

# Parish Week † Sunday, 29 Sept. 2024

## Saturday, 28 Sept. / St. Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Nolasco Remedio (family)
- 10.00 am ▶ **Linda's Walk** (St. Bonaventure Church)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Esme)  
- RCIA Rite of Candidacy
- 6.15 pm Ramtahal Renewal of Wedding Vows

## SUNDAY, 29 SEPT. / 26-B

- ✘ *Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair*
- ✘ *Feast of St. Michael the Archangel*
- ✘ *World Day of Migrants*
- ✘ *St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Emma De Cicco)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Valerie Gibson (Daphne)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 30 Sept. / St. Jerome, priest & doctor

- *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*
- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Watson (Ophelia Gatchalian)
- 11.00 am Wedding: Joel Benedict & Ateeqa Chaudhry
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Ron Forrester (Debbie)

## Tues., 1 Oct. / St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor

- *Bishop Michael Power, death anniversary (1847)*
- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Healing of Rosario Remedio (family)
- 10.00 am Memorial Mass: † Verlynda Villarosa

## Wednesday 2 Oct. / The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francis Lagundi (Buyser family)

## Thursday, 3 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francisco & Theresa Di Michele (family)

## Friday, 4 Oct. / St. Francis of Assisi

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francisco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Leonardo De Leon (family)

## Saturday, 5 Oct. / St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lim Teng Chan & Lim Sy Eng Chan (Emilio Go & family)
- 1.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe
- 4.00 pm Blessing of Animals
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Corrado Vindigni (Carmelo & Edna)

## SUNDAY, 6 OCT. / 27-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Vethanayagi Rayappan)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Reginald Mendonca (Rebello family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Intention Thanksgiving Cenizal family (Maria)
- 2.00 pm ▶ **Life Chain** (to 3 pm)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Altar Servers

### ANNUAL AWARDS MASS

ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH, 19 October

The annual **Altar Server Awards Mass** will be celebrated at 10.00 am on Saturday, 19 October at: ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH, Ajax. Our Award recipient this year is: **Bernadine Ferolin.**



# Focus on the Word

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5.1-6; Mark 9.38-48

*O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasurers of heaven. Amen.*



## Pray for the Deceased

John Choi, Profetiza Diaz

The **4 victims of the mass shooting in New York** at the end of August, due to a **dispute over a family will.**

## First Friday Holy Hour

Each First Friday, there is a *Holy Hour* at 6 pm, followed by the celebration of Mass at 7 pm.

The *Holy Hour* includes Exposition, the Litany of the Sacred Heart, Rosary, and Benediction.

For private use any time, the personal *Holy Hour* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.



## Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair 29 Sept.

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA is bringing a mini Book Centre to St. Maria Goretti Church! Join the *Daughters of St. Paul* at Mass on 28 & 29 September to choose from an excellent selection of Catholic books for Children, Youth & Adults, including for Communion, Confirmation, Advent & Christmas! Gift items and DVD movies will also be available. Cash, Interac, Mastercard and Visa: *all accepted*. Visit: [www.paulinestore.ca](http://www.paulinestore.ca) or phone us at: 416-781-9131 for special requests. We look forward to seeing you!

## Blessing of Animals 5 October, 4.00 pm

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, the *Blessing of Animals* will be celebrated at 4 pm on Saturday, 5 October, in front of the main entrance. You are welcome to bring beloved pets for this blessing.

## COMING UP

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- 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)
- 20 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **World Mission Sunday**
- 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Shepherds' Trust**
- 24 Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**
- 2 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 22 Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent;  
- **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers**: death anniversary (1988)

## Fall Fair

6 October  
9 am - 2 pm

Don't miss it! Our Parish is holding a FALL FAIR:

Sunday, 6 October, 9 am - 2 pm.

□ Yard Sale □ Multicultural Food Tables

Tables available: \$25 to sell your wares.  
Please contact: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.



## ShareLife 2024

Many thanks for your contribution to our 2024 Parish Campaign.

So far, we have raised: \$ 52,843.00  
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.

## Lay Pastoral Visitors Training Registration Now Open

Archdiocesan training for *Lay Pastoral Visitors* will be offered online from 7 - 8:30 pm, on Wednesdays:

October 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20 & 27

This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited. REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2024> by Oct. 22, 2024.

## Horizons of Hope Upcoming webinars 3 & 10 October, 7 - 9 pm

Our Parish has another opportunity for the formation of leaders in the HORIZONS OF HOPE Initiative. **Sr. Mary Rowell**, CSJ will present a two-part webinar series on 3 & 10 October, from 7-9 pm.

We would like to have a group of Parishioners attend both sessions (October 3 and 10). This group can then help all Parishioners in implementing the HORIZONS OF HOPE program in our Parish.

