



Let us pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.
 “We loved them in life; let us not forget them in death.”
 - St. Ambrose

Parish Week † Sunday, 10 Nov. 2024

Saturday, 9 Nov. / Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 8.00 am Mass: † The Woods family (Alice Larkin)
- 12.30 pm Memorial Mass – Colin Lawrence
- 1.30 pm Funeral – Jose Leoncio Rayala
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. † Mary & Malini Wijesinghe (friends)

SUNDAY, 10 NOV. / 32-B

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Vincent Ambrose)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Juan Trinidad & Vetrans (Gilda)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 11 Nov. / St. Martin of Tours, bishop

■ Remembrance Day

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ana & Joaquin Gotera (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Shoba Ryan (friends)

Tuesday, 12 Nov. / St. Josaphat, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Emily Naredo Narvaiz (Emelita Gotera)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Remembrance Mass
- 1.00 pm St. Albert School Remembrance Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Alfonso Cappiello (Di Michele & Poranganel families)

Wednesday 13 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Minda Chattergoon)
- 5.00 pm Memorial Mass – Beatriz Victorine
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Adel Chachati (friend)

Thursday, 14 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Simeona Trinidad (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Pauline Easton (family)

Friday, 15 Nov. / St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Apolonia Baclig (Vinah Garcia)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Francis Jegasothy (wife & son)

Saturday, 16 Nov. / St. Margaret of Scotland

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra, Leslie & Rita)
- 1.30 pm Memorial Mass – Anita Palagas
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Xavier & Nena Turiano (family)
- 6.00 pm KOC Dinner Dance

SUNDAY, 17 NOV. / 33-B

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ Anniversary of the arrival of Fr. Edwin's family in Canada (1957)

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Joy Camacho (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Reginald D'Cunha (Sheldon & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 Kings 17.10-16; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

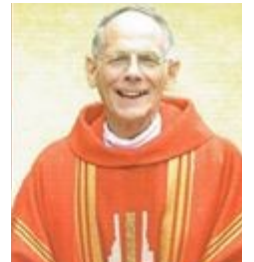
**Alwyn D'Souza, Fr. Keith Langstaff,
Cora Elizabeth de Nully**

**The 55 Chinese sailors who died in their
submarine in the Yellow Sea in October.**



2nd Collection

17 November, *Shepherds' Trust*



The *Shepherds' Trust* collection will be for the support of our dedicated Priests who have retired after years of service.
[r.: **Monsignor John Pilkaukas**]

Each year, grateful parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto contribute to the *Shepherds' Trust*.

The *Shepherds' Trust* has a mission to provide comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us: our retired Priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic Priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives.

We want all our Priests to be able to retire safely and with dignity. The *Shepherds' Trust* allows us to help achieve this goal.

On your *Shepherds' Trust* special collection envelope, please print your own personal Sunday envelope number in the space provided.

COMING UP

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- 23 Nov. Memorial Mass: † Milagros Tabora (11.00 am);
- RCIA Early Initiation Rite (5.00 Mass)
- 24 Nov. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
- 29 Nov. Fr. Edwin: Ordination Anniversary (1980)
- 30 Nov. Parish Advent Hymn Night (6.15 pm)
- 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.

Knights of Columbus

16 Nov., 6.30 pm

Dinner Dance

Get your tickets now, while you can.

Be prepared for an evening of pure fun!
\$30 a ticket for entertainment, food and dancing to brighten up the November blues.

See the ticket table in the Vestibule on Sunday.



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

Please help us to reach our goal this year. Thank you for your compassion. Remember: *every gift counts.*

The Child

If there is anything we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could be better changed in ourselves. - Carl Jung



Wedding Congratulations

Jude Rozario and Luxmi Cruze
9 August

Heno Potluri and Jolina Cuevas
9 August

David Cooney and Lorelle Vase
10 August

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

Stefan Ipata and Chaline Alfred
24 August

Carmine Tang and Cassie Peralta
6 September

Matthew Yuskoski and Stephanie Alejandro
27 September

Benjamin Liang and Samantha Buysler
2 November 2024

PEACE

The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion, because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.

Mother Teresa

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until:

Noon on Monday, 23 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a couple who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

Advent Wreath Lighters

Would you like to be an Advent Wreath candle lighter? This is a wonderful way to involve your family in the spirit of this wonderful season, and assist your fellow parishioners in our common worship and praise of the Father. See the sign-up list on the Vestibule bulletin board.



Baptism

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

24 August

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

31 August

Bernard Bihag Jr.
Zayden Alexander Campo
Peter Chael Mausisa
Juan Nathan Prudencio
Lorena Aurelia Ozuna Saunders
Isabella Rose Cayone Simpson

7 September

Olanna Ikechukwu Collins
Maximus Ponce
Braven Ponce

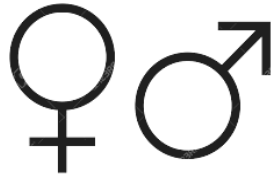
8 September

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

“Born This Way:” Not Borne Out

Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD

Part 2.



