



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Parish Week † Sunday, 15 Sept. 2024

Saturday, 14 Sept. / Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Theresa Crasto (Esme)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita & Joseph D'Souza

SUNDAY, 15 SEPT. / 24-B

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Rosario Rebello (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Abella Deongkinay (Carmelo & Edna)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Angela Sivayogan (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Mon., 16 Sept. / Ss. Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra, Leslie & Rita)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Cecilyammah Santhiapillai (Juliet)

Tuesday, 17 Sept. / St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving, Wedding Anniversary (Carol & Ramon)

Wednesday 18 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Gerard Menezes)

Thursday, 19 Sept. / St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ernesto Cereso (family)
- 8.50 am St. Joan of Arc Academy Mass

Friday, 20 Sept. / Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)

Saturday, 21 Sept. / St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist

- 8.00 am Mass: † Departed Souls of the Bernal & Fernando Families (Christina)
- 12.00 pm Knights of Columbus CAR WASH (to 4.00 pm)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mary D'Cunha (Esme)

SUNDAY, 22 SEPT. / 25-B

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ 2nd Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada

■ Stewardship Sunday

- 9.00 am Mass: † Jesus Serneo (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Maria Clara Cruz (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Shine Carta)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Deuteronomy 4.1-8; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-23

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Eden Dalisay, and the 300 victims of the flooding in China and India at the end of July.



2nd Collection

22 September: *Bishops' Collection for the needs of the Church in Canada*



The 2nd collection on Sunday, 22 September, will be for the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*.

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance to support their work through the Collection for the *Needs of the Church in Canada*. Through the work of its members, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements.

The CCCB also provides the Bishops with a forum to share their experiences, insights and reflections on the major events and issues that shape the Church and modern society. It also works with the Eastern Catholic rites, such as the Byzantines and Syrians, to address needs within their communities.

COMING UP

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- 29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**;
- 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**;
- **Daughters of St. Paul BOOK FAIR**
- 1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847);
- Memorial Mass: † Verlynda Villarosa (10:00 am)
- 5 Oct. Memorial Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (1:00 pm)
- 6 Oct. 2nd Collection: **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation**
- 7 Oct. Infant Parent Godparent meeting (7:40pm)
- 16 Oct. St. Maria Goretti's birthday (1890);
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00am);
- ► St. Albert School Mass (1:00pm)
- 19 Oct. Wedding: Opiriano & Dimaculangan (1:00pm)
Wedding: Outar-Singh & Seelchran (3:00pm)
- 20 Oct. 2nd Collection: **World Mission Sunday**
- 27 Oct. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 1 Nov. **Feast of All Saints**
- 2 Nov. **Feast of All Souls**
- 4 Nov. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 Nov. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 17 Nov. 2nd Collection: **Shepherd Trust**
- 24 Nov. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 2 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

ShareLife 2024

Many thanks for your contribution to our 2024 Parish Campaign.

So far, we have raised: \$ 43,758.00

toward our 2024 goal of: \$ 65,000.00



This year, for the first time ever, 100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities. Through our Parish's support, *ShareLife*, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. Reaching our Parish campaign goal will help to make these grants possible. Please help us combat hunger by giving at our Parish using a *ShareLife* envelope. Thank you for your compassion.

Sunday School

10.30 am Mass
Resumes 15 Sept.



New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *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 focus and listen to the Scriptures and homily.

This ministry will resume on: **15 September**.

Kids who want to join the Sunday School should be in the Church before Mass. When Mass begins, they will be called to come up in front of the Altar with their teachers for the Priest's blessing. Afterwards, they will be led to their room for the Sunday School. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 29 September

Parishioners may wish to know that, this year, a major liturgical feast falls on a Sunday:

29 September: Feast of *St. Michael the Archangel*

In our archdiocese, this Feast will take precedence over the sequential Ordinary Time Sunday, *at the Cathedral only*. Parish Churches will observe the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

28 Sept. Rite of CANDIDACY:
5.00 pm Mass

Do you want to become Catholic? Do you want to understand your faith better? Adult Catechism classes, also known as R.C.I.A., are held on Fridays from 7:30-9:00 pm.

They are open to those who want to be Baptized, to those who are Christian and not yet Catholic, and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, contact the pastor, **Fr. Edwin**: (416) 261-0076.



