

Parish Week † Sunday, 23 June 2024

Saturday, 22 June / Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More, *martyrs*

8.00 am Mass: † Benedicta Pereira (D'Souza family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Fr. Edwin Galea (CWL Council)

SUNDAY, 23 JUNE / 12-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

9.00 am Mass: † Michael Francis (Lyn)
10.30 am Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse (Samanthi)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving, Darren's wedding (parents)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 24 June / Nativity of St. John the Baptist

■ *Deacon Ramon & Mely: Wedding Anniversary (1988)*

8.00 am Mass: † Giovanni & Luigi De Cicco (Irma Pisciola)
7.00 pm Mass: † Maria Coutinho (Laurie)
5.00 pm ▶ St. Albert School Graduation Exercises

Tuesday, 25 June

8.00 am Mass: † Go Bee Ah Lim & Go Nicholas Meliton (Emilio Go & family)
4.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Exercises

Wednesday, 26 June

8.00 am Mass: † Juanita & Ramon Antonio Gatchalian (Ophelia)
9.00 am ▶ St. Joan of Arc C.A. Graduation breakfast

Thursday, 27 June / St. Cyril of Alexandria, *bishop & doctor*

8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
9.00 am ▶ St. Joan of Arc C.A. Graduation exercises

Friday, 28 June / St. Irenaeus, *bishop & martyr*

8.00 am Mass: † Fredrick D'Souza (family)
9.00 am ▶ St. Joan of Arc C.A. Staff Mass

Saturday, 29 June / Ss. Peter & Paul, *apostles*

8.00 am Mass: † Corazon Camacho (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)

SUNDAY, 30 JUNE / 13-B

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

9.00 am Mass: † Consuela Gotera family)
10.30 am Mass: † Rita D'Souza (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Jacinto Paredes (daughter)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

St. Maria Goretti Novena: 27 June – 5 July

We may prepare for the feast of our dear Patroness by praying as families each evening for nine days prior. This Novena should include the ROSARY and the PRAYER TO ST. MARIA GORETTI. The devotion will be part of all parish Masses from 27 June to 5 July.

Families may find the Novena in the website bulletin of 23 June.



Focus on the Word

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Job 38.1-11; Corinthians 5.14-17; Mark 4.35-41

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Alwyn D'Souza, Vilma Sordilla, Rolando Quinkela

The **5 victims** of the **flooding in Ethiopia in May.**



Finance Council 3.30 pm, 22 June

The next Finance Council meeting will be held at 3.30 pm on Saturday, 22 June. A review of the most recent projects will be held, as well as an overview of the next jobs to be undertaken.

The Knights of Columbus

Upcoming events

23 June 1.30 pm, General meeting,
Executive elections



Maintenance Collection 30 June

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 30 June, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

COMING UP

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1 July	Canada Day; - Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
7 July	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
13 July	Wedding: Kapadia & Iyer (9:30 am)
14 July	2 nd Collection: ShareLife Freewill
28 July	2 nd Collection: Maintenance
4 Aug.	Annual Mission Co-op Appeal
5 Aug.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
9 Aug.	Wedding: Rozario & Cruze (11:00 am); - Wedding: Potluri & Cuevas (1:00 pm)
10 Aug.	Wedding: Cooney & Vase (11:30 am) - Wedding: Leyesa & Caracas (3:00 pm)
11 Aug.	2 nd Collection: Canadian Missions; - Infant Baptism (1.30 pm); Danko Jones performs at <i>Alcatraz Metal Festival</i> , Kortrijk, Belgium;
15 Aug.	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
25 Aug.	2 nd Collection: Maintenance
31 Aug.	▶ WWE <i>Smack Down & Bash</i> in Berlin
8-15 Sep.	▶ 2024 INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, Quito, Ecuador

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

ShareLife 2024

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

So far, we have raised: \$ 28,005.00

toward our 2024 goal of: \$ 65,000.00



Your generous heart provides for hungry children

Through your support for *ShareLife*, CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN, a *ShareLife*-funded agency, provides hungry children in vulnerable communities with clothing, shoes, and nutritious food. Thank you for joining the fight against hunger by sharing your blessings.

Sunday, 14 July, is our *ShareLife* Freewill Collection. Please give generously. Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*, and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

RCIA, RCIC *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children*

Coming Up:

RCIA meeting: 5 July, 7.30 pm

RCIC meeting: 6 July, 10.00 am



Do you know people who have told you they are thinking of becoming Catholic? Tell them to leave a message for the Pastor at the parish office: 416-261-0076.

School Graduations, Certificates

Kindly remember in your prayers all the students who will be **Graduating** from our parish schools in the month of June. May God bless and guide them and their dear families.

Certificates have been prepared for all students who made their **1st Communion** and who received **Confirmation** this year. See the *Certificate* table in the Vestibule after Sunday morning Mass.

A Special Gift MUSHROOM HOUSE CAKE

We thank **Antionette Jayarajah** for the lovely Mushroom House cake she baked, which was raffled to benefit our *ShareLife* Appeal.

Stewardship

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!



