



# Parish Week

## Sunday, 24 November 2024

### Christ the King

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

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

#### SUNDAY, 24 NOV. / CHRIST THE KING

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Bulchaud (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

#### Mon., 25 Nov. / St. Catherine of Alexandria (virgin & martyr)

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vincent Welsh (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of the D'Souza & Kamath families (Lillian)

#### Tuesday, 26 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva (wife)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Profetiza Diaz (Sophie Salve)

#### Wednesday, 27 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of the Bernal & Fernando families (Christina)
- 7.00 pm Mass † Deceased members of the Palmer Family

#### Thursday, 28 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: Herminegildo Maulion (Corine)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Layug family

#### Friday, 29 Nov.

- *Fr. Edwin Galea: Ordination Anniversary (1980)*
- 8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva (wife)

#### Saturday, 30 Nov. / St. Andrew, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † May S. Eudela (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Teofista & Hipolito Meraflor (Ducot family)

#### SUNDAY, 1 DEC. / ADVENT 1-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- 9.00 am Mass: † George Bastiampillai (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Mr. Bert Flores (Mask family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of the Contreros family
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Confirmation Enrollment

St. Maria Goretti School ☩ 26 November

The Grade 7 students of St Maria Goretti School will celebrate their CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT RITE in the Church at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 26 November. This Rite includes the blessing and distribution of the Confirmation Crosses.

## Focus on the Word

### Christ the King Sunday, Year B

Daniel 7.13-14; Revelation 1.5-8; John 18.33-37

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Amen.

## Pray for the Deceased

### Esperanza & Victor Bautista

### The 107 victims of typhoon Gaemi in the Philippines & Taiwan in July



## 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.

## A New Liturgical Year

The current liturgical year, "B," ends with the week after the Feast of **Christ the King**, which this year is on:

24 November 2024.

The next Sunday is the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**;

1 December 2024.

It starts a new Liturgical Year, "C" in our 3-year cycle of readings. The Sunday Gospels will be from the evangelist **Luke**.

## COMING UP

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- 2 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 4 Dec. School Reconciliation: *St. Maria Goretti* (9 am), *St. Albert* (1 pm)
- 7 Dec. Parish ADVENT HYMN NIGHT (6.15 pm)
- 8 Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *ShareLife Legacy*
- 9 Dec. *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 11 Dec. Schools Family Advent Mass (7 pm)
- 14 Dec. CWL Christmas Dinner (6.30 pm)
- 18 Dec. ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION;  
- *St. Albert School Advent Mass* (9 am)
- 19 Dec. *St. Joan of Arc Academy Mass* (9.00 am);  
- *St. Maria Goretti School Advent Mass* (12.30 pm)
- 22 Dec. **4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Christmas*
- 29 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family**;  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



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!*



## The Knights of Columbus host an ADVENT FAMILY CAROL NIGHT Saturday, 7 December, 6.15 pm

All are welcome to an evening of fellowship and joy in anticipation of the feast of the birth of the Messiah. Bring the whole family! Would you like to sing with us and be on the program? Call: **Mario**, 437-245-1975.

## Catholic Women's League DINNER DANCE

14 December, 6.30 pm

The CWL Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, 14 November. An evening of great dining, entertainment and dancing. Get your tickets now !



😊 Your sabbath smile

Attorney: ALL your responses MUST be audible, OK? Now, please tell us, what school did you attend?

Witness: Audible.

## 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 FRESH GARDEN ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank **Corazon Gutierrez** for her preparation of the very beautiful arrangements around our Altar of fresh flowers from her garden. They both look and smell amazing. God bless you.



## 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.

## 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!

### Bible Verse

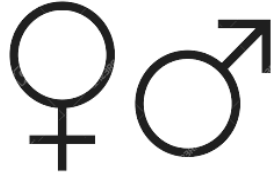
*It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.*

Psalm 18:32-36

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

# “Born This Way:” Not Borne Out

Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD



## Part 4.

The APA *Handbook* says there are 3 approaches to children self-identifying as transgender. “...attempts to lessen the dysphoria and non conformity; attempts to get the environment-family, school and community- to fully accept the child’s variant identity; the wait and see approach.” It is important to note the warning that the “full acceptance” approach “runs the risk of neglecting individual problems the child might be experiencing and may involve an early transition that might be challenging to reverse.”

