

Parish Week

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

Sunday, 17 Mar. 2024

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

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Evelyn Calicdan)
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

Monday, 18 Mar. / St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Melecio & Valeria Canda (Lisa Resurreccion)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Joseph D'Souza)

Tuesday, 19 Mar. / St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Angelina Amul)
9.30 am ▶ St. Albert School Mass
7.00 pm Liturgy in Honour of St. Joseph, patron of Canada

Wednesday, 20 Mar.

- *Lenten Day of Confessions:* 4-5 pm, 7.30 – 9 pm
- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Olga Braganza (children)

Thursday, 21 Mar.

8.00 am Mass: † Fr. Fred Schmidt (D'Souza family)
12.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School Mass
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Maristela Velasco)

Friday, 22 Mar.

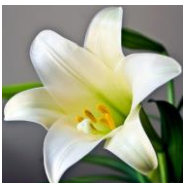
8.00 am Mass: † Soledad Sy & Sy Sin Kiu (Emilio Go & family)
4.00 pm Wedding: Ryan Almeida & Ruth Getachew
7.00 pm Mass: † Beato & Natalina Gonzalves (family)
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Knights of Columbus)

Saturday, 23 Mar. / St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

8.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Anne Bertazzon (Stieger family)

PASSION SUNDAY, 24 MAR. / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

- 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Rhea)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wijesinghe (friends)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Easter Flowers

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

Focus on the Word

5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.7-9; John 12.20-33

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your son handed himself over to death. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The **30,000** victims of the **Israel-Hamas war** since **October 2023**.



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.

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**



2nd Collection: 17 March, *ShareLife*

On 17 March, *ShareLife* Sunday, the second collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

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24 Mar.	Palm Sunday: <i>Holy Week</i> begins
28 Mar.	Holy Thursday: <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;</i> - Adoration until midnight
29 Mar.	Good Friday: <i>The Passion of Our Lord;</i> Collection: <i>Good Friday</i>
31 Mar.	Easter Sunday: <i>Resurrection of Our Lord;</i> 2 Collections: (a) <i>Offertory;</i> (b) <i>Easter;</i>

1 Apr.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
7 Apr.	2 nd Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy - Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
14 Apr.	<i>ShareLife</i> Speaker: Lysle Kintanar; - St. Albert School 1 st 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

5th Sunday of Lent, 17 March



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the 1st collection for our parish's annual ShareLife campaign.

Every day, young people in our city need help due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Please give at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Our Archbishop has prepared a special message for us:

As a supporter of ShareLife, your Yes to the Lord matters. You have been there for your neighbour when they needed you the most. As Archbishop and chief shepherd of this Archdiocese, I am immensely grateful for your kindness and compassion. May I count on your yes again? Please join me in making a sacrificial gift to the 2024 ShareLife campaign. By doing our part, we all accompany Catholic agencies as they faithfully serve the most vulnerable and marginalized. Your love will make a world of difference for someone in need. ShareLife-funded agencies faithfully embody your Catholic values. You are truly LIVING THE GOSPEL through your compassionate help, and I thank you. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. May our Blessed Mother's example continue to light your way.

*Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,
Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto*

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 Family Instruction #2**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

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21 March & 4 April: **Confirmation Instructions #2 & 3,**
St. Maria Goretti School (9.10 am, at the school)

Feast of St. Patrick, 17 March

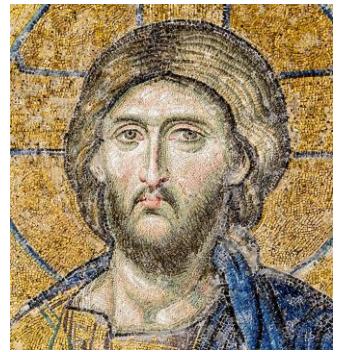
Parishioners can see that this year, the Feast of St. Patrick, normally celebrated on 17 March, falls on the 4th Sunday in Lent. The feast cannot be observed liturgically. Social events can occur on the eve (16 March), as long as they take place in the proper Lenten context.

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



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 & workplace. It is based on the *Life in Christ Seminar*, which includes prayers, songs, teaching, group discussion and fellowship in 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

ShareLife Committee

Many thanks to our Parish ShareLife Committee for meeting regularly to plan and schedule the events that will help us to move forward with our 2024 Parish Campaign. If any Parishioner would like to help, contact: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

Knights of Columbus

17 March: General Meeting, 1.30 pm
22 March: Stations, after 7 pm Mass
23 March: Choir practice, 1.00 pm



R&R Report 14 April

The next R&R report will be made at all Masses on 14 April, detailing work completed on recent Church repairs and upgrades.

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!

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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*.



As we move forward with our *ShareLife* campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our *ShareLife* appeal during this Lent!

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 | (416) 922-1592
Pastoral Mission Fund | (416) 934-0606 ext. 567

Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto |
(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, human resources 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.

Pope Averts Schism in Germany

Through a letter signed, on behalf of the Pope, by three Cardinals of three different entities of the Roman Curia (Parolin of the Secretariat of State; Fernández of the Doctrine for the Faith; and Prevost of the Dicastery for Bishops), a schism has been averted, which would have proceeded with the establishment of a Synodal Council.

This Council, forbidden by the Pope in 2023, had the mission to be a consultative and decision-making body able to take decisions above the diocese and, hence, supplanting the personal authority of each Bishop in the territory entrusted to him. For the time being, the German Bishops have desisted from implementing this reality.

