



[Parish Ministries: *Sharing our gifts to build God's Kingdom.*]

Parish Week † Sunday, 27 Oct. 2024

Saturday, 26 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Erwin, Gregorio & Josephine Calimag
(Carla Go Tan & family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Cristeta Villanueva
- RCIA Rite of Admission to the Catechumenate

SUNDAY, 27 OCT. / 30-B

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Bastiampillai Rayappu (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Mr. Emile Tisseverasinghe (Mask family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Nita Dias
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 28 Oct. / Ss. Simon & Jude, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Ophelia Gatchalian)
7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita & Joseph D'Souza

Tuesday, 29 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Randy Garcia (Vinah)

Wednesday 30 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)
10.30 am Memorial Mass: † Beatriz Victorino

Thursday, 31 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Isabella Gracias (friends)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Friday, 1 Nov. / All Saints

- 8.00 am Mass: † Antonio & Maria Cifaldi
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of Marquez family

Saturday, 2 Nov. / All Souls

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vaz & D'Silva Family (Lydia & family)
1.00 pm Wedding: Benjamin Liang & Samantha Buyser
5.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)

SUNDAY, 3 NOV. / 31-B

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Holy Souls in Purgatory Rebello family)
10.30 am Mass: † Lalita & Joseph D'Souza
12.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Felicisima Turiano (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Knights of Columbus

Coming Up:

- 26 Oct. 1.00 pm Men's Choir Practice
27 Oct. 50/50 ticket sales
16 Nov. 6.30 pm KOC Dinner Dance



Focus on the Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Jeremiah 31.7-9; Hebrews 5.1-6; Mark 10.46-52

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

20 October

Edymar Apasan, Daniel Niamat, Geraldine Piza

The 1,200 victims of the flooding in sub-Saharan Africa in September

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Sharon Vernon

The 20 victims of the flooding in Morocco & Algeria in September

November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

COMING UP

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- 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. - 2nd Collection: *ShareLife Legacy*
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
9 Dec. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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*

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

Ministry Sunday: 27 October

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

God created each of us with unique gifts, talents, and experiences. Part of our journey towards holiness and towards God is discovering who we are, what gifts we have, and how we can share these gifts with our families & friends, our community, and our world. We invite you to take an opportunity to reflect on the person God created you to be and the gifts you may have to share.

If you are new to the parish, or if you have been a parishioner for some time and are discerning deeper involvement in our faith community, take the time to look over the ministry displays and speak to the representatives; and ask the Lord if you are being called to share your gifts in a new way.

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: The winners of the **INSTANT POT** and **CANDELABRA** were drawn 14 Oct. See the website bulletin for details.



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

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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.



Altar Servers

The annual **Altar Server Awards Mass** was celebrated on 19 October at ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH, Ajax.

Our Award recipient this year: **Bernadine Ferolin**. She will be recognized at the 12 noon Mass this Sunday, 27 October.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The next ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION will continue on Sunday, 27 October, after the 12 noon Mass. See Fr. Edwin.

Catholic Cemeteries All Souls Day Mass 2.00 pm, Saturday, 2 November

All Souls Day, also called the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*, is a day of prayer and remembrance for our deceased friends, observed on 2 November. Through prayer, intercession, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate their departed loved ones.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls Day Mass at 2 pm on Saturday 2 November. Masses will be held indoors. The locations nearest to us are:

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham (Reception Centre)
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill (Holy Family Mausoleum)

Our New Deacons

Peter Bissonette, James Cyfko, Alvin Joys, Jude Thusiar

Over the past month, four new transitional Deacons were ordained to serve our archdiocese. Let us remember them in our prayers, and pray that God will continue to guide them in their preparation for ordination to the Priesthood in the coming year. See page 4 in the website bulletin for more details.

Halloween

Every Halloween (All Hallows' Eve), Catholics wonder if it is an acceptable holiday to celebrate. It is important to review the historical aspect of Halloween to determine if participation in the festivities merits our moral approval. Once we realize the origins of Halloween, we find that this is a day to celebrate, not to frighten. In that vein, Catholic Christians choose to dress as saints or other characters we admire. Jesus Christ the Savior won the victory over evil when He became Man and dwelt among us.



