



Parish Week † Sunday, 13 Oct. 2024

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)
 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 14 Oct. / St. Callistus I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ida & Silvio Cilentio (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of the
 Espinosa & Trinidad families (Gilda)

Tuesday, 15 Oct. / St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Marlon Henry 1st Year Death Anniversary

Wednesday 16 Oct. / St. Marguerite D'Youville

- *St. Maria Goretti's Birthday (1890)*
 ■ *St. John Paul II elected to Papacy (1978)*
 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Woods (Alice Larkin)
 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass
 1.00 pm ► St. Albert School Mass

Thursday, 17 Oct. / St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam
 (Shirani Hemachandra, Leslie & Rita)
 7.00 pm *Wedding Renewal*: Gunathilaka & Kodithuwakka Gedar

Friday, 18 Oct. / St. Luke, evangelist

- 8.00 am Mass: † Douglas Dias (Daphne)

Saturday, 19 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ramon Gatchalian Sr. (Ophelia)
 1.00 pm Wedding: Aaron Opiniano & Charmaine Dimaculangan
 5.00 pm Mass: † Christine Ann Potes (Alvare family)

SUNDAY, 20 OCT. / 29-B

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Ciccio (Emma)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving, 6th Wedding Anniversary,
 (Dan Bongkingki & Ivone Cueto)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Alford Williams
 (Anastasia, Ashton & family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Wisdom 7.7-11; Hebrews 4.12-13; Mark 10.17-30

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The **26** victims of storm Boris in Europe in September.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

All praise and glory are Yours, Lord our God,
 King of the universe and Father of all.

We thank You for choosing us to be Your people,
 for adopting us as Your children in Christ, and
 for sending Your Spirit to lead us to You.

We thank You for all the blessings You have given us:
 our life, our love, and the faith which binds us together.

Father, we give You glory through Jesus Christ,
 Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Collection

20 October: *World Mission Sunday*

"Here we are, Jesus, ready to serve to the ends of the earth."

On World Mission Sunday, all Catholics are called to celebrate their vocation to be missionaries. On this day, Catholics around the world, here at home and in the Missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work.

COMING UP

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- 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*

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



Raffle: A kind parishioner has donated an **INSTANT POT. 7 functions!** This is an *amazing* product. Raffle tickets are available in the Vestibule: \$5 each. The winning ticket will be drawn after the 8 am Mass on Thanksgiving, 14 October.

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.

The next ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION will begin soon after the Award Mass. Keep your eyes open for the announcement.



Ministry Sunday: 27 October

St. Maria Goretti Parish will hold its Annual *Ministry Sunday* at all Masses on 26/27 October. All parish ministries are welcome to have representatives and information about their activity at the tables throughout the Church Vestibule.

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 Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Bible Sponsors wanted

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics? Here's a way for you to let others know how powerful the Bible is!

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* invites parishioners to serve as **Bible Sponsors** for the candidates currently in the process of joining the Church. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

26 October 2024

the Inquirers will celebrate the Rite of Admission to the *Catechumenate*, a period of focused study of the faith. At that time, they will be presented with blessed **Bibles**. You may sponsor one Bible for a donation of \$25. For more information on how you can help, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 11 & 18 Oct., 7.30 pm.

RCIC meetings: 12 & 19 Oct., 10.00 am.

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage:

Aaron Opiniano and Charmaine Dimaculangan
19 October

Benjamin Liang and Samantha Buyser
2 November 2024

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Jermaine Barr and Rochelle D'Mello
4 January 2025

Sepand Barkhodaee and Micaela Alon
10 January

Lyndon Vase and Grazia Sessa
14 June

Morning Offering

Beginning the day in touch with God



Morning and evening are the bookends of our day, two “mystical times” when we are, in a way, closest to God. Upon waking up, you can turn your first thoughts to God and make a prayer.

The two following prayers are particularly helpful. When the mind is still waking up, we can lean on their structure to guide our prayerful thoughts.

The Morning Offering is our act of placing ourselves at the service of God. It’s our fundamental act of entrusting ourselves to his power and care, and asking him, since God graciously waits for us to ask’ to take and receive us as we are, and to make all aspects of our day fruitful.

The first Morning Offering prayer below invokes the image of the Sacred Heart, one of the most powerful, well-known and practiced devotions. It is centered on the image that represents God’s boundless and passionate love for his creatures. Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical *Haurietis Aquas* (15 May 1956), called it “the foundation on which to build the kingdom of God in the hearts of individuals, families, and nations.”

To begin one’s day by giving it over to God under the symbol of his divine love, is a perfect way to begin.

[A] Morning Offering

For the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer to you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass offered throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of your Sacred Heart. and for the Holy Father’s intention for this month. Amen.

[B] Morning Offering

From the spiritual treasury of St. Charles de Foucauld

Father, I abandon myself into your hands, do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you. I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done for me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul, I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen.

RCIA † Stories of Conversion

What Christian Faith Means to Me

Reflections inspired by a conversation with Catholic Conscience

Jamil Jivani, April 26, 2022



I am a Christian. I did not grow up in a religious home, nor was I taught about faith as a child. In fact, I didn’t regularly attend church until 2018. I was baptized at the age of 31 in a non-denominational Protestant church.

