



Parish Week † Sunday, 6 Oct. 2024

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

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lim Teng Chay & Lim Sy Eng Chan (Emilia 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*

■ *2nd 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: Int. Thanksgiving, Cenizal family (Maria)
 2.00 pm ▶ **Life Chain** (to 3 pm)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 7 Oct. / Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Sabina Mendonca, 99th birthday (Rebello family)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Alexander King (wife)
 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 8 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

Wednesday 9 Oct. / St. Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Anthony & Norah Teixeira (family)

Thursday, 10 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Sena family

Friday, 11 Oct. / St. John XXIII, pope

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

Saturday, 12 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Martino Cifaldi (Irma Pisciola)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita & Joseph D'Souza

SUNDAY, 13 OCT. / 28-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Mass (Maria Rodas)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Agnes Britto (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
 Genesis 2.7-24; Hebrews 2.9-11; Mark 10.2-16

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Bianca Fernando

The 4 homeless persons shot on a commuter train in Chicago at the beginning of September.



2nd Collection

6 October, *Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation*



The 2nd collection on Sunday, 6 October, will be for the effort of the Church in Canada to assist with the *Healing and Reconciliation* process with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect on the history of residential schools. We recognize this painful chapter in Canada's history and acknowledge our involvement. We pray, educate and advocate, looking for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

COMING UP

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- 7 Oct. Infant Parent Godparent meeting (7:40pm)
 14 Oct. **Thanksgiving Day**
 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. 2nd Collection: **World Mission Sunday**
 26 Oct. RCIA Rite of Admission to the Catechumenate (5.00 Mass)
 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: **Shepherds' Trust**
 23 Nov. RCIA Early Initiation Rite (5.00 Mass)
 24 Nov. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
 1 Dec. **1st Sunday of Advent**
 2 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
 8 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
 22 Dec. **4th Sunday of Advent;**
 - **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers:** death anniversary (1988)
 24 Dec. **Christmas Eve Masses** begin at 7.00 pm
 25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
 2nd Collection: *Christmas*
 29 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family;**
 - 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

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.

Sacramental Preparation

Catholic Schools: 1st Communion

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Families will be given Information packages in October to register the students in this process. Family instruction meetings will be held early in the New Year.



Other Schools: Saturday Class began 28 September

Preparation began on 28 September for *First Holy Communion* for students in other schools. They meet on Saturdays at 10.00 am. For further information, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

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 they can colour.

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

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**

Any of our Parish Altar Servers are welcome to attend this Mass. Please see Fr. Edwin to confirm, and to arrange a ride.



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 location is:

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



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

Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 4 & 11 Oct., 7.30 pm.

RCIC meetings: 5 & 12 Oct., 10.00 am.



Stewardship

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as *ShareLife*, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others.

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. Therefore, 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 the parish under his care. Whenever your 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. The correct legal name of the parish is:

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of Toronto, in Canada for the benefit of St. Maria Goretti Parish.

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.

♪ *Note:* There is no “rain date” for this event. The food tables will be in the Vestibule, and other wares will be set up outside.

If there are periods of light rain, Vendors outside must be ready to cover their tables with waterproof cloths (or garbage bags). Vendors may also bring simple tents.

If there is a steady rain, and there are less than 2 hours of sales, outdoor tables will have to be dismantled, and the payment made by the Vendors will be refunded.



Free Will

“You don't have free will, but don't worry?”

“There is free will,” Lady Philosophy answered, “and no rational nature can exist which does not have it.”

- Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*.

There is a series of contemporary short videos on topics in contemporary physics by **Sabine Hossenfelder**. One of her videos was on ‘free will.’ She asserted that “free will is nonsense and the idea deserves going into the rubbish bin.”

The idea of free will is incompatible with the laws of nature and is logically incoherent. The deterministic laws of nature apply to you & your brain because you are made of particles, and what happens with you is a consequence of what happens with those particles. A lot of people dismiss this as a philosophical position, called ‘materialism.’ You can refuse to believe that materialism is correct, but I can tell you that this way you will never understand how the universe really works. – S. Hossenfelder

Now, Dr. Hossenfelder is absolutely right in stating that there is no way to explain free will by the laws of physics. Nature is indeed deterministic. So, if you start with the assumption that there is nothing other than nature, then logic dictates that free will is only an illusion. The logically consistent atheist must deny the possibility of free will.

Theists have also denied free will, asserting that because God knows the future, everything is predetermined. **Martin Luther** wrote: “God’s foreknowledge and omnipotence are diametrically opposed to our free will, for either God can be mistaken in foreknowing or we must act in accordance with his foreknowledge. No one has it in his power to think a good or bad thought, but everything happens by necessity.”

This crude argument had already been discredited by the 6th century Catholic philosopher Boethius. Since God is outside of time, he sees all things as ‘present.’ So, just as I can see what you are freely doing now in the present moment, so God sees our freely chosen actions in the future, but he does not dictate them – they remain free.

St. Thomas Aquinas, in the *Summa Theologica*, cut through all the confusion. He wrote:

“God is the first cause of all things. He moves causes both natural (*laws of physics*) and voluntary (*free will*). Just as by moving natural causes He does not interfere with their being natural, so by moving voluntary causes, he does not deprive them of their freedom. Rather *God is the cause of this very thing in them!* He operates in each thing according to its own nature.” God is the reason why our free acts are free.

Dr. Hossenfelder is wrong in stating that only atheist materialists understand ‘how the universe really works.’ Catholics also hold that ‘natural things have natural causes.’ However, the laws of nature deal only with *matter*. We have free will because we have *immaterial* souls.



Got a car? Have it Blessed!





The Divine Mercy image brings peace to a family's home.



Delmer Rago



27 June: Gwen (Scarborough CWL President) and Pat Lobo.





Louis and Philomena Vethanayagam: Birthdays.



The Sunday morning crew.