Research also shows that these connections seem to improve after person receives cross-hormone treatment. Although widely published, this still does not tell us whether people are “born this way” or whether they develop that way.

Other researchers refute the “born this way” approach. Dr Lisa Diamond, a psychologist with high standing in the American Psychological Association, identifies as a lesbian. She deliberately mentions this in her articles and broadcast, and it is mentioned her because her credentials indicate she is much less likely to be accused of bias, a charge often levelled at anyone who challenges current theories regarding sexuality. Dr Diamond has at least twenty years of research experience and has published several longitudinal studies. She has given TED talks about her work on “gender fluidity.” Her research reports changes in direction of sexual preference and activity over time, which runs counter to a fixed notion of sexual identity and practices.

The American Psychological Association (APA) represents the largest scientific and professional organization in the United States, and is the largest association of psychologists in the world. Dr. Diamond heads a section of the Association and authored several chapters of its *Handbook on Sexuality and Psychology*, published in 2014. Not only does she report on the non-static nature of sexuality in general, she includes studies of fluidity in transgender people, and states that:

“The vast majority of gender dysphoric minors will eventually accept their chromosomal sex.”

Writing in the *Handbook*, Bocting noted that by adolescence or adulthood, according to the DSM, as many as 70-98% of boys and 50-88% of girls eventually accept their chromosomal sex. Bocting draws the conclusion that premature labelling should be avoided. Early transition such as registering a so called “birth-assigned boy” in school as a girl should be approached with caution, to avoid foreclosing this stage of gender identity development. If there is early transition, he notes that “the stress associated with possible reversal of this decision has been shown to be substantial.”

In terms of treating children who present as transgender, this is clearly an important statement. It supports the earlier work of researchers such as D. Kenneth Zucker of Toronto, who bases his work on his longitudinal studies and was let go from his position at the CENTRE FOR ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH (CAMH) in Toronto. He does not take a moral or ideological approach, but advises that children should be given counselling to help them during times of stress and he insists that hormone and other treatments at puberty and onwards are unjustified. As Diamond and Bocting state, the child’s physical development should be unimpeded. Zucker received an apology and a settlement from CAMH after it acknowledged errors in its external review.

RCIA † Stories of Conversion New Catholic Queen for New Zealand



In a transcendental moment for Maori history, Nga Wai hono I te pō, youngest daughter of King Tūheitia, was anointed as new Queen and Leader of the Kingitanga, in New Zealand. Just 27 years old, Ngā has assumed the office of eighth Maori Sovereign. Ngā Wai’s coronation marks a milestone not only in Maori political tradition, but also in the spiritual realm.

Her link with the Catholic Church adds a special dimension to her leadership. The young Queen was Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic faith in an act which united the different Maori tribes under one shared religious identity. Ngā Wai’s Baptism, requested by her grandmother, deceased Queen Te Arikini Dame Te Atairangikaahu, was destined to unite the rivers of Waikato and Whanganui, both in a literal as well as in a spiritual sense. This ceremony took place in the Whanganui River during the Tira Hoe Waka, the annual canoe journey, and was carried out by Pihopa Tākuira Mariu SM, respected figure for his ancestry in Ngāti Tūwharetoa and his role in the Catholic community.

Ngā Wai’s Baptism was more than a religious rite; it represented a bridge between the Kingitanga Movement and the Catholic Church, strengthening inter-tribal bonds and between religions. This act was also a testimony of the constant efforts of the Maori leaders to promote peace and cohesion between different iwi and traditions in New Zealand. Ngā Wai was raised for the role she assumes today. Her father, King Tūheitia, ensured that she would be completely prepared to balance ancestral traditions with Maori contemporary needs. Shane Jones, a New Zealand parliamentarian, praised the appointment of Ngā Wai, highlighting that “she will be the face of renewal.” For Jones, the new Queen will not only continue the legacy of her predecessors, but will also embody the hopes of Maori youth, inspiring the new generations to keep alive their cultural roots in a world in constant change.

Ngā Wai’s Catholic formation is an essential pillar in her life. After her Baptism, her journey of faith continued with Confession, Confirmation and Communion, Sacraments that completed her immersion in the Catholic Church. Her Confirmation ceremony, held in Tūrangawaewae marae, was charged with significance. During the act, the sun emerged from the clouds in a moment considered by many as a tohu, a sign of divine blessing.

The Maori are a Polynesian ethnic group that arrived in New Zealand between in the year 800 from islands such as Rarotonga and Tongatapu. They are considered its first settlers. The Maori are known for their rich culture, which includes traditions such as the haka (a ceremonial dance) and the ta moko (traditional tattoos).

The family of **Profetiza Diaz** at her funeral, 28 September.



Monica and Harrison Luis take care of the Fall composting in preparation for Spring lawn repairs.



5 June 2021

r: Piper and her brother Leo





3 July 2021



7 August 2021



4 September 2021





18 September 2021



2 October 2021