



Parish Week

Jesus, I trust in You
Jezu ufam Tobie

Divine Mercy
Sunday,
7 April 2024

Saturday, 6 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday, Profetiza Diaz (family)
- 3.00 pm El Shaddai Mass
- 3.30 pm *ShareLife* Committee
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
- *Easter Octave Initiation for the RCIC*

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

Monday, 8 Apr. / Annunciation of the Lord

- 8.00 am Mass: † Simon N. Boila (Aruna)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Sugrathamalar Marian (family)

Tuesday, 9 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (sister)

Wednesday, 10 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)

Thursday, 11 Apr. / St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Doris Marquez (friends)

Friday, 12 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

Saturday, 13 Apr. / St. Martin I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Segunda Jo (Emilio Go & family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)

SUNDAY, 14 APR. / EASTER 3-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *ShareLife Speaker: Lysle Kintanar*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Enrico Serneo (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Elinor Brown (family)
- 2.30 pm St. Albert School First Communion Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 5.1-6; John 20.19-31

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The **28 victims** of the **terrorist bombing** in **Balochistan, Pakistan** in **February**.



ShareLife COMMITTEE, 3.30 pm, 6 April

The next *ShareLife* Committee meeting will be at 3.30 pm on Saturday, 6 April. Upcoming fundraisers will be reviewed.



Catholic Women's League

The *Catholic Women's League of Canada* calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Watch for their upcoming events.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Keep in your prayers the Adults who received Sacraments of Initiation at the 7 pm Easter Vigil on 30 March, and the Youth who will be Initiated at 5 pm on 6 April.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 12, 19 and 26 April, at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 6 April, (the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5 pm Mass) and 13 April.

COMING UP

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- 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. *ShareLife* Speaker: Lysle Kintanar;
- St. Albert School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
▶ St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
- 16 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 17 Apr. - 2nd Collection: **ShareLife #2**;
- 21 Apr. - St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 28 Apr. Bishop Vincent Nguyen: *birthday* (1966)
▶ Mississauga mayoral election
- 9 May Archbishop Francis Leo: *birthday* (1971)
- 10 May
- 20 June **Danko Jones** performs at *Alcatraz Metal Festival*, Kortrijk, Belgium
- 11 Aug. ▶ *WWE Smack Down & Bash* in Berlin
- 31 Aug.

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: Your gift is a lifeline to families in need

Many individuals and families silently suffer from anxiety, depression, grief and trauma. *ShareLife*-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges.

“Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need. Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you.”

– **Elizabeth Pierce**, *Catholic Family Services of Durham*

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.



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

The Archdiocese of Toronto was incorporated in 1845 by an Act of Parliament as a *corporation sole*, a legal entity consisting of a single (“*sole*”) incorporated office. As a consequence, individual parishes do not exist as separate legal entities but as constituted parts of the Archdiocese. Thus, Releases and other legally binding estate documents can only be signed by an individual with the authority to bind the archdiocese. These individuals include: the Archbishop of Toronto, both Chancellors, and the Controller. Due to the corporate structure of the archdiocese, a pastor does not have the authority to sign legally binding estate-related documents for a parish under his care. Whenever our parish becomes the beneficiary of a bequest, it always gets 100 per cent of its entitlement. However, the Development Office administers the process of implementing the binding/signing authority principle. Any estate documents received by a parish must be forwarded to the Development Office, 1155 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. M4T 1W2.

Parishioners should know the correct legal name of the parish:

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation
for the Diocese of Toronto, in Canada,
for the benefit of St. Maria Goretti Parish,
717 Kennedy Road, Scarborough ON M1K 2C1

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



A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Alain Philip Canizares** for their gift of the beautiful white flower arrangement at the Priest's Chair after his funeral Mass on 19 May 2023. May he rest in peace.

Life-Giving Wounds

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced/Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from 26 – 28 April 26 at St. Augustine Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd. Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. (If cost is of concern, contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available.) For university students, contact your campus minister for details. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024>, or email: lgwtoronto@proton.me.

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Angelo Ranjan and Michaela Perdurupillai

1 June, Holy Name

Karthigan Puvanendran and Sofia Alfred

22 June, St. Paul Basilica

David Masci and Alcia Alvares

26 July, Annunciation

Bryan Chiu and Cassandra Chen

7 September, Prince of Peace

Praveen Thevarajah and Nareesa Alli

31 August, St. Patrick, Markham

Congratulations

Drusilla Lobo and Varuna Quiterio

2023, St. Paul Basilica

First Holy Communion

Guidelines for 2024

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion** for the Grade 2 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year. The Parish has four groups of First Communicants: (a) St. Albert School; (b) St. Maria Goretti School; (c) Saturday Class for students in other schools; (d) the RCIC.