Registration can be done at: [bit.ly/HOHW-RegisterOct2024](https://bit.ly/HOHW-RegisterOct2024)

For further details, call: **Lillian**: 647-909-6425.



## Life Chain

6 October, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer on: *Sunday, 6 October, 2 - 3 pm*. Our assembly locations are:

**Danforth Avenue & Victoria Park Avenue,  
or Lawrence Avenue & Birchmount Road**

## Bishop Michael Power 1 October

Bishop **Michael Power** (17 October 1804 - 1 October 1847) was the 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Toronto, after the diocese was established on 17 December 1841. More than 90,000 poor Irish refugees landed at Quebec in 1847 to escape the Great Famine. Many had Typhus, and it spread among Canadian towns, including Toronto. Bishop Power contracted the disease while visiting some of the victims. He died on 1 Oct. 1847, aged 42. He is buried in a crypt beneath St. Michael Cathedral.



## Sunday School 10.30 am Mass

New Parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish has a *Sunday School for Kids* during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service for children who have not yet made their First Communion, and it gives the parents a chance to listen to the Scriptures and homily.

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.

The children are taught simple hymns, and they are given a chance to hear the Gospel for that Sunday, to learn some lessons from it, and to take home a picture which they can colour.

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







## David Valencia, *Seminarian*

I am **David Valencia**, a seminarian originally from Cabañas, El Salvador. I grew up in a humble family deeply rooted in the Catholic faith. I am the second youngest of six siblings. From an early age, my parents instilled Christian values in me, showing through their ex-ample a firm devotion to God.

Through daily Mass and the praying of the Holy Rosary, they planted in me a solid spiritual foundation that guided my life and kept me close to God. Throughout my childhood and adolescence, I had a deep desire to learn more about God and to live my faith actively. I participated in youth and missionary groups, where I discovered the joy of serving others and walking alongside Christ. It was at a retreat, at the age of 15, that I experienced a renewal in my spiritual life, marking a before and after in my faith journey. This profound encounter with God led me to rethink my life and set a path that, years later, would guide me to discover my priestly vocation.

At the age of 18, I decided to emigrate to the United States in search of new opportunities for myself and my family. Despite the challenges of living in a new country, far from my loved ones, I found comfort at St. Martin of Tours Parish. There, I felt welcomed and began a deeper spiritual journey, serving in the youth group for ten years. These years of service helped me discover my true calling: the Priestly life.

Amidst loneliness and questions about my life's purpose, the Lord gradually revealed His plan for me. Guided by priests and spiritual directors, I was able to clearly discern God's invitation to devote myself entirely to His service. After a process of discernment and prayer, I was accepted as a seminarian in the Archdiocese of Washington DC.

Now I am in the configuration stage with God, I am in my first year of Theology at St. Augustine Seminary. I am convinced that this vocation is a divine gift, an opportunity to serve others, and to grow in a deeper relationship with God. Each day at the seminary teaches me the value of renouncing worldly things to fully embrace the mission God has entrusted to me. I am grateful for the support of the community and for God's grace, which sustains me on this journey toward the Priesthood. My greatest desire is to be an instrument of His love and mercy for those who need it most.

God bless you.



Top – bottom: Cabañas, El Salvador; Washington, D.C.





