

Parish Week

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

Sunday, 10 Mar. 2024

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 Uyguangco (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 11 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eduardo Gotera (Laureano & Norma Cruz)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Ronald Pinto)

Tuesday, 12 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Kareem Kyle Kazim (Mother)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 28th Wedding Anniversary (Maristella & Abraham Velasco)

Wednesday, 13 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ajith Maduranayagam (Peter Gomes)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Michael Scheibli (Helen Hillier)

Thursday, 14 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Mary D’Cunha & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Mary D’Cunha & Family

Friday, 15 Mar. / St. John of God, *religious*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra, Leslie & Rita)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Cenizal family)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Greeters & Euch. Ministers)

Saturday, 16 Mar. / St. Frances of Rome, *religious*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Evelyn Calicdan)
- 8.30 am – 4.30 pm: PARISH MINISTRY LENTEN RENEWAL, in the Ark community space at St. Maria Goretti School
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Rosy Rebello (family)

SUNDAY, 17 MAR. / LENT 5-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *Feast of St. Patrick not observed liturgically*

■ *2nd Collection: ShareLife*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kang (Emilio Go & family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Felisa Trinidad (Gilda)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Raffaella Capano** for their gift of four beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar after her funeral on 18 April 2-23. May she rest in peace.

Focus on the Word

4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

2 Chronicles 36.14-23; Ephesians 2.4-10; John 3.14-21

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Satendra Kumar Ganjoo, Norma Hearty, Raymond Mark Navarro, Michael Scheibli

The 500,000 casualties since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022



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. 22 **Knights of Columbus**
- 29 **Lectors**



Spring Time Change - 10 March



“SPRING AHEAD, FALL BACK.” Parishioners are reminded that this is the weekend of the *Spring Time Change*. Daylight Savings Time resumes (and Eastern Standard ends) at 2.00 am on Sunday, 10 March. Make sure to update your clocks and watches.

COMING UP

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- 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**
- 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)

ShareLife 2024 Living the Gospel

4th Sunday of Lent, 10 March



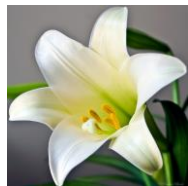
Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

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

Many thanks to our Sunday Seminarian, Raphael Carolino.

Raphael took the time to share his story with us at our Masses on 3 March; and he spoke of 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.

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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23 & 25 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #2**

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

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

14 April, 2.30 pm ✕ **St. Albert Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

21 April, 2.30 pm ✕ **St. M. G. Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

Sunday Mass Slips

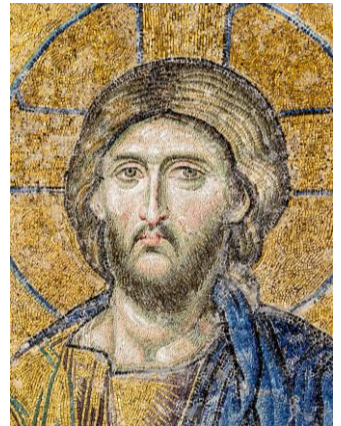
The Candidates are beginning to use their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. They represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus.

After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather near the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when they are led by the Servers to the Altar.

The Candidates place their unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

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

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 20 March: 4 – 5 pm, 7.30 – 9 pm

Parishioners are invited to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on our LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS: a time to refresh your relationship with God. Confessions will be heard from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and then following the 7.00 pm Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

Liturgy Note

Feast of St. Patrick, 17 March

Parishioners can see that this year, the Feast of St. Patrick, normally celebrated on 17 March, falls on the 4th Sunday in Lent. The feast cannot be observed liturgically. Social events can occur on the eve (16 March), as long as they take place in the proper Lenten context.

St. Patrick, pray for us and guide us. Amen.



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.



Remember our SHARELIFE Agencies at this critical time

Community / Family Services

Catholic Community Services of York Region, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe Country, Catholic Family Services of Toronto, *FertilityCare* Toronto, Natural Family Planning Association

People with Special Needs

Mary Centre, *Our Place* Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, St. Bernadette's Family Resources Centre, St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses, *Silent Voice* Canada (*ministry to the deaf*)

Children and Youth

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery, *Covenant House*, Sancta Maria House

Young Parents

Rosalie Hall, Rose of Durham, Rose of Sharon, *Vita* Centre

Seniors

Les Centres d'Accueil Heritage, Loyola Arrupe Centre, Providence Healthcare, Society of Sharing

Affiliated Organizations

Camp Ozanam (*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*), Good Shepherd Ministries, Birthright International

ShareLife 2024

Living the Gospel!

4th Sunday of Lent, 10 March

Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions

After the death of a close friend, Alex turned to hard drugs to escape his reality. He continued using, despite getting married and having a son. Realizing the impact of his addiction on his son, he sought help from St. Michael's Homes, a *ShareLife*-funded agency. He completed their treatment program and, as a result of his recovery, he can now be there for his family. Alex credits St. Michael's Homes for saving his life.

