

Parish Week

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

Sunday, 3 Mar. 2024

Saturday, 2 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Healing Fr. Elias (Lillian D'Souza)
- 1.00 pm ► *World Day of Prayer* service (St. Therese Church)
- 4.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #1
- 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

Monday, 4 Mar. / St. Casimir

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 6.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #1
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Jane Abraham)
- 7.40 pm Infant Parent/ Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 5 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Trevor De'Silva (Mom, Mary)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Marita B. Scalcedo (Turiano family)

Wednesday, 6 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francisco & Teresa De Michele (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)

Thursday, 7 Mar. / Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Abdvlla Jagdish Jeswani (Arunia)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Pacita Dilla (family)

Friday, 8 Mar. / St. John of God, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Sergio Solana (Lisa Resurreccion)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Nilda Lopez (Cortez)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (St. Vincent de Paul)

Saturday, 9 Mar. / St. Frances of Rome, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Sancho Estrada (Tess Bautista)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Marylou Neundorf (Stieger family)

SUNDAY, 10 MAR. / LENT 4-B

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Josephine Macabali (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Primitiva Uyguanco (family)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Thomas Pierre** for their gift of the seven beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar following his funeral on 24 March 2023. May he rest in peace.

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

Fr. Joseph Kwok Cheung Ho

The **15 victims** of the **school dormitory fire** in **Henan, China** 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 next Facilitators will be:

- Mar. 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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- 17 Mar. 5th Sunday in Lent / **St. Patrick**, bishop
- 2nd Collection: *ShareLife, 1st Appeal*
- 19 Mar. **St. Joseph**, husband of Mary;
- ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
- 21 Mar. 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*;
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. 2nd Sunday of Easter: **Divine Mercy**
- 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. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
- 17 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 21 Apr. - 2nd Collection: *ShareLife #2*;
- St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 28 Apr. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
- 9 May Bishop Vincent Nguyen: *birthday* (1966)

ShareLife 2024 Living the Gospel

3rd Sunday of Lent, 3 March



You give love & hope to young mothers through *ShareLife*.

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. By your support for *ShareLife*, our agencies help them to finish their education, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through VITA CENTRE. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Help us reach our goal this year. Give at the parish using a *ShareLife* envelope.

3 March: our *ShareLife* speaker will be our Sunday Seminarian, Raphael Carolino.

Thank you for taking the time to share with us your story and the role of *ShareLife* in supporting the work of St. Augustine Seminary.



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

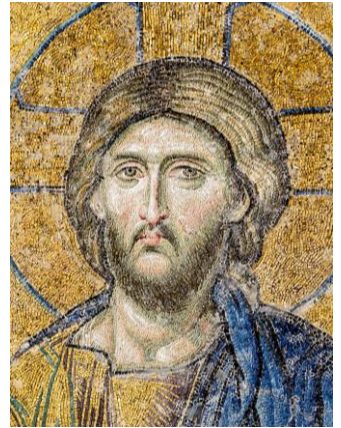
Saturday, 2 March: This year's World Day of Prayer event will be held at St. Therese Parish., at Kingston Road and Midland.

The 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 Ephesians 4.1-7.



Parish Ministry Lenten Renewal

**LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST ✕ 16 March
8.30 am – 4.30 pm**



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

For further details, call: **Alex Bael, 647-402-2883**

Sacramental Preparation

1st Communion, Confirmation

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

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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.

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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)**

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!

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*.

Alexei Anatolyevich Navalny

4 June 1976 – 16 February 2024

Anti-corruption campaigner Alexei Navalny was long the most prominent face of Russian opposition to President Vladimir Putin. The 47-year-old blogger had survived poisoning attempts and years in some of Russia's most notorious jails, after his group had exposed corruption at almost every level of the Russian state - frequently targeting President Putin himself. Even from jail, unable to challenge the president in elections, his voice had retained power.

According to the prison service, he had gone for a walk when he lost consciousness and died on 16 February 2024.

Afterward, the Kremlin simply said that it was aware of his death, and the president had been informed. Across the world, there was shock and anger, as tributes were paid to a man who gave his life standing up to Russia's dictator.

Alexei Navalny was born in a village just to the west of Moscow. He graduated in law at Moscow's Peoples' Friendship University of Russia in 1998. He began his rise as a force in Russian politics, making his name as a grassroots anti-corruption campaigner. His blog took aim at alleged malpractice and corruption at some of Russia's big state-controlled corporations.

One of his tactics was to become a minority shareholder in major oil companies, banks and ministries, and to ask awkward questions about holes in state finances. His consistent message was a simple one: Mr. Putin's party was full of "crooks and thieves."

It helped that Navalny spoke the street language of younger Russians, and used it to powerful effect on social media. His Anti-Corruption Foundation (FBK) made detailed claims about official corruption. Then, in 2011, he would lead large street protests against President Putin.

