

## Parish Week † Sunday, 1 Sept. 2024

**Saturday, 31 Aug.**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Luisa Cobrana  
5.00 pm Mass: † Joseph D'Souza (friends)

### SUNDAY, 1 SEPT. / 22-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Gracious)  
10.30 am Mass: † Gumersindo Figueroa (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

**Monday, 2 Sept. / Blessed André Grasset / ■ Labour Day**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Joseph D'Souza (Marie Duke)  
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

**Tuesday, 3 Sept. / St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alwyn D'Souza (Arnold & Donald)

**Wednesday 4 Sept. / Blessed Dina Belanger**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Leonard Rozario (Aruna)

**Thursday, 5 Sept. / St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Morra (Carol)

**Friday, 6 Sept.**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday  
Isabel Rose Chattergoon (Dave & Minda)  
1.00 pm Wedding: Carmine Tang & Cassie Peralta  
6.00 pm Holy Hour  
7.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)

**Saturday, 7 Sept.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Regina Dualan (Corine)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Regina Dualan (Corine)

### SUNDAY, 8 SEPT. / 23-B

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *Rosary Sunday, Martyrs' Shrine, Midland*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Theresa & Joseph (Mary Joseph)  
10.30 am Mass: † Amadeo Cruz Sr. (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)  
1.30 pm Infant Baptism  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Sunday School Resumes 15 September

Parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish will be resuming its *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to listen to the Scriptures and homily.

This ministry will resume on: 15 September.

For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



## Two Friends

**Princess Diana** greets **Mother Teresa** and her sisters in New York City in 1997. The princess died on 31 August that year, aged 36, at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, Paris, France.

Mother Teresa died on 5 Sept., aged 87, in the Missionaries of Charity house, Kolkata, India.

## Focus on the Word

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**Deuteronomy 4.1-8; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-23**

*God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Amen.*

## Raffle Prizes 18 August

**Congratulations** again to the Winners of the *ShareLife* Raffle prizes. The winning tickets were drawn on 18 August. The following numbers remain to be claimed:

**65775208, 65775338, 65775386, 65775426,  
66776167, 68015884, 68015914, 68015920.**

## Rosary Sunday Midland, 8 September

The annual *Rosary Sunday* celebration at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland will be held on Sunday, 8 Sept. The CWL has hired one coach for the day. For more information, call: **Lillian** (647-909-6425) or **Nicole** (647-827-0277).

## The Child

*If there is anything we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could be better changed in ourselves. - Carl Jung*



## A Special Gift FRESH GARDEN ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank **Corazon Gutierrez** for her continual supply of Summer garden flowers. They both look and smell amazing. God bless you.

## COMING UP

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- 15 Sept. **Sunday School for Kids** resumes at the 10.30 am Mass  
22 Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Needs of the Church in Canada**  
29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**;  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**;  
- Daughters of St. Paul BOOK FAIR
- 1 Oct. Memorial Mass: † Verlynda Villarosa (10:00 am)  
5 Oct. Memorial Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (1:00 pm)  
6 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation**  
7 Oct. Infant Parent Godparent meeting (7:40pm)  
16 Oct. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00am);  
- ► St. Albert School Mass (1:00pm)
- 19 Oct. Wedding: Opiriano & Dimaculangan (1:00pm);  
- Wedding: Outar-Singh & Seelochan (3:00pm)
- 20 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **World Mission Sunday**  
27 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

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

## ShareLife 2024

Many thanks for your contribution to our 2024 Parish Campaign.

Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife*.

Our Parish goal for 2024 is: \$65,000.00

This year's *ShareLife* campaign ends on: **31 December**.

Please donate, and help us reach our goal! Your generosity will help bring compassion and hope to others.



## Pray for the Faithful Departed

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

30 June

### **Eufemia Racadio**

**The 10 victims of the earthquake in Taiwan in April**

7 July

### **Severina D'Mello, William Kreppner, Gloria Moniz**

**The 9 stage collapse victims in Nuevo Leon, Mexico in May**

14 July

**The 2,000 landslide victims in Papua, New Guinea in May**

21 July

### **Cris de Jesua**

**The 21 victims of the storm in the US Midwest in May.**

28 July

**The 27 amusement park fire victims in Gujarat, India.**

4 August

### **Mayli Go**

**Matteo, the 6-year-old boy killed by a school bus in  
Vaughan on 19 June**

11 August

### **Roosevelt Colaco, Gloria Moniz**

**The 9 pedestrians killed in the car tragedy in downtown  
Seoul, Korea in July.**

18 August

**Helen Matich, Irene Pais, Kyung Sup Monich Park,  
Fr. Leo August Ramsperger, Jose Reyes**

**The 117 victims of the Hindu festival stampede in Uttar  
Pradesh, India in July**

25 August

### **Salvatore Murgia, Istvan Szakaczki**

**Matthew Rumble, the father of seven children who was  
murdered by a stranger at the Jane Subway Station in June**

1 September

### **Fr. Andrew Macbeth**

**The 37 candidates for public office who were assassinated  
prior to the June elections in Mexico**



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

### *Coming Up:*

RCIA meetings: 6 & 13 Sept.