The Sacrament of Baptism

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

24 August

Sebastien Elway Chan
Kai Alexander Dator-Cruz
Noah Benjamin Dator-Cruz
Clover Caia Ramos

31 August

Zayden Alexander Campo
Juan Nathan Prudencio
Isabella Rose Cayone Simpson

Bernard Jr. Bihag
Peter Mausisa
Lorena Aurelia Ozuna Saunders

8 September

Khai Avery Galang
Leonie Glennis Hughes
Violet Lelis
Arianna Peters
Ace Micheal Shannon
Athiran Suren

Wedding Congratulations

Justin Orprecio and Mary Madarang
25 May, Blessed Trinity

Angelo Ranjan and Michaela Perdurupillai
1 June, Holy Name

Roland Benito and Jill Gonzales
1 June

Karthigan Puvanendran and Sofia Alfred
22 June, St. Paul Basilica

Sinclair D'Costa and Sharon D'Souza
St. Isaac Jogues

Mukesh Kapadia and Maria Helen Iyer
13 July

Vincent Gomes and Remi Rozario
20 July, St. Paul Basilica

David Masci and Alcia Alvares
26 July, Annunciation

Jude Rozario and Luxmi Cruze
9 August

Heno Potluri and Jolina Cuevas
9 August

Carmine Tang and Cassie Peralta
10 August

Niel Yee and Jeanna Mangurat
10 August, St. Paul Basilica

Pope Francis: Stop cannabis poison

It all sounded so safe, so “progressive.” The 2018 Cannabis Act promised to “minimize harms” to Canadians as it enabled “recreational “users to legally possess and consume cannabis without fear of a criminal record, which would stigmatize them for life. The Cannabis Act “introduces a suite of public health and public safety controls aimed at providing Canadians with evidence-based information to support informed decision-making” while protecting children and youth from “harms associated with cannabis use,” says the federal government.

But apparently some Canadians didn’t get the memo.

The number of adults aged 65-plus checking into Ontario Emergency rooms (ER)s with cannabis poisoning tripled over eight years of cannabis legalization, says a study published May 20.

The study period was divided into three phases: pre-legalization from January 2015 to October 2018; the legal sale of dried cannabis from October 2018; and the availability of edibles, from January 2020 until the study wrapped up at the end of December 2022.

Rates of cannabis poisoning in ER visits were 5.8 cases per 100,000 in the 1st phase, 15.4 per 100,000 in the 2nd phase and 21.1 per 100,000 cases once edibles were introduced. The researchers say the rates are probably much higher, since the study only tracks ER visits.

Geriatric specialist and lead author Dr. Nathan Stall told the Canadian Press: “These are people very sick to the point where health-care practitioners, without knowing that they’ve consumed cannabis, consider other serious health conditions like stroke, serious infection (and) serious metabolic abnormalities.

In one case, the medical team discovered that a gravely ill patient in his 80s ate a family member’s cannabis product thinking it was a snack.

Interestingly, the Canadian government admits cannabis use “can be riskier for adults over 55” with more intense impacts like hallucinations, loss of coordination, paranoia, dizziness and blurred vision. In its “evidence-based information,” the government gives step by step instructions on how older adults can more safely consume cannabis.

Regarding safety for children, the Act promised to “protect the health of youth” primarily by prohibiting them from purchasing the drug. But having cannabis in the form of edible gummies, jellybeans, cookies and other treats around the house does, in fact, increase children and youth’s access to cannabis.



A 2022 paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine* studied children aged 0 – 9 hospitalized for accidental cannabis poisonings. In Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario, immediately after legalization, rates were 2.6 times as high as those before legalization. Following the introduction of edibles, the hospitalization rate shot up to 7.5 times as high in three provinces.

Sick Kids Hospital staff physician and study senior author Dr. Yaron Finkelstein told the CBC: “We’ve seen kids with seizures, kids who stopped breathing. Their symptoms, especially in young children, can be more severe and can be life-threatening.

Another 2022 study found that, following legalization, there were nine times more ER visits in Ontario per month by young children—on average three years old—poisoned primarily from edibles..

The government warns young adults that cannabis use up to the age of 25 could affect brain development. This decreases memory, learning and attention control in the long term, with continual use also being linked to anxiety, depression, psychosis and schizophrenia, among others, Advises the government. “The best way to protect your health is not use cannabis.”

Adults over the age of 25 face similar long-term harms, plus others including respiratory diseases, pregnancy related risks, cyclical nausea and vomiting, increased risk of testicular cancer, psychiatric disorders and heightened risk of addiction to other drugs.

And for what? To get a temporary buzz that blots out loneliness, rejection, anxiety, emptiness and other pain that a vibrant relationship with Jesus would heal?

In 2014, the Associated Press reported Pope Francis’ condemnation of recreational drugs’ legalization as being a “flawed and failed experiment.” Pope Francis: said, “Let me state this in the clearest terms possible: the problem of drug use is not solved with drugs!”

Pope Francis is right. This experiment needs to stop now before more Canadians are poisoned-by accident or by choice.