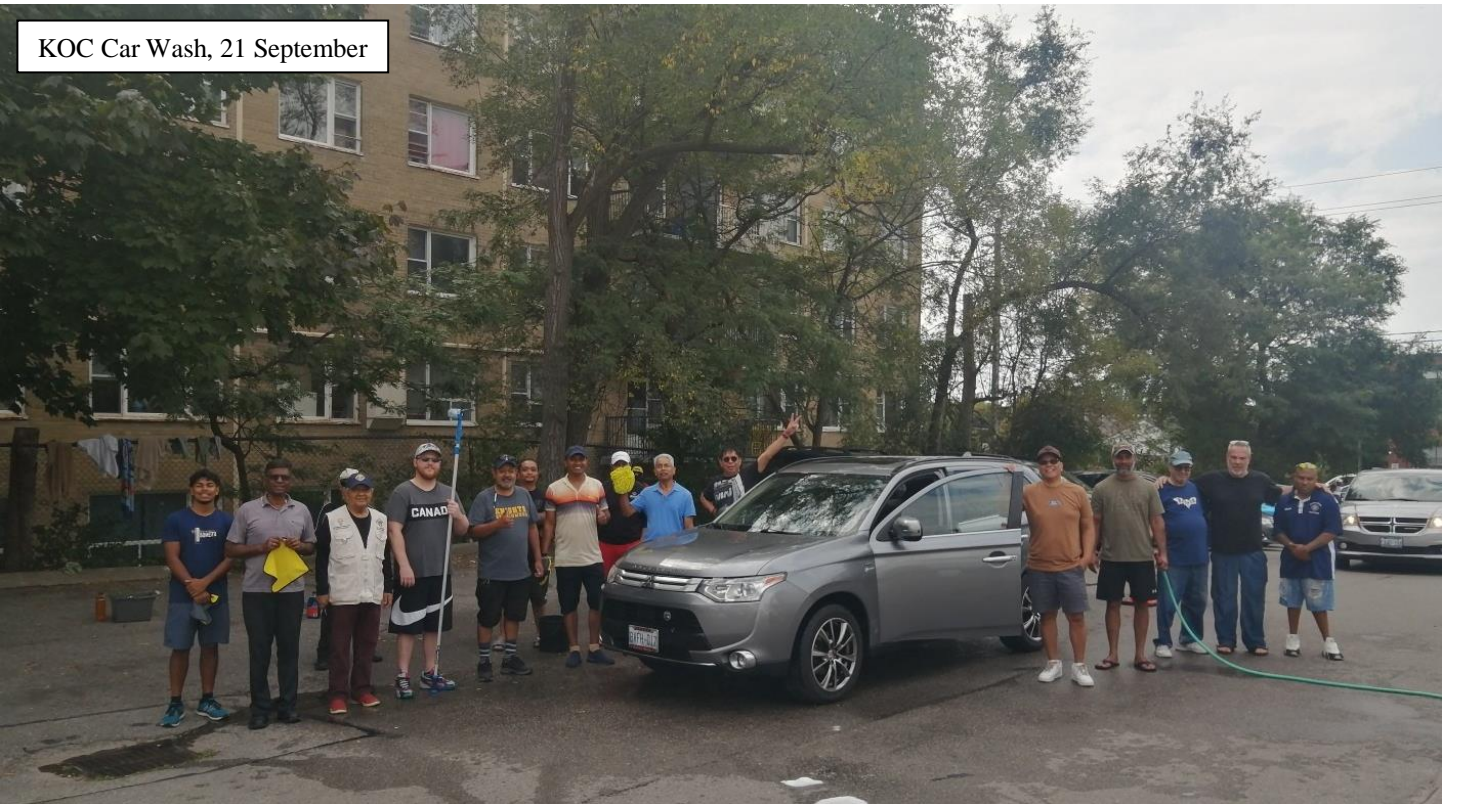
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*Below: St. Martin of Tours Church, Washington;  
St. Augustine & Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, Scarborough.*







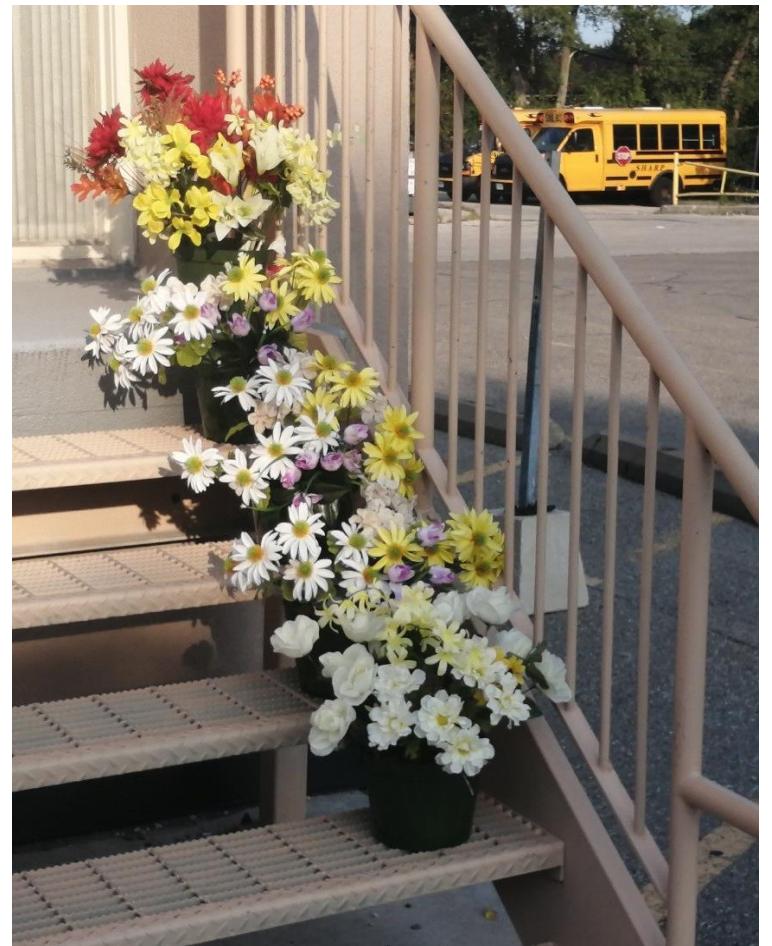
KOC Car Wash, 21 September















Franck and Selemun repair the mulch bed.