The first and third recommended approaches are in keeping with Catholic teaching, The approach many schools are taking is morally acceptable and pastorally wise.

### ADDENDUM

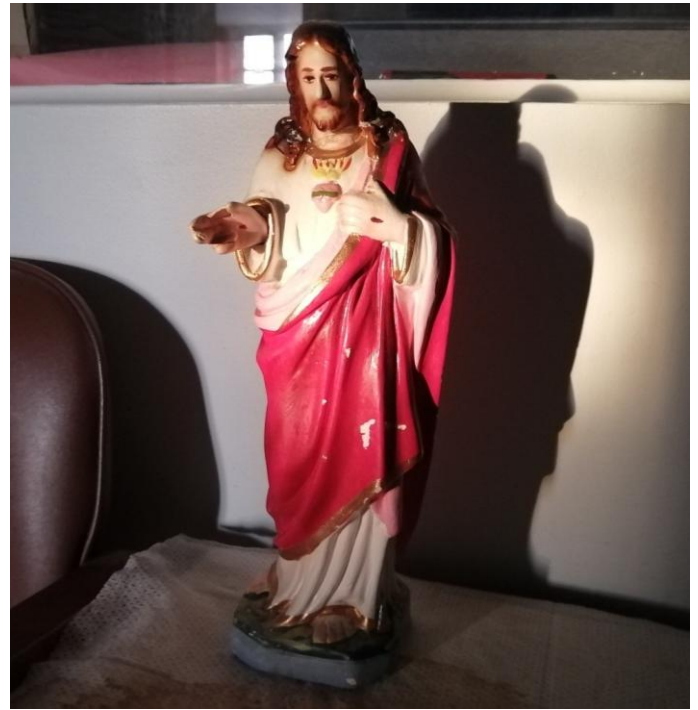
A view promoted by the transgender community is that gender is “assigned at birth.” This is hardly scientific, since the sex or gender of a baby can be shown long before birth, using prenatal genetic testing. Most people understand sex or gender at birth to mean “it’s a boy” or “it’s a girl.” The phrase “assigned at birth” is used to claim that “gender” is completely different from the “sex” of a child and, far from being biological, is purely a social construct

The declaration that gender is “assigned at birth” and not inherent is, however, itself a construct, resting on a theoretical and not a physical basis. While it is true that much of our understanding of gender and gender “roles” develops through social, cultural and religious experiences, this is not the whole picture. Other factors have led to questioning and critiquing certain elements of gender conditioning, for example, the role of women in society. As “images of God.” i.e. essentially free moral agents, we have the capacity to critique social conditioning and constructs, and have a responsibility to do so, for the good of society.

Some social constructs clearly change, as shown by current views on the role of women, brought about in the West by the Women’s Movement. Political agitation and debates highlighted injustices, for example in the lack of “equal pay for equal work.” The ecological movement has greatly influenced societal attitudes about conservation, protection of the planet, its diversity and resources and so on.

Social constructs and theories are always in the process of being reshaped, remodelled or rejected, as we try to improve our individual lives, those of others, and our “common home.”

A “gender construct” approach to sexuality and sexual identity is as open to critique and change as any other social theory. While it has gained considerable traction, it is also being challenged at an evidence-based level, and is arguably showing signs of fraying at the seams.



## Adoro Te Devote

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,  
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,  
See, Lord, at Thy service low lies here a heart  
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:  
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;  
What God’s Son has told me, take for truth I do;  
Truth Himself speaks truly or there’s nothing true.

On the cross Thy godhead made no sign to men,  
Here Thy very manhood steals from human ken:  
Both are my confession, both are my belief,  
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,  
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;  
Let me to a deeper faith daily nearer move,  
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,  
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,  
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,  
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Bring the tender tale true of the Pelican;  
Bathe me, Jesu Lord, in what Thy bosom ran  
Blood whereof a single drop has power to win  
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,  
I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,  
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light  
And be blest for ever with Thy glory’s sight. Amen.