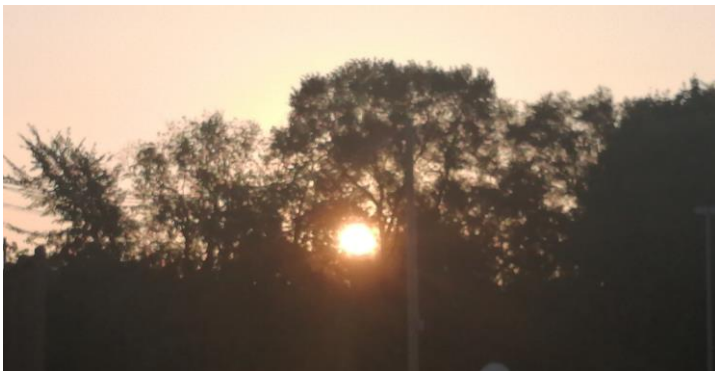


A visit to Holy Cross Cemetery

Liturgical Bible Study Training

Congratulations to the **LBS Training** graduates at the 10 August event in the North Classroom:

Last	First
Jeresano	Irma
Christian	Mariya
Jeresano	Christian
Tupas	Jolly
Magbalot	Wilma
Fernandes	Petrolina
Fernandez	Desiree
Antigua	Jocelyn





Catherine and Lillian enjoy a sunny day at Bonnie View Inn, Haliburton, August 2024.

CWL Baby Shower, 21 January 2021.





Phoenician cuneiform is the first written language.

Early writing forms

Egyptian hieroglyphs.





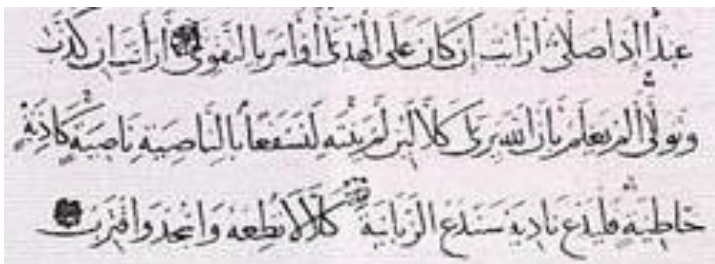
Chinese characters are composed of eight basic strokes, all of which are to be found in the character ‘yong,’ meaning *eternity*. The diagram shows the sequence of strokes by which the character evolves. The arrows give the direction of the brush-strokes.

North-Semitic		Greek		Etruscan	Latin		Modern caps
Early Phoenician	Phoenician	Early	Classical	Classical	Early	Classical	Roman
𐤀	א	Α	A	A	A	A	A
𐤁	ב	Β	B	>		B	B
𐤂	ג	Γ	Γ		Ϟ	C	C
𐤃	ד	Δ	Δ	ϙ	ϙ	D	D
𐤄	ה	Ε	E	Ϟ	ϙ	E	E
𐤅	ו	Ϝ		ϙ	ϙ	F	F
𐤆	ז	Ζ				G	G
𐤇	ח	Η	Z	Ϟ		H	H
𐤈	ט	Θ	H	⊖	⊖	I	I
𐤉	י	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	J	J
𐤊	כ	Κ	I	⊖	⊖	K	K
𐤋	ל	Λ	K	⊖	⊖	L	L
𐤌	מ	Μ	Λ	⊖	⊖	M	M
𐤍	נ	Ν	Μ	⊖	⊖	N	N
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𐤒	ק	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	S	S
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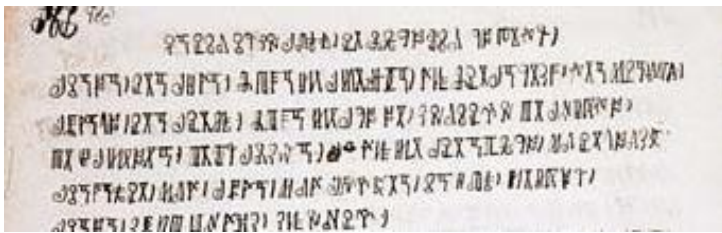
The *alphabet* was invented by the **Semitic** people inhabiting Palestine in the latter part of the 2nd millennium BC. This first alphabet (from Lebanon) consisted of 22 characters, each representing a consonant, written right to left.

As the alphabet spread eastwards, the role of *Aramaic* was crucial. It is from this that all the various alphabets used in India and Southeast Asia ultimately derive,

The other main branch of the alphabet was brought to the West by the **Phoenicians**, reaching the **Greeks** by the 9th century BC. For example, in the Semitic alphabet each letter was given name: *aleph* means ‘ox;’ *beth* means ‘house,’ and so on. In Greek, these became *alpha*, *beta*, etc., which gives our word *alphabet*. The letters have no meaning in Greek. They made one major innovation: they introduced *vowels*. The Greek alphabet contained 17 consonants and 7 vowels.



Arabic



Bamun writing of Cameroon



Ge'ez, Ethiopia



Salve Regina, Gregorian Chant.