After three years of pandemic restrictions, it is good to a sense of normalcy in liturgical celebrations. Please read the following.

(1) INSTRUCTION MATERIAL for 1st Communion is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the January Family Information Nights, and at both of the *Family Instruction meetings* held in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of First Holy Communion.

(2) REVIEW It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. The Candidates received Information pages 1-4 at the initial Information night in January, and pages 5-24 at the following two classroom instructions for 1st Reconciliation, and at the two Family Instructions for 1st Communion.

(3) ATTIRE *How to dress?* The Archdiocese of Toronto does not have one “mandatory” dress code for all First Communion Candidates. We have a variety of customs in our Parish that reflect the international composition of our faith community. The universal expectation is that, for such an important occasion in their

lives, **Candidates** should wear at least “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. In addition, it is recommended that the Candidates incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white dress for girls, a white shirt for boys, etc.) as a reminder of their BAPTISM. Boys may wear a suit, or a formal or semi-formal jacket with complementary trousers. Girls may simply wear a white dress, or at least a white blouse. Parents should be mindful that the children’s clothing should not be heavy. It is also suggested that **Family members** and invited friends dress in a respectful and complementary manner, and avoid clothing with garish or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass, and also in the photos taken afterward. In the future, these photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Holy Sacrament received from the Altar, which Jesus gives as the Food of Life to nourish us through our pilgrimage through this world to the Father’s Kingdom.

(4) ARRIVAL Catholic School Candidates should arrive at least 40 minutes prior to their 1st Communion Mass to *Sign In* at an Information Table in the Vestibule, and to find seats with their families *as close as possible to the Sanctuary*. Because of their height, they would not have an appropriate view of the Altar if they are seated towards the back.

(5) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive their Holy Communion, they approach the Altar with their families.



Confirmation

Guidelines for 2024

Our Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the Grade 7 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year. The Parish has four groups of Candidates:

(a) St. Albert School; (b) St. Maria Goretti School; (c) the Saturday Class for students in other schools; (d) the RCIC.

(1) INSTRUCTION MATERIAL for Confirmation is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the February Family Information Nights, and at all three of the *Student Instructions* held in the schools in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of their Confirmation.

((2) REVIEW It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. The Candidates received Information pages 1-4 at the initial Information night in February, and pages 5-16 at the following three classroom instructions. For their convenience, summaries are provided regularly in the website bulletin.

(3) We have resumed the use of CONFIRMATION GOWNS, so Candidates will need to cooperate with their teachers, to ensure that their gown, in the correct size, is properly reserved.

(4) ATTIRE *How to dress?* Since we will be using Confirmation gowns this year, the **Candidates** should simply wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. They may also incorporate a simple *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white shirt, blouse, dress, etc.) as a reminder of the connection between Confirmation and Baptism. **Family members** and **Sponsors** should avoid clothing with garish

or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, solid neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass. For men: black/grey, navy or khaki tones; for women: black/grey/white, or pastels. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Sacrament received in front of the Altar, by which the Holy Spirit empowers us to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

(5) There will be REHEARSALS to prepare the Candidates to receive this Sacrament in a focused and prayerful manner; they will also need to pay close attention to the directions given during the Mass.

(6) The CONFIRMATION CARD which each Candidate presents to the Pastor at the time they receive the Sacrament, will need to have the chosen **Confirmation Name** printed in large letters on the front.

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

(7) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive their Confirmation, they approach the Altar with their classmates, and the Sponsors stand behind them.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Laying On of Hands

Anointing with Sacred Chrism



Good Friday prayer visit, 29 March.
(Flemington Park group).



Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil
initiation, 30 March.



Easter Vigil neophytes, 30 March.



Holy Week servers, 30 March.