The letter concludes, “*We would like you to take into account the observations formulated here, and trust that they will be taken into account at the next plenary meeting of the DBK. United in prayer, we greet you fraternally.*”

STAATSEKRETARIAT

N. 3230/SdS/2024

Aus dem Vatikan, am 16. Februar 2024

Sehr geehrter Herr Vorsitzender der Deutschen Bischofskonferenz,
liebe Mitbrüder im Bischofsamt,

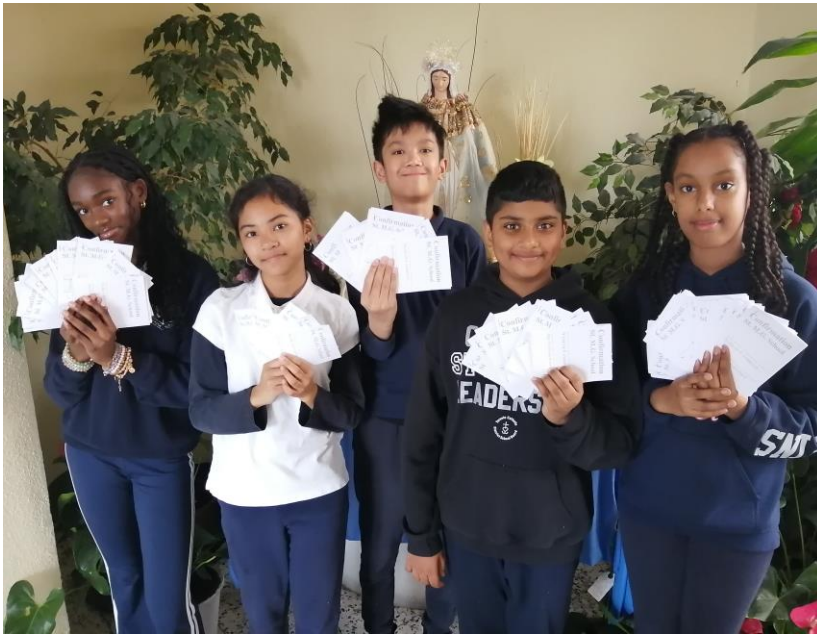
vom 19. bis 22. Februar wird in Augsburg die Vollversammlung der Deutschen Bischofskonferenz (DBK) stattfinden, auf der über die Satzung des Synodalen Ausschusses abgestimmt werden soll. Wir halten es daher für notwendig, in Weiterführung des Dialogs, den wir bereits begonnen haben, den wir in naher Zukunft fortsetzen werden und den wir nach dem Wunsch von Papst Franziskus weiter verstärken wollen, einige diesbezügliche Bedenken zu äußern und einige Hinweise zu geben, die dem Heiligen Vater zur Kenntnis gebracht und von ihm approbiert worden sind.

Die Satzung sieht als erste Aufgabe des Synodalen Ausschusses die Errichtung eines Synodalen Rates *»nach den Maßgaben des Beschlusses der Synodalversammlung des Synodalen Weges „Synodalität nachhaltig stärken: ein Synodaler Rat für die katholische Kirche in Deutschland“«* vor (Art. 2 § 1). In Absatz 5 des genannten maßgeblichen Beschlusses wird der Synodale Rat definiert als *»Beratungs- und Beschlussorgan«*, das *»über wesentliche Entwicklungen in Kirche und Gesellschaft«* berät und *»auf dieser Basis Grundsatzentscheidungen von überdiözesaner Bedeutung zu pastoralen Planungen, Zukunftsfragen der Kirche und Finanz- und Haushaltsangelegenheiten der Kirche [trifft], die nicht auf diözesaner Ebene entschieden werden«*.

Ein solches Organ ist vom geltenden Kirchenrecht nicht vorgesehen und daher wäre ein diesbezüglicher Beschluss der DBK ungültig – mit den entsprechenden rechtlichen Folgen. Zudem stellt sich die Frage, mit welcher Autorität die Bischofskonferenz die Satzung approbieren würde. Weder can. 455 CIC noch Art. 8 des Statuts der DBK bieten in diesem Sinne eine Grundlage dafür, noch wurde vonseiten des Heiligen Stuhls ein Mandat erteilt – er hat sich vielmehr gegenteilig geäußert. Der Entwurf der Satzung legt zudem fest, dass *»die Deutsche Bischofskonferenz und das Zentralkomitee der deutschen Katholiken (ZdK) die Trägerschaft für den synodalen Ausschuss«* übernehmen (Art. 1). Da die DBK im weltlichen Bereich nicht als Rechtsträger fungieren kann, könnte sie eine solche Trägerschaft für den Synodalen Ausschuss höchstens über den Verband der Diözesen Deutschlands (VDD) übernehmen. Innerhalb des Verbandes ist der erforderliche einstimmige Beschluss hinsichtlich des Synodalen Ausschusses jedoch nicht zustande gekommen.

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Seiner Exzellenz
dem hochwürdigsten Herrn
Bischof Dr. Georg BÄTZING
Bischof von Limburg



St. Maria Goretti School student volunteers, 6 March.
Mark Malik, Harrison Luis, Joachim Fernando, 8 March.
Mark M. and Mark J. at work in the Church, 8 March.

Rimma and Victor Dotsenko, and their three children.
Parishioners at the Stations, 8 March.
Birthday blessing, 8 March.

April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse



St. Mary of Clopas



L.A. highrise palette.
The Wickramasinghe family, Ottawa, prior to the 6 March tragedy.