17 March is *ShareLife* Sunday.

Please give generously; thanks for helping *ShareLife*!







Luca Girod-Smith (with Mom) collects his Baptism certificate.

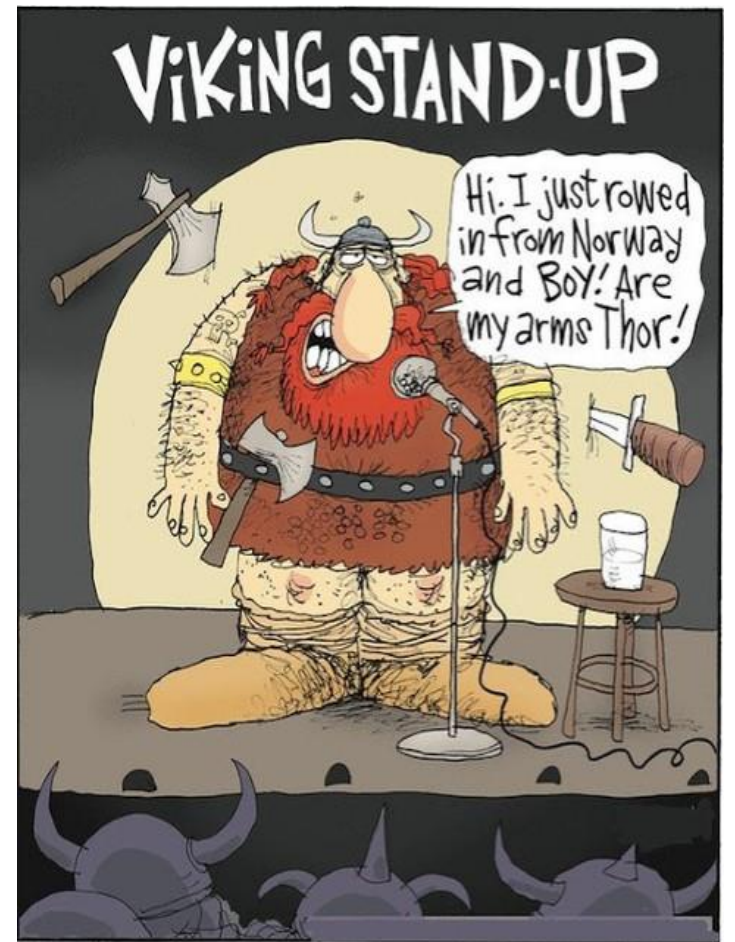


Regina Meneses receives a blessing prior to her departure for B.C.



Charles, Ben and Dan at the Rite of Election at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Pickering, 18 February.

The Andrade family: *Growing in prayer.*



Top: Blessing in preparation for Marriage;
Middle Blessing in preparation for Confirmation;
Above: Community Service for 1st Communion meetings.

The Book of Proverbs

Admonition to Trust and Honor God

- 3 My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
2 for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.
- 4 You will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
- 8 It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.
- 9 Honor the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
10 then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
- 11 My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
12 for the Lord reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

The True Wealth

- 13 Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
14 for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
- 15 She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
- 16 Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
- 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

God's Wisdom in Creation

- 19 The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
20 by his knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.

The True Security

- 21 My child, do not let these escape from your sight:
keep sound wisdom and prudence,
22 and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.
- 34 Toward the scorners he is scornful,
but to the humble he shows favor.
- 35 The wise will inherit honor,
but stubborn fools, disgrace.



Father Fadi Sarraf, 1971 - 2023

Fr. Fadi Sarraf was ordained a priest of *Opus Dei* on 22 May 2021, and died unexpectedly on 28 Nov. 2023, while preaching a retreat at the Manoir de Beaujeu in Coteau-du-Lac. He was born in Damascus, Syria, on 14 June 1971 and baptized in the Chaldean Catholic Church. At age 17 he immigrated to Montreal with his family.

In 1989 a classmate invited him to visit Riverview, a student residence of *Opus Dei* close to McGill University. With enthusiasm, he asked to join the Prelature in 1990. After graduating as a mechanical engineer at McGill University, he did a Master's in Business Administration at Laval University in Quebec City.

He was entrusted with responsibilities in communicating the message of *Opus Dei* of finding God in daily life. After completing his MBA, he became the director of Ernescliff College, a university student residence on the campus of the University of Toronto. In 1997 he moved to Montreal where he started working for the Foundation for Culture and Education as a project manager and fundraiser.

From then on until his death, Fr. Fadi was a regional director of the Prelature in Canada, applying his many human and spiritual talents to the service of God and souls. Through his selfless dedication, he constantly gave with great simplicity an inspiring example of fidelity to his vocation, hard work, joyfulness and care for people around him.

Fr. Sarraf leaves his sister Juliana, his brother Karim, their spouses, four nephews and nieces. And, of course, countless personal friends and *Opus Dei* members around the world.

His funeral mass was held at St-Viateur Parish, Montreal, on 11 December, followed by the burial in Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery.



HAGIA SOPHIA, *central dome*