The 2nd of November is called the "Day of the Dead," when we remember and pray for those no longer dwelling on this earth. We celebrate all the Saints in Heaven on All Saints' Day, on the 1st of November. We can consider these three days as follows:

October 31 – **Hallowe'en** (All Hallows Eve) is a time to recall the reality of hell and work through the best ways to avoid it. We remember that there are souls who are not saved, and we vow not to join them. Many Catholics attend Mass today; some parishes add an evening Mass to their schedule.

November 1 – **All Saints Day**. We honor the Church Triumphant on this day by recalling our great Saints, as well as the many saints who are not canonized and are not commonly known.

November 2 – **All Souls Day**. We remember to pray for the Church Suffering – the souls of the dead who are in Purgatory. Remembering our deceased loved ones and having a Mass said for them is a Corporal Work of Mercy.

If it is done with an eye toward faith, Hallowe'en can be an enjoyable and faith-filled holiday for your family. It offers an opportunity to teach children to protect themselves from all things occult. Remind others of the power of the *Holy Name of Jesus*, *sacramentals*, and prayers such as the *St. Michael Prayer*. And do not forget to pray for the intercession of the Saints – that those who do not know Jesus will come to know His love and mercy. He is the God-Man, Who loved us so much that He allowed Himself to suffer and die for our salvation!

ShareLife 2024

Supporting Food Security

We recognize the daily struggles that many families face to put food on their tables. To combat the ongoing hunger crisis in our community, *ShareLife*, **Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are once again stepping forward with a pledge of \$750,000 for Food Security Grants this year. The compassion of your parishioners is critical in combatting food insecurity. They can make a difference by supporting your parish's *ShareLife* Campaign. We welcome you to follow and share content from *ShareLife's* social media pages: X, Facebook, Instagram.

The Food Security Grants in 2024 consist of 2 major pillars:

- \$375,000 in new funding to the *Society of Saint Vincent de Paul* Toronto Central Council, which will distribute grants to parish-based food banks and meal programs in the Archdiocese of Toronto.
- \$375,000 in new funding to *Catholic Charities* of the Archdiocese of Toronto, which will allocate grants to agency and community-run food programs.



Bishop John Boissonneau appointed Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Canada

Bishop John Anthony Boissonneau is Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto for the Northern Region that includes 52 parishes in York and Simcoe. He was born in Scarborough and ordained a Priest on 14 December 1974. He served at the Chancery office and then from 1982-2001 at St. Augustine Seminary. In addition to his regional responsibilities, he is also Vicar for Christian Education and Archdiocesan Liaison with the Catholic Faculties of Theology.

Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, the Vatican's Prefect for Evangelization, has appointed **Bishop John Anthony Boissonneau** as Director (*in English-speaking Canada*) of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Canada.

The appointment dates from June 29, 2024 through January 31, 2026. These duties are in addition to Bishop Boissonneau's current ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies have supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building Churches, pastoral centres, Cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses.

We offer our prayers and best wishes for His Excellency as he takes on this important role.



Pumpkin field in Nottinghamshire, UK

Raffle: Congratulations to **Jeanne Kale** and **Elizabeth**, the winners of the **INSTANT POT** and **CANDELABRA**, drawn 14 Oct.





Our New Deacons

Ordination to the Sacred Order of Transitional Diaconate is a significant milestone in the ongoing formation of seminarians. This year's 4th Year Seminarians were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate recently for the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Archdiocese of Kingston and the Diocese of Peterborough. We are grateful for the Lord's generosity in calling them to serve the People of God, and promise them our prayers and support.