A lasting legacy: Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church, born again in water and the Spirit as brothers & sisters of Jesus:

10 February

Anjali Francesca Molinaro

17 February

Amara Coralina Fraser
Luke Michael O'Reilly
Desmond Michael O'Reilly
Karter DJ Ezra Stewart

25 February

Aryan Misuda Joseph

16 March

Levi Alexander Antolin
Jainiella Xavia Magana
Leah Ningombam
Sharon Sasikaran
Levi Carlos Cinco Tan

24 March

Cianna Corene Lazaro
Marcy Martin

30 March

Beruktawit Veronica Belay
Feven Fishaye Sarah Gebreyesus
Yordanos Oqbazg Mary Segid
Rakeb Rebecca Yilma

6 April

Joseph Abraham Anley
Natan Paul Asab
Christian Yonas Berhane
Delina Yonas Berhane
John Sherwin Jr. Caja
Salem Ldateb Mary Estifanos
Amen Hawultu
Owen Jeremiah Nichols
Izayah Nicasio Pardo
Nico Cruz Pardo
Ella Viana Pardo
Kaleab Mechal Jordan Solomon
Kidus Mechal Christian Solomon
Hesda Werede
Moriah Werede

20 April

Kiva Cassandra Montemayor

4 May

Roland Casco Peter Benito
Zyon Andre De Vera
Idil Edel Hajjyussuf
Kathy Catherine Main
Kirubel Tsegay Michael Mekonen
Bethlehem Abigail Sisay

Novena

to St. Maria Goretti
27 June – 5 July



How to pray the Novena

This novena, was written to mark the first observance of the Feast of St. Maria Goretti after she was canonized on 24 June, during the Holy Year of 1950. The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, who had called her “the modern Saint Agnes,” proposed the Little Maid of Corinaldo as a model for youth.

Select an appropriate time each day to pray the Novena. It may be said privately; or it may be said by a family (perhaps after dinner), or by an extended family, neighbours or group of friends in a host home.

[A] Begin with the *Sign of the Cross* and the *Opening Prayer*.

[B] Pray the *Petition for a Special Favour*.

[C] Each day of the Novena, offer the proper *Daily Prayer*.

[D] Offer one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys* and one *Glory Be*. Add the invocation, “*St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!*” Conclude with the *Sign of the Cross*.

[A] Sign of the Cross, Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O St. Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God’s grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

[B] Petition for a Special Favour

Dear Saint Maria Goretti, obtain for us from our Lord victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we earnestly beg of you...

(*here insert your daily intention*).

May we one day enjoy with you the imperishable glory of Heaven. Amen.

[C] Daily Prayer ✠ 1st Day: PURITY June 27

“*There stands out, above everything else, her purity.*”

Let us pray. Most lovable little Saint, who valued your purity above any earthly gain, and who sealed this choice with a martyr’s death, obtain for me also a strong love of this virtue, so consoling to the Sacred Heart of JESUS and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The pleasures of the world create many temptations for me. I turn to your powerful intercession in Heaven, so that with this help I may remain ever loyal to GOD, no matter what the price. In danger, inspire me to repeat with you, “No, it is a sin!” Amen.

2nd Day: OBEDIENCE June 28

“*We see in her life a tender and docile love for her parents, which was at the same time practical and obedient.*”

Let us pray. Dear St. Maria Goretti, model of loving obedience to parents, teach me to imitate your example. Help me to overcome all selfish and stubborn pride; draw my parents to you, then lead me to accept their authority as the voice of GOD in my life. Direct me to live aright, and enable me to obey their every wish. Amen.

3rd Day: SELF-DENIAL June 29

“*There was the sacrifice she offered in her daily work.*”

Let us pray. Dear little saint Maria! You were ready for the moment of martyrdom because your short life was given over to daily and heroic self-denial. Your great love of the Sacred Heart made all this possible. Teach me to love JESUS and His Blessed Mother, so that I too will be inspired to daily self-denial. I am inclined to pamper myself, to gratify my senses, and to excuse myself from penance. This keeps me from being a true follower of CHRIST. Help me, lovable little martyr, to a sincere practice of self-denial, so that I may be your worthy follower and thus gain Heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

4th Day: CONTENTED LIVING June 30

“*There was Gospel poverty to which she freely submitted.*”

Let us pray. Dear little saint! Your days were spent in the filth of the marshes, willingly helping your desperately poor parents and family. Obtain for me the grace to accept my present circumstances in life, no matter how difficult or humiliating they may be. “Just one little drop of water,” was the only request that fell from your parched lips during those last horrible hours of life. How much I demand, how unhappy I am when I cannot have my share of the world’s conveniences!

Teach me by your heroic example to be content with what I have, and to be grateful for the blessings which GOD has showered upon me. Amen.

5th Day: CONFIDENCE IN GOD July 1

“She was sustained by her trust in heavenly Providence...”

Let us pray. Dear little saint, I depend a great deal upon the help of my friends in time of trouble or sorrow. I look for their approval in many things that I do, and I am disconsolate and lonely when they desert me. Through your powerful intercession in Heaven, obtain for me the grace to place all my confidence in GOD.