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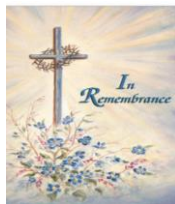


*Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:37-38*

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, and let them know when the next meeting for Inquirers will be held. Make sure to invite them to come to Church with you and experience what shared prayer and a spirit-filled community are all about.

## Mass Intentions *Requests for 2025*

The *Mass Intention* book for 2025 is now open. The Parish Office will accept requests for intentions after any Sunday Mass and during weekday office hours.



## Upcoming Weddings

*There has been a promise of Marriage:*

### **Niel Yee and Jeanna Mangurat**

10 August, St. Paul Basilica

### **Praveen Thevarajah and Nareesa Alli**

31 August, St. Patrick, Markham

### **Carmine Tang and Cassie Peralta**

6 September

### **Bryan Chiu and Cassandra Chen**

7 September, Prince of Peace

### **Aaron Opiniano and Charmaine Dimaculangan**

19 October

### **Benjamin Liang and Samantha Buyser**

2 November



## The Princess becomes a Queen



**Queen Elizabeth II** was the head of the English royal family for 70 years, making her the longest-reigning monarch ever. She died at the age of 96 at Balmoral Castle, Scotland, on 8 Sept. 2022. Here's a look at the time she ascended to the throne, as her own

son King Charles III did after her passing.

She fell into the position at just 25 years old in 1952 after her father, King George VI, died of coronary thrombosis at 56 amid his battle with lung cancer. Elizabeth was not officially crowned until June 2, 1953, but she was asked to lead the minute the King died.

Despite being overcome with grief when he was laid to rest, the royal family was aware of the King's declining health and knew that Elizabeth's time was coming. The King was forced to postpone a tour of New Zealand and Australia because of his condition. What's more, he suffered an arterial blockage in 1949 and had to have his left lung removed in the summer of 1951.

George had been showing his daughter state papers. There were black clothes in Elizabeth's suitcase when she traveled. She was prepared, though it's not certain she was ever really ready for what was ahead.

### The Princess's Trip to Kenya

On February, 6, 1952, the day George VI died at Sandringham House, Elizabeth wasn't by her father's side. Instead, she was working on his behalf. At the time, the British monarchy was under intense scrutiny in Kenya. *Mau Mau* fighters were gaining power in their fight for independence (which they eventually won in 1963). Though the safety of the royal family was a big concern among British officials, the King felt it was necessary to show face on the African continent.

Knowing that the King was too ill to travel, Elizabeth set off on the Commonwealth tour with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh (who later became Prince Philip in 1957). Little did Elizabeth know that when she departed Heathrow on January 31, 1952 that it would be the last time she would ever see her beloved father.

The royal couple arrived in Kenya on 1 February. They greeted the Governor and then enjoyed time at the Treetops Hotel, located in the heart of the forest. Five days later, King George VI took his final breath.



According to Robert Lacy, author of *The Queen: A Life in Brief*, she reacted stoically, and showed almost no distress. "She was sitting erect, fully accepting her destiny," Martin Charteris, the princess's private secretary, says in the book. No one actually saw Elizabeth shed a tear. It is said that as Elizabeth departed the lodge, no photographers took a single shot of the historic moment, per Her Majesty's request.

### Accepting Her New Position

On February 7, after a storm delayed her departure, Elizabeth arrived in London. The mood was somber, as the whole nation mourned the death of their sovereign. Flags were at half-mast, many businesses were shut down and sporting events were canceled. Prime Minister Winston Churchill had already addressed the nation in a broadcast.

The next day, privy counselors and Commonwealth delegates attended an Accession Council at St. James's Palace, where Elizabeth officially accepted her new role.



*Elizabeth's Coronation on 2 June 1953. Her grandmother, Queen Mary, was the first queen to see a grandchild ascend to the throne.*

# Season of Creation

1 September – 4 October 2024

*“To hope and act with God’s Creation”*

**Fr. Luis M. Melo**, Director, Office for Promoting Christian Unity

The Season of Creation challenges the entire global Christian family to care for God’s creation through prayer and action. **Pope Francis** in his message for the ‘*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*’ this year stresses that Christians are called to live in faith and charity, caring for the environment is “a task to be undertaken freely, in obedience to Jesus’ commandment of love.”

At its origins, the SEASON OF CREATION began with **Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I** announcing a ‘Day of Prayer for Creation’ for the Orthodox Church on September 1, 1989 and many major European churches followed, embracing it as part of their calendar in 2001.

