

Parish Week

Sunday,
17 Nov. 2024

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)
- 6.30 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

Mon., 18 Nov. / Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vincent Boila (Aruna)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Cecilyammah Santhiapillai (Juliet)

Tuesday, 19 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Profetiza Diaz (CWL Council)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Gary Faulkner (family)

Wednesday 20 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Abraham Garcia (Vinah)

Thursday, 21 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Benedict Rozario, for God's protection in his group home in Oshawa (mom, Chitra)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Margaret, Bernard, Dermont, Robert & Terry Fleming (family)

Friday, 22 Nov. / St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rose Usha Biswas & Delfina Boila (Aruna & Rajeev)

Saturday, 23 Nov. / St. Clement I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
- 11.00 am Memorial Mass: † Milagros Tabora
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Richard D'Souza (Eddie & Theresa) - RCIA Early Initiation

SUNDAY, 24 NOV. / CHRIST THE KING

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- 9.00 am Mass: † Rosanna Ghorbel (Josephine Seng)
- 10.30 am Mass: † All Souls in Purgatory (D'Souza family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Remedios Bulchand (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-18; Mark 13.24-32

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Martha Niguel Fernandes,
Matilda Naddaf, George Xuereb

The 4 victims of the high school shooting near Atlanta in September



World Day of the Poor, 17 November 2024

In his personal message for the 2024 WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, **Pope Francis** says: "We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us." Living as friends of the poor is what our Parish Conference of the SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is trying to do for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Stewardship 2025 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* for next year in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

<i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</i> <small>Mat 6:21</small>	My Offering
	Name: _____
	Address: _____ Amount: _____

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.

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

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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- 29 Nov. **Fr. Edwin:** Ordination Anniversary (1980)
- 30 Nov. Parish ADVENT HYMN NIGHT (6.15 pm)
- 1 Dec. **1st Sunday of Advent;**
- *ShareLife* CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
- 2 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 4 Dec. School Reconciliation: *St. Maria Goretti* (9 am), *St. Albert* (1 pm)
- 8 Dec. 2nd Collection: ***ShareLife Legacy***
- 9 Dec. *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 11 Dec. Schools Family Advent Mass (7 pm)

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*.

From now and into December, we have an amazing opportunity to top up our *ShareLife* total due to a generous offer. An anonymous benefactor has offered to double new contributions to *ShareLife*. This is a huge boost to our campaign. Take advantage of it, and help us make a difference in our world.

Your generous donations go a long way to support *ShareLife's* agencies that in turn help the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for your generosity and for living the Gospel by giving to *ShareLife*!

Knights of Columbus DINNER DANCE

16 November, 6.30 pm

A reminder: The KOC Dinner Dance is this Saturday, 16 November. Thank you for participating!



RCIA *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* Early Initiation, 23 Nov.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

Saturday, 23 November

some of the participants who have been involved since the *Rite of Election* earlier this year will celebrate the *Early Initiation Rite*.

The RCIA is for adults who want to be Baptized; those who are Christian and not yet Catholic; and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information on how you can help as a sponsor and prayer partner, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

Wedding Congratulations

Carmine Tang and Cassie Peralta
6 September

Matthew Yuskoski and Stephanie Alejandro
27 September

Sameera Gunathilaka and Piumi Kodithuwakku Gedara
17 October

Benjamin Liang and Samantha Buyser
2 November 2024

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."

A Special Gift EXTERIOR PLANTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to **Marites Ordinario** and **Angelina Vila** for your kind arrangement of the exterior planter on the upper walkway facing Kennedy Road. Your choice of flowers was spectacular.

Baptism

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

15 September

Amairah Isabella Dosani

21 September

Ian Chayne Baptista
Cai Alyx Adriano Bautista
Jayden Christyantton
Seane Kairo Giner

22 September

Janaiia Charlene Cooper
Mila Kattan
Nelson Cayenne Romano

12 October

Mirabel Amarachukwu Aniako
Aury Melody Mejia
Nelson Cayenne Romano

19 October

Tyrell Teodoro

26 October

Trisha Mae Esguerra
Luca Gabriel Poplawski
Noah Gabriel Rashid

3 November

Donaven Lima Nemeth

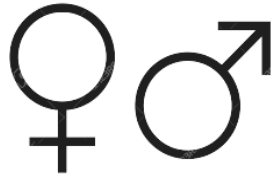
10 November

Cedrick Avery Aguilar
Alia Mary Maala
Owen Tablon-Modica
Kean Adrian Uy
Bruce Levi Uy

“Born This Way:” Not Borne Out

Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD

Part 3.