Like many others, I found God during a moment of crisis. For me, the crisis was stage IV non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma cancer. Before and after chemotherapy sessions, I prayed with all of my heart and came to know Jesus Christ. Moments of great pain during radiation treatment brought me to my knees, asking the Lord for mercy. A community of Christians in the Toronto area stood by me and my family, and showed us how to walk by faith.

It has undoubtedly been a challenging and fortifying last 4 years. Since my life was saved in 2019 and doctors declared me free from lymphoma, I have tried to apply what I learned about how we can overcome adversity. Some of the lessons are personal, other lessons are far bigger than myself.

In today’s political and media landscape, you don’t hear enough about religious freedom as a critical value for a healthy society. Ivory tower elites treat talking about God like it’s a politically incorrect taboo. But I must be clear: faith was critical to my survival, just as I needed quality hospitals, skilled doctors, and universal health care to get me through a fight for my life.

I recently had the chance to reflect on the importance of faith and community relationships with *Catholic Conscience*, a Catholic, non-partisan civic and political leadership and engagement organization based in Canada. We had a special conversation, which taught me about how my experiences as a Protestant are consistent with Catholic teachings on the value of local institutions, including churches. In particular, members of the Catholic Conscience team, Brendan Steven and Peter Copeland, shared with me the vital Catholic principle of *subsidiarity*. Pope Francis explains that the principle of subsidiarity “[respects] the autonomy and the capacity to take initiative that everyone has, especially the least,” and “allows everyone to assume their own role in the healing and destiny of society.”



Pope Francis elevates Archbishop Francis Leo to the College of Cardinals

21 new Cardinals to be created on 8 Dec. 2024

At the Sunday Angelus in Rome on 6 October, Pope Francis announced that there will be a consistory on 8 December at the Vatican, for the creation of 21 new Cardinals.

One of them is Archbishop Francis Leo. He commented on the appointment: “I am humbled and honoured to receive this appointment from the Holy Father. I pray and rely on the prayers of the faithful in Toronto that I will be a worthy servant of the Lord Jesus in fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of the College of Cardinals and to continue in my primary role as shepherd of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I entrust to the Blessed Mother Mary, myself and this new ministry of service to the Universal Church and to the Successor of St. Peter, the Pope.”

Born in Montreal in 1971 to Italian immigrant parents, Frank Leo entered the Grand Séminaire de Montréal in 1990 and was ordained a priest for service to the Archdiocese on December 14, 1996. Father Leo served in different parish assignments in Montreal until 2006 when he accepted the invitation to enroll in the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome and subsequently enter the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See (2006-2012) serving in different Apostolic Nunciatures across the globe. In January 2012, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Chaplain of His Holiness bestowing the title of Monsignor. Upon his return to Canada, Monsignor Leo joined the formation team of the Grand Séminaire de Montréal, teaching theology and philosophy while providing spiritual direction, training and guidance to candidates for the priesthood.

In the fall of 2015, he was appointed General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), a mandate which came to an end in the fall of 2021. As of February 1, 2022, Monsignor Leo was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Montreal. On July 16, 2022, Pope Francis appointed him as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal. His consecration as a bishop took place on September 12, 2022. He was appointed Archbishop of Toronto on February 11, 2023 and formally installed on Saturday, March 25, 2023. In addition to his extensive graduate studies in Canon Law (Lateran University), Diplomacy and International Law, Archbishop-designate Leo holds a Doctorate in Systematic Theology (University of Dayton/IMRI) with a specialization in Mariology, a Licentiate in Philosophy (Lateran University), a Diploma in Classical Studies (Université de Montréal) and a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction (Aquinas Institute of Theology). He has taught, among other places, in Montreal, Canberra (Australia), Dayton (USA) and Ottawa. He speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish. Cardinals serve as close advisors to the Holy Father and participate whenever there is a conclave, as voting members, to select the next Pope.



As of 8 December, there will be 256 cardinals, including 141 Cardinal electors. Cardinals are eligible to vote in conclave until they reach their 80th birthday. Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto remains a cardinal elector until January of 2027. Other Cardinal-electors from Canada include Cardinal Gérald Lacroix of the Archdiocese of Quebec and Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Retired Cardinal Marc Ouellet reached the age of 80 earlier this year.

The newly-named Cardinals include Monsignor Angelo Acerbi, a 99-year-old retired Vatican diplomat who was once held hostage for 6 weeks by leftist guerrillas in Colombia. The youngest of the group is the 44-year-old head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Melbourne, Australia, Bishop Mykola Bychok.

Among those named by history’s first Latin American pope were the heads of several major dioceses and archdioceses in South America. They are the Archbishop of Santiago del Estero, Argentina, Vicente Bokalic Igljic; the Archbishop of Porto Alegre, Brazil, Jaime Spengler; the Archbishop of Santiago, Chile, Fernando Natalio Chomali Garib; the Archbishop of Guayaquil, Ecuador, Luis Gerardo Cabrera Herrera; and the Archbishop of Lima, Peru, Carlos Gustavo Castillo Mattasoglio.

Showing the universality of the Church, Francis also named the Archbishop of Tehran, Iran, Monsignor Dominique Joseph Mathieu, and the bishop of Bogor, Indonesia, Monsignor Paskalis Bruno Syukor. They are two of the four new Franciscan cardinals.



Baptism Preparation, September 2024



Baptism Preparation, September 2020