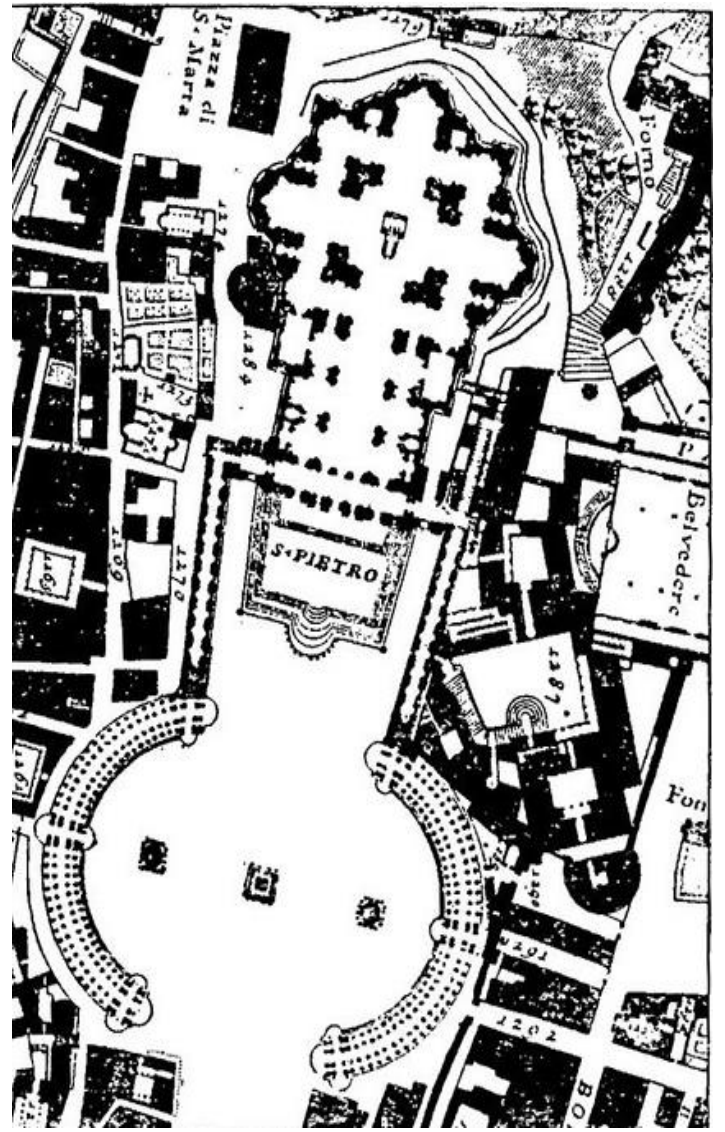
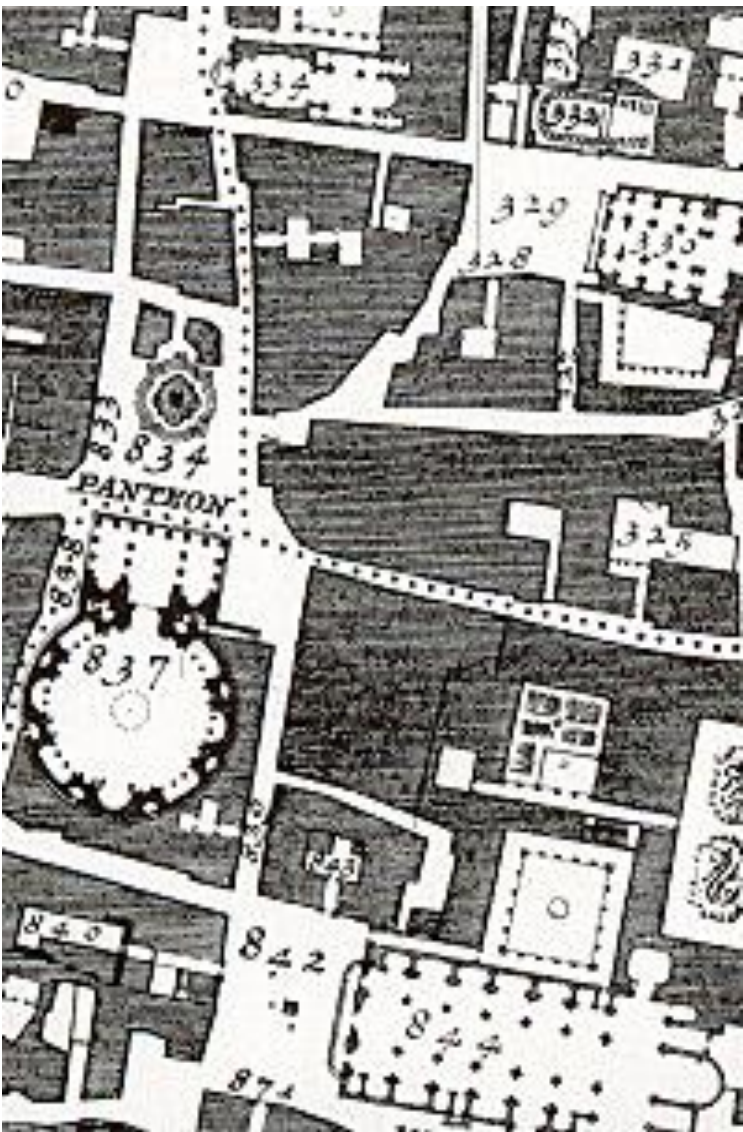
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The attractive children in this photo belong to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Leufkens, 12 Hopecrest Cres. They all attend St. Maria Goretti School and from left to right are Joan in grade 8,

Bernard, grade 7, Michael grade 5, Helen grade 4, Bobby grade 2, Janet grade 1 and Leona who goes to kindergarden.



Toronto Comicon, 2024



Medieval Rome