Regarding homosexuality and “born this way” explanations, an APA task force had said in 2009 that “same sex attractions, behaviour and partnerships are ‘normal variations’ in human sexuality” and it explicitly condemned the use of therapeutic techniques aimed at changing an individual’s sexual orientation. The 2014 edition of the *Handbook* says otherwise: it confirms there is research evidence for “associative or potentially casual links” between childhood sexual abuse and ever having same-sex partners, especially among men. It also makes statements such as, “...most people who experience same sex attraction also already experience opposite sex attraction.” These statements mean that more consideration is being given to the possibility of pathological casualty in same-sex attraction and to the variances in sexual behaviour in both heterosexual and homosexual people.

Similar statements are made about transgender identity, suggesting that it, too, may not be a “normal sexual variation.” Bocting states that the origin of transgender identity is “...most likely the result of a complex interaction between biological and environmental factors. Research on the influence of the family of origin dynamics has found some support for separation anxiety among gender-nonconforming boys and psychopathology among mothers.” This confirms what others have suggested: that, far from being “normal,” there is evidence that psychopathology may be involved in the development of transgender identity.

In many ways, these changes in approach blow apart some theories which are presented and asserted as fact. Showing some inconsistency, Dr. Diamond has gone on record as saying that she opposes psychotherapy that aims to change or even a person’s sexual orientation definitively, because she thinks that if people move from one expression of sexuality to another, that is not abnormal. This certainly presents moral problems for Catholic teaching on sexuality, but it helps that she believes that “Therapy that is *open to change* is more beneficial than gay-affirmative therapy.” This would be very important for treatment decisions for children, since so many later “return” to their physical identities (which proves that part of Diamond’s work).

In another article countering some current practice, Haynes agrees with counselling therapy, saying “...If pathology leads to an individual’s sexual variation, treatment could



lead to a significant and meaningful shift in that variation for some. It is harmful to ban such treatment in that case; it could do much good.”



Statue dedicated to the Eucharist inaugurated in Rio de Janeiro

A new Eucharistic monument has risen in the heart of Rio de Janeiro, aiming to reinforce the presence of Catholicism in the city’s public spaces. Standing at an impressive 7.4 meters, this monumental sculpture not only commemorates the 70th anniversary of the 36th International Eucharistic Congress, held in Rio in 1955, but also serves as a tangible testament to the Catholic faith woven into the fabric of urban life. The initiative was spearheaded by the *Centro Dom Bosco* (CDB), an organization dedicated to promoting Catholic values in Brazil. No public funds were used, highlighting the deep commitment of the Catholic community to this endeavor. The monument was inaugurated in a ceremony filled with religious fervor, located strategically between Avenida Rio Branco and Avenida Presidente Wilson.

The event, led by Father Lorenzo, featured a solemn Mass, the Blessing of the Monument, and prayers and hymns. The ceremony drew local authorities, Catholic institution representatives, and a large gathering of clergy, families, and devout followers. The design of the monument, dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament and Jesus Christ, is both majestic and deeply devotional. The Centro Dom Bosco emphasized that the purpose of this work is not only to glorify the Eucharist but also to provide a space for prayer and reflection, strengthening the faith of Catholics in the city.

The CDB is known for its steadfast defense of traditional Church values in Brazilian society. This new monument is a powerful addition to Rio’s spiritual landscape, symbolizing a renewed dedication to Catholicism in public life.





Above: Philomena Menezes and Harrison Luis

Left: David Valencia

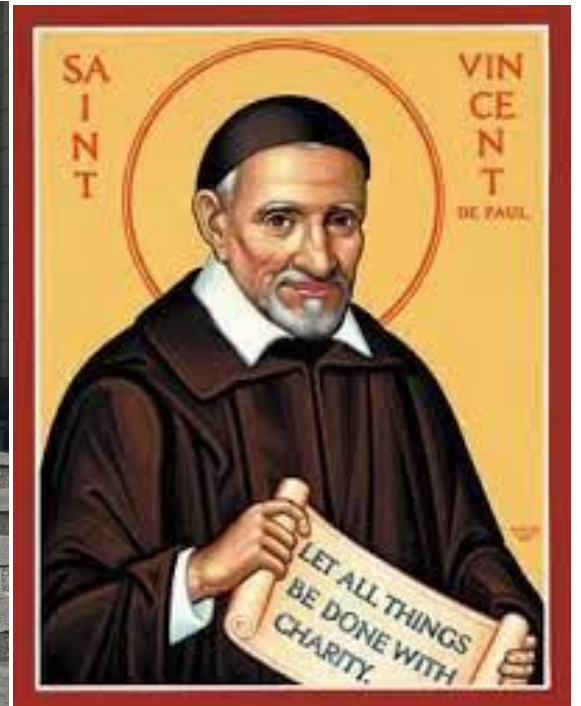
Below: Fr. John Mark Missio with Knights Bob Bentley and Dennis Wahking at Precious Blood Parish, 28 September.





RCIA CANDIDACY RITE, 28 September





**St. Vincent De Paul
Bundle Sunday,**
29 September 2024

Pickup: 1 October



Seminarian Nicholas and Server Bennett at Northmount School.



Praying after school.

National Seniors Day, 1 October

