from Ephesians 4.1-7.

Parish Ministry Lenten Renewal

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST ✠ 16 March

An Invitation to all Parishioners involved in Ministry to renew their commitment as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST is a movement for evangelization and renewal based in the Parish and in the workplace. Its foundational program, the *Life in Christ Seminar*, is an integrated course leading participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Catholics. It complements existing ministries.

The course incorporates prayers, songs, teaching, group discussion and fellowship. It comprises 5 sessions:

- [1] Jesus the Messiah
- [2] Called to Witness
- [3] Repentance and Faith
- [4] The Gift of the Holy Spirit
- [5] Growing in the Spirit

See page 3 in the website bulletin for more details.

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* are invited to do so in the Office Lobby. They are for *registered* parishioners; if you are new to the parish and have not registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

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The Holy Roman Catholic Church has sounded the call to the *New Evangelization*. This is an urgent call of the highest importance, given the dire urgency of the times.

Throughout salvation history, God has called individuals, peoples and nations to respond to His grace. The Almighty God has deemed it right to work with His creatures, to give them the privilege of being agents not only of their own salvation but also that of others.

Often God calls and uses those who are the least, even the lost. This is the mystery of *election*. God called Israel, the least of all nations (Deuteronomy 7.7). Jeremiah was young and did not know how to speak (Jeremiah 1.6). Gideon was the most insignificant in his family, which was the meanest in Manasseh (Judges 6.15). Saul persecuted Christians.

God manifests that our effectiveness is *entirely up to Him*. We are mere instruments, who in fact often get in His way. God does His work in spite of us. But this is cause for great joy. We who are nothing can be something in God's hands. We who are weak can be strong in the power of His Spirit.

Our part is to respond to God's call, and then to give our all. The fruit is up to God.



From cancer to the Church through a miracle: Jordan Peterson's wife becomes Catholic, thanks to the Rosary

Tammy Peterson, wife of psychologist Jordan Peterson, was diagnosed with terminal cancer when she had a medical checkup following a surgery. When she received the results of the check-up, the doctor told her that they had found a cancerous tumor that would end her life in ten months. She had another surgery, but it did not help; instead, her situation worsened and she had to be hospitalized. A friend of hers visited her in the hospital and brought her a couple of Rosaries blessed by the Pope. Tammy did not know how to pray very well, so her friend taught her. For five weeks, they prayed the Rosary together. Tammy said that the Rosary helped her enter into a contemplation of the mysteries of Christ in a very rhythmic way.

When going through this stage of painful surgery, Tammy continually prayed the *Our Father*, and this helped her to get through it. In addition, she assures that she began to face the future life without worrying about it, even to this day she affirms that she does not fear death. After a few months they found a doctor who could help her, but before leaving the hospital Tammy asked to be blessed by a priest.

Father Heric Nicolai blessed her and gave her an Opus Dei novena for the sick. She began to pray it and, on the fifth day of praying it, the leak in her lymphatic system closed up. That day was also her thirty-second wedding anniversary with her husband, the day she had promised him she would get out of the hospital. A gift on a wedding anniversary.

Tammy is currently in the process of converting to Catholicism, to be welcomed at Easter 2024. She was raised Protestant, but she says that when she was little, she felt that Mary was missing in the Church she attended. Sometime later, upon receiving a Rosary from a cousin of her great-great-grandmother, she realized that she wanted to become a Catholic as well. She prays the Rosary every day and invites everyone to do the same because the Rosary is a practice that centers you in the midst of the world's dispersion: "In life there is suffering and you are going to need to have something to hold on to when the earth opens up and there is nothing underneath you. And when that happens, God can pick you back up."



Javier Milei visits Pope Francis, 12 February.





Amsterdam; Colmar, Alsace; Annecy, Haute-Savoie; Edinburgh.

Belem Tower, Lisbon; Barcelona; Santorini; *Panteon*, Rome



Paris (top, and the Arc de Triomphe in l'Etoile); Madrid.

Tower Bridge, London; Tokyo.