The first time Navalny suspected he had been poisoned, he was in prison serving a sentence for calling for unauthorized protests. Then 43, he was taken to hospital with a swollen face, eye problems and rashes on his body. At the time, reports said it was an allergic reaction - something he and his doctor were quick to question. Officially, he was diagnosed with "contact dermatitis." Navalny, who had chemical burns to an eye after been targeted with antiseptic green dye in 2017, later wrote that the doctors who treated him acted "like they had something to hide."

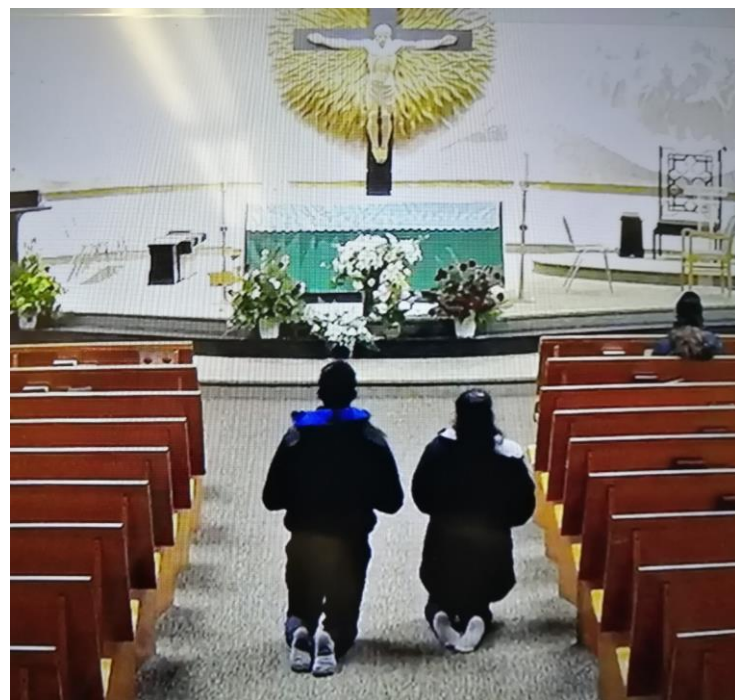
It was the second poisoning a year later which really caught the attention of the international media. In August 2020, Navalny collapsed on a flight over Siberia and was rushed to hospital in Omsk. That emergency landing saved his life. A German-based charity persuaded Russian officials to allow him to be airlifted to Berlin for treatment. The German government revealed that tests carried out by the military found proof of a chemical nerve warfare agent of the Novichok group.



The EU then imposed sanctions on top Russian officials and a Russian chemical weapons research centre, accusing them of direct involvement in the poisoning. Novichok was the chemical weapon which nearly killed former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in Salisbury, England, in March 2018. A local woman later died from poisoning.

In early 2012, Navalny said he supported the independence of the Ukrainian state and that Russia, Ukraine and Belarus are "'natural allies" who should enhance their integration. In March 2014, after Russia's annexation of Crimea, Navalny urged further sanctions against officials and businessmen linked to Putin and proposed his own list of sanctions, saying that previous US and EU sanctions were "mocked." In October 2014, Navalny suggested that the fate of Crimea should be resolved by holding a new and fair referendum. He also said that Putin's government should stop "sponsoring the war" in Donbas. He has strongly criticised Vladimir Putin's policies in Ukraine: "Putin likes to speak about the 'Russian world.' but he is actually making it smaller. In Belarus, they sing anti-Putin songs at football stadiums; in Ukraine they simply hate us. In Ukraine now, there are no politicians who do not have extreme anti-Russian positions. Being anti-Russian is the key to success now in Ukraine, and that is our fault." In 2018, after the establishment of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, an event labelled as the ending of more than three centuries of Russian spiritual and temporal control of the dominant faith in Ukraine, Navalny tweeted: "What took centuries to create has been destroyed by Putin and his idiots in four years. Putin is the enemy of the Russian World."

On 5 April 2022, referring to war crimes that took place in Ukraine, Navalny said the "monstrosity of lies in the Russian state media is unimaginable. And, unfortunately, so is its persuasiveness for those who have no access to alternative information." He said that "warmongers" among Russian state media personalities "should be treated as war criminals. From the editors-in-chief to the talk show hosts to the news editors, should be sanctioned now and tried someday." On 20 February 2023, he condemned Putin for "destroying" Russia's own future "just to make our country look bigger on the map," and said that Russia must end its occupation and recognize Ukraine's borders as they were established in 1991 after the collapse of the Soviet Union.



Our Advent Carolers at the *McCowan Residence* and at *Providence Healthcare*, 2 December 2023.



A winter day at *Manresa, Pickering* (22 February)





The first blue penguin to hatch at San Diego Zoo, 1 January 2024. (*Baby penguin at right; toy at left.*)