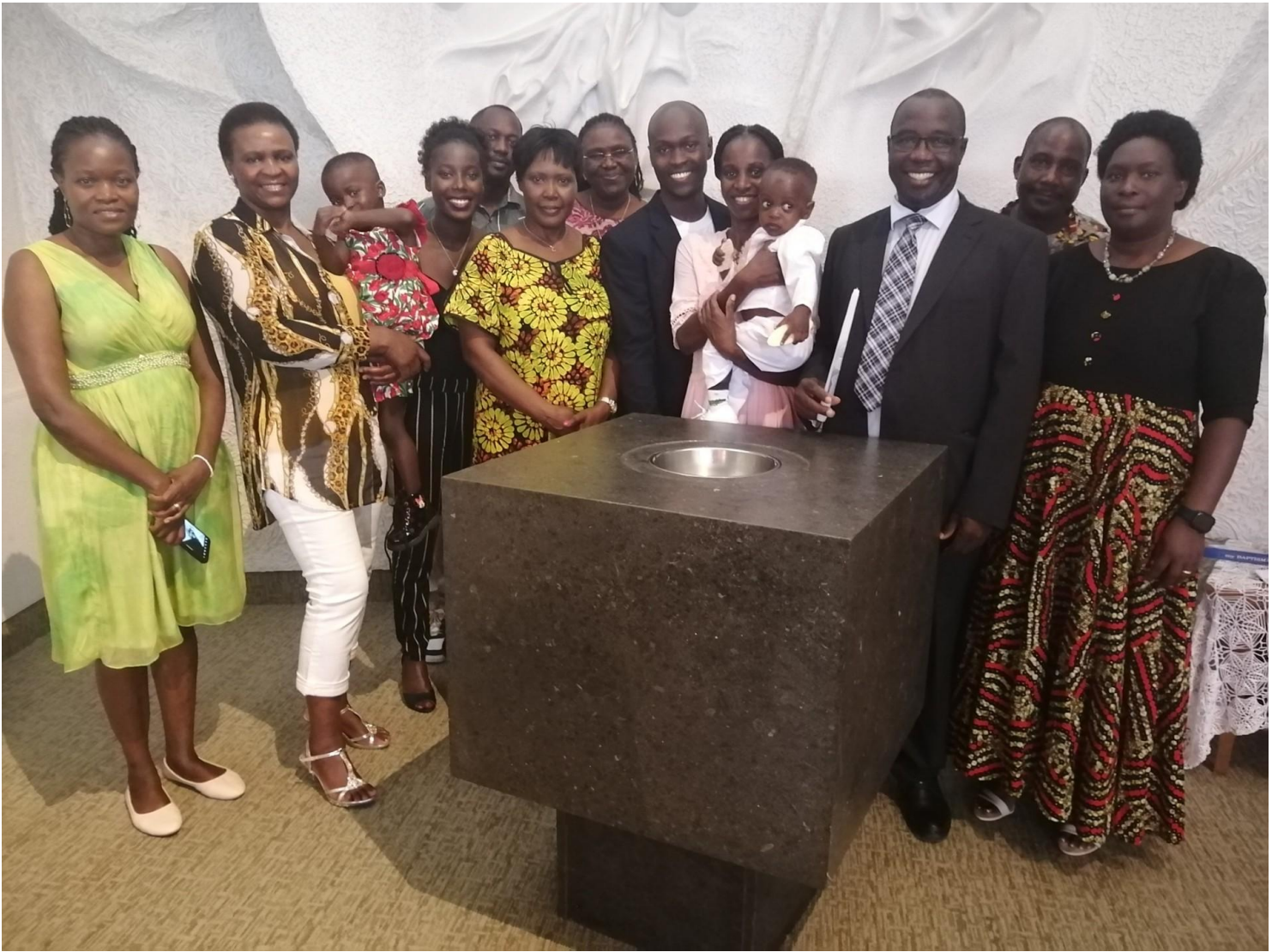
Rev. Mr. Peter Bissonnette, Peterborough Diocese
15 June – St. Michael Parish, Cobourg, ON

Rev. Mr. Alvin Joys, Toronto Archdiocese, 5 Oct.
St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

Rev. Mr. Jude Thusiar, Archdiocese of Kingston,
18 May – St. Michael Parish, Belleville, ON

Rev. Mr. James Cyfko, Toronto Archdiocese, 5
Oct., – St. Mary Parish, Toronto

Baptism, July 2024



Baptism Prep, November 2020



Baptism Prep, October 2020