Fr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ



## The Priest at Mass

Enters the Sanctuary  
Begins prayers at the foot of the Altar  
Says the *Confiteor* ("I Confess")  
Goes to the Epistle side of the Altar  
Reads the *Introit*  
Goes to the middle of the altar, recites *Kyrie Eleison*  
Turns to the people and says "*Dominus vobiscum*"  
Goes to the Roman Missal and reads the Collect and Epistle  
Goes to the middle of the Altar, and then to the Gospel side.  
Returns to the middle of the Altar

### OFFERTORY

Uncovers the chalice  
Offers the bread and wine  
Covers chalice with the pall  
Washes his hands at the Epistle side of the Altar  
Turns to the people and says "*Orate Fratres...*" ("Pray brethren...")  
Prays in a low voice, the *Secret* (prayer)  
Recites the Preface and Sanctus; Bell is rung



### CANON OF THE MASS

Makes the Commemoration of the Living  
Blesses the bread and wine with the Sign of the Cross, five times

### CONSECRATION

Consecrates the Host, adores and elevates it  
Consecrates the wine and elevates the chalice  
Prays in a low voice  
Says aloud, "*Nobis quoque peccatoribus*"  
Recites aloud the *Pater Noster* ("Our Father")  
Breaks the Sacred Host  
Drops a particle of the Host into the chalice  
Recites the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God")

### COMMUNION

Receives the Body and Blood of Christ  
Cleanses the chalice  
Prepares the chalice on the Altar again  
Turns to the people and says "*Dominus vobiscum*"  
Reads Communion and Post Communion prayers  
Says the "*Ite Misa est.*"

Gives the blessing to the people  
Reads the last Gospel

## Christ

Enters the Garden of Olives  
"*Sit down here, while I go over yonder and pray.*"  
Falls down in agony, sweats blood  
Bound and led as a prisoner to Annas  
Falsely accused by Annas and blasphemed  
Brought to Caiaphas, and denied 3 times by Peter  
Looks at Peter and converts him  
Brought to Pilate

Taken to Herod and mocked

Led back to Pilate

Stripped of his garments  
Scourged at the pillar  
Crowned with thorns  
Declared innocent by Pilate

Is shown to the people by Pilate who says "*Ecce Homo*" ("Behold the man")

Is mocked and spat upon  
Christ is condemned; Barabbas is freed

Carries the Cross to Calvary

Nailed to the Cross

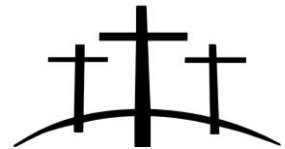
Christ is raised on the Cross  
Blood of Christ flows from His wounds  
Hangs on the Cross; sees his Mother kneeling  
Prays for all mankind  
Speaks the seven last words on the Cross  
Dies on the Cross  
Christ's soul descends into Limbo  
Christ is acknowledged to be the Son of God by those standing beneath the Cross

Christ's body is laid in the sepulcher  
Christ's body is anointed in the sepulcher  
Rises from the dead  
Appears to His Mother and Disciples  
Teaches for forty days

Commissions the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations; ascends into Heaven