Only by walking constantly in His presence and depending on His help, will I have the courage to stand up for His laws, even though it may mean loss of friends, criticism, and complete removal of worldly comfort. Help me to look for all my strength in Him. Amen.

6th Day: RESPECT FOR TEACHERS July 2

“There was her religion to which she firmly held, and which she desired to understand better with each passing day.”

Let us pray. Dear little saint! Help me to obtain greater love of my Faith. I have many GOD-given opportunities to study it, but, sad to say, I neglect them. I am even critical of the priests, brothers, and sisters who offer their lives that I may better know and love my holy religion. Dear saint Maria Goretti, teach me to be thankful for these graces, which you did not have. Make me proud of my Faith and ready to die for it, if GOD should require that of me. Amen.

7th Day: LOVE OF HOLY COMMUNION July 3

“There was her longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist.”

Let us pray. Dear little saint, never was JESUS more welcome in a human heart than yours. The great day of First Communion could not come quickly enough. In borrowed clothes, and with head crowned with flowers of the field, you knelt to receive Him into your soul, so rich with purity and love, after months of keen anticipation!

O powerful intercessor with the Lamb of GOD, inflame my soul with your “ardent longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist.” Obtain for me the grace to put aside laziness and indifference, that I may daily allow myself to be consumed in the “burning Furnace of Charity.” Teach me what true love really is! Amen.



8th Day: CHARITY TO OTHERS July 4

“As the crown of her charity, there was the heroic pardon, which she granted to the man who had murdered her.”

Let us pray. Dear little martyr! To the last you followed your beloved JESUS! He, while hanging upon His Cross of suffering, uttered through parched lips, “FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do!” And you upon your bed of pain, burning with fever, forgave your murderer with the words, “I too pardon him...I too wish him to join me in Paradise!”

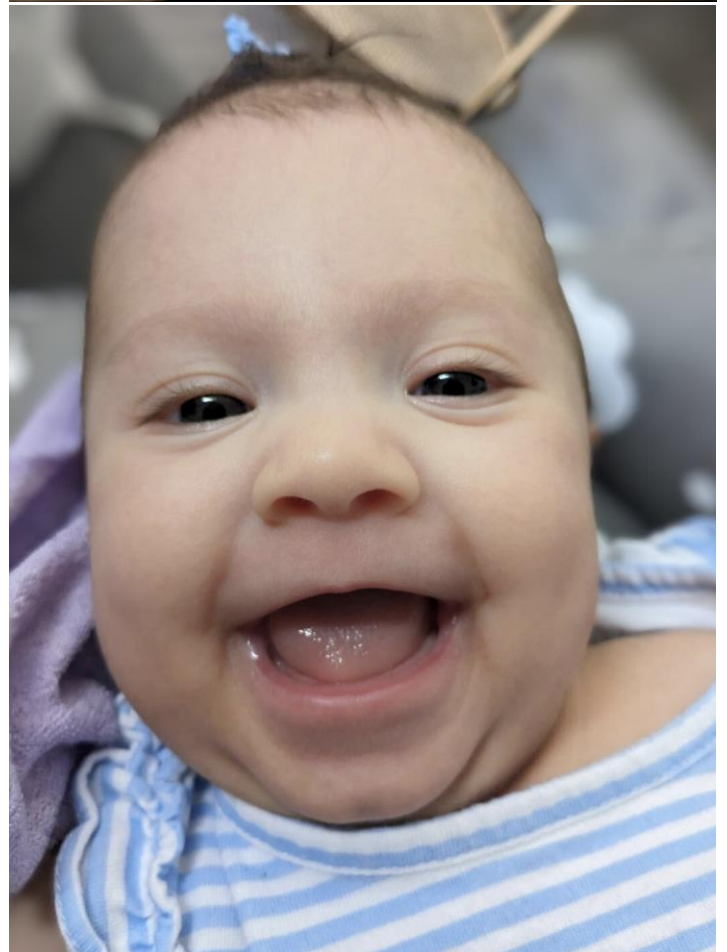
Grant me the grace, O heroic saint, to be charitable to others! Much of my time is spent on vengeful thoughts, seeking how I may pay back others the harm they have done to me. Teach me to forgive, so that I may not only gain Heaven, but also lead others there, who might otherwise be doomed to Hell. As I follow CHRIST, help me imitate His charity, even as you have done. Amen.

9th Day: LOVE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER July 5

“In you...all young people will find safe refuge.”

Let us pray. Dear Saint Maria Goretti! Once again, I turn to you, and beg of you, in the words of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, that “serenity of spirit and deep joy which is the heritage of those who are pure of heart.”

Help me to turn to Our Blessed Lady, confident in the hope that she will take my hand as she did yours and lead me on to Paradise, my heavenly country, there to enjoy with you and Her, the company of GOD the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT for all eternity. Amen.



top: Khai Avery Galang with parents
above: Vince Gomes & Remi Rozario, Engagement blessing.

Mila Kattan, with parents Alfred and Julianna (Valente), *top.*



Yuanyang, China



Lake Nyabikere, Uganda



top: Bluffers Park, Scarborough

above: US Southwest



top: Thousand Islands bridge, Ontario

above: Lodge at Waterton Lakes Park, Alberta