

Parish Week

"I am the Resurrection and the Life." John 11.25

Easter Sunday, 31 March 2024

HOLY SATURDAY, 30 Mar.

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy (Pro Populo) - RCIA Initiation into Church

EASTER SUNDAY, 31 Mar. / The Resurrection of the Lord

■ Homilist: Elias Chachati

■ Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter

9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Fely Mawirat)

10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family) 12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 1 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family) 7.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Jane Abraham) 7.40 pm Infant Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 2 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Denies Gomes (Peter)

Wednesday, 3 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Cristina Clements (Lucyanne & Domenico Ferrone)

Thursday, 4 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Mary D'Cunha on her Birthday (family)

Friday, 5 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Jose, Raymunda & Elizabeth Magallanes (family) 6.00 pm Holy Hour

7.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)

Saturday, 6 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 90th Birthday Profetiza Diaz (family)

5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 7 APR. / EASTER 2-B / DIVINE MERCY

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Jesudas)

10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

12.00 pm Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)

1.30 pm Infant Baptism 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Easter Sunday, Year B Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Romeo Cueto, Ruby Yang He Chen The 39 victims of the retail fire in Jaingxi, China in January.



The Bible A Book for all Seasons

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. (Tim 3:16)

He has remembered His Covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations. (Ps 105:8)

We have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. (2 Pt 1:19)

You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have entered life, and it is these that bear witness to Me. (Jn 5:39)

Holy Week Collections

31 March: Offertory and Easter

On 31 Mar., the 1st collection is for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The 2nd collection, after Communion, is for the Easter Sunday collection for our special Church needs.

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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.	ShareLife Speaker: Lysle Kintanar; - 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.	- 2 nd Collection: ShareLife #2;
	- St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
28 Apr.	2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>
9 May	Bishop Vincent Nguyen: birthday (1966)
10 May	► Mississauga mayoral election
20 June	Archbishop Francis Leo: birthday (1971)
11 Aug.	Danko Jones performs at Alcatraz Metal Festival, Kortrijk, Belgium
31 Aug.	▶ WWE Smack Down & Bash in Berlin

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For more information on Parish activities, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

ShareLife 2024

Easter Sunday, 31 March

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign.



So far, we have raised: \$ 8,950.00 toward our 2024 goal of: \$ 65,000.00

ShareLife: Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. *ShareLife* agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your generous contributions.

21 April is our next *ShareLife* Sunday. Please give generously. Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*, and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



Sacramental Preparation

14 April: FIRST COMMUNION MASS

St. Albert School: 2.30 pm

21 April: FIRST COMMUNION MASS

St. Maria Goretti School: 2.30 pm

2 May: CONFIRMATION MASS

St. Maria Goretti School: 7.00 pm

9 May: CONFIRMATION MASS

St. Albert School: 7.00 pm



RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation at the 7 pm Easter Vigil on 31 March, and the Youth at 5 pm on 6 April.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 5 April, at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 6 April, which is the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5.00 pm Mass.

Pastor's Easter Message

Easter People, Fearless People



"We are an Easter People; Alleluia is our song."

This declaration was made almost 15 centuries ago by St. Augustine as an expression of Easter joy. But living our joy and enunciating our faith in Jesus' resurrection in our day-to-day existence is a big challenge. Ignacio Ellacuria (one of the Jesuits who were murdered for the faith in El Salvador on 16 November 1989) spoke of the importance of following Jesus by "living as already risen beings."

Nine years earlier, on 24 March 1980, Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez paid the ultimate price for witnessing to Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, when he was murdered while celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel in El Salvador. When he was canonized as St. Oscar Romero in 2018, Pope Francis said, "He lived a life marked by pain and criticism, but dedicated himself with passionate love to following Jesus and caring for the weak and the poor."

To live a life committed to Christ is to live in the spiritual freedom of God's children. The resurrection inspires our commitment to live as risen beings until Jesus comes again.

Fr. Edwin Galea, Pastor

Fr. Elias Chachati, Associate

Rev. Mr. Ramon Villardo, Deacon



Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all who donated to obtain the Easter Flowers for our Sanctuary this year. Due to printing deadlines, the list of donors will appear in the next website bulletin. May God bless you and your families during this Easter Season!

Stewardship

2023 Receipts, 2024 Envelopes



Soon, the Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2023 will be in the Vestibule, for pick up after 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.

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.

Confirmation

Celebrating the Sacrament

This year, the procedure for the Confirmation Mass will be as close as possible to the pre-pandemic format.

▼ Entrance Rite

Greeting

BISHOP: My friends,

we have come together on this joyous occasion to celebrate the Eucharist during which the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred. Through Baptism, these young people became our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Through Confirmation,

they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to give witness to their faith as disciples of Christ.

Collect

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Spirit, coming near and dwelling graciously within us, may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.

▼ Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Acts 2.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because all heard them speaking in their own languages. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Musician to lead

2nd Reading Romans 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit dwelling in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.



Gospel John 20.19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

▼ The Confirmation Liturgy

Presentation of the Candidates

After the Gospel is proclaimed, the Presider directs the Candidates to remain standing for their Presentation. All others may be seated. Then the Presider invites a Teacher to present the Candidates.

Homily

Renewal of Baptism Promises

The Bishop invites the Candidates to Renew The promises by which they joined the community of believers, the Church. He asks them:



Do you renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Response: I do.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Laying on of Hands

The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extends his hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

BISHOP: My dear friends, in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to His chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that He will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen His children with His gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

(Bishop stretches out his hands over the Candidates, and prays:)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin. Send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord. *R*. Amen.

Anointing with Sacred Chrism

The Bishop prepares for the Anointing. Candidates leave their pew in an orderly manner, and approach the Sanctuary. Each candidate will stand before the Bishop. The Sponsor places their right hand on the Candidate's right shoulder.

The assistant to the Bishop will present the Candidate's name card. The Bishop takes some **Chrism**, addresses the Candidates by their **Confirmation Name**, and makes the **Sign of the Cross** on their foreheads, saying:

Bishop: "_____

be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Newly Confirmed: "AMEN."

Bishop: "Peace be with you."

Newly Confirmed: "AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT."

Prayer of the Faithful

The newly-Confirmed may read the Intercessions.

▼ Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer
Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace, *Agnus Dei*Communion



All who are free to receive Holy Communion may approach the Sanctuary following the Sunday procedure: Exit the pew from the left side, approach the Communion station and receive, then return to the pew from the right side.

Prayer after Communion

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

▼ Concluding Rite

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Following the Dismissal and Concluding Hymn, the Candidates and their families may take photos. The Priests will be available for posed photos on either side of the Altar. Candidates form two lines along the walls, one to the left of the Pulpit, and one to the right of the Priest's Chair. They may approach the Altar one at a time for a personal photo with a Priest.





Denise Canning collects the Cross for the Holy Thursday morning Stations at St. Joachim School.

Levi Antolin and family at his Baptism, 16 March.