In the encyclical “*Laudato Si*” (2015) on *Care for our Common Home*, **Pope Francis** called the Catholic Church to observe the ‘*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.*’

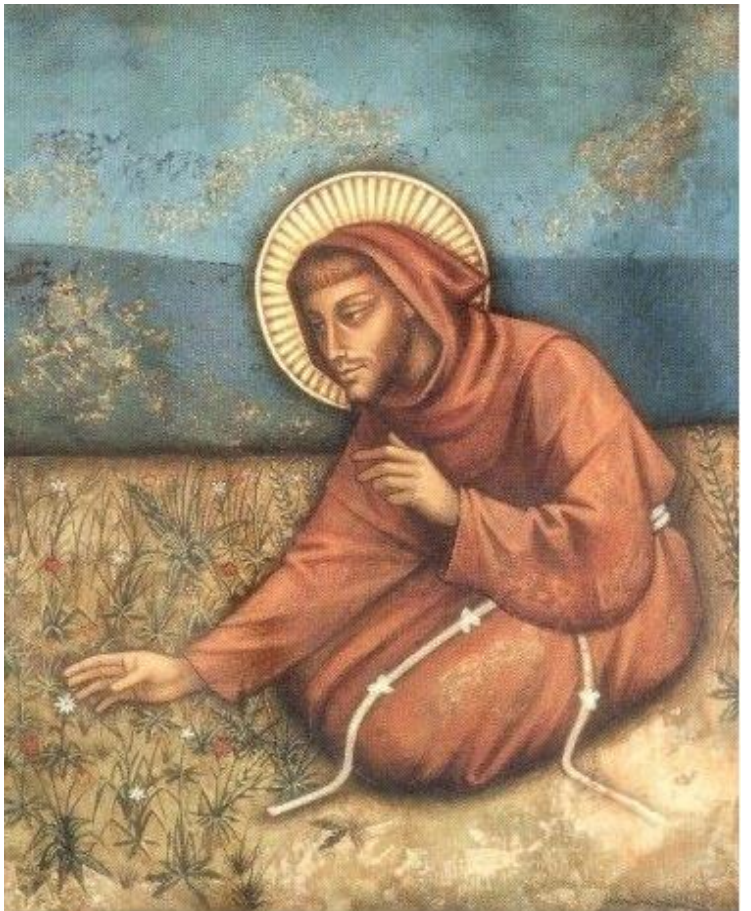
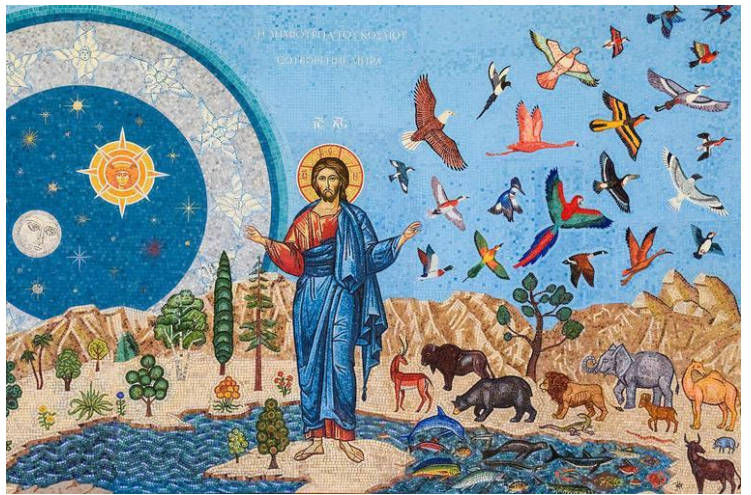
This season begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology).

An annual theme for the SEASON OF CREATION is chosen by an ecumenical steering committee. For 2024, the theme is “To hope and act with Creation” and the symbol is “The first fruits of hope,” inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

Like the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, the *Season of Creation* may be observed with flexibility and resources may be adapted to local situations.

Here are some Intercessions we will be using on the five Sundays during the SEASON OF CREATION in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

- That we may receive the grace to respect and care for God’s creation. We pray to the Lord.
- God of the land, the sea, the sky: Open our hearts to the rhythm of Creation in the swells of the ocean, the movements of air and wind, the breath of all living things. We pray to the Lord.
- God of Light, Life and Love: Help us understand the roots of the ecological crisis and give us wisdom to live resiliently in harmony with your Creation. We pray to the Lord.
- God of truth and justice: Guide us in paths of righteousness that help us to tread softly on the land and sail gently on the sea. We pray to the Lord.
- God of hope: Help us to trust that your reign of love is manifested in our common love- for you, for ourselves, for our neighbour and for your creation. We pray to the Lord.
- May St. Francis’ love for all creatures be reflected in our care for the environment. May we revere God’s handiwork in the world which surrounds us. We pray to the Lord.



2024 Raffle, Bazaar  
18 & 25 August