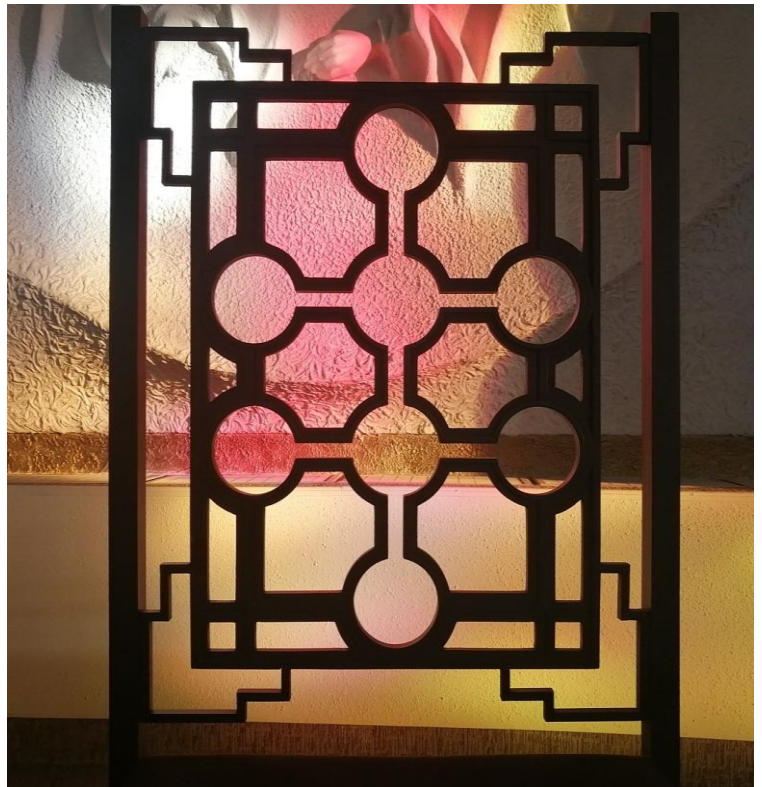
Sends down the Holy Ghost on Pentecost

Is preached and worshipped throughout the world as the Son of God, made Man

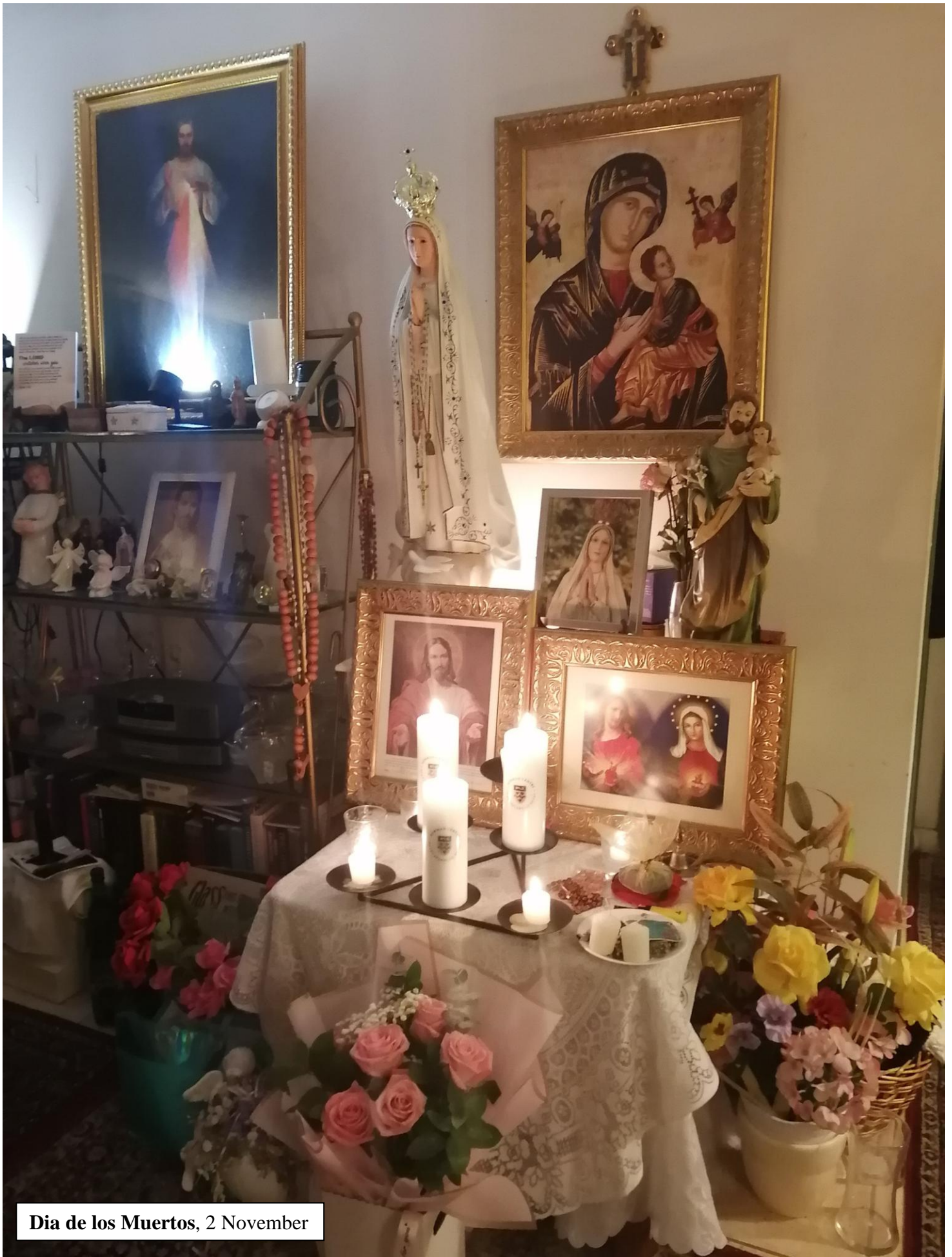




Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**, 29 September. *Above*: Installation of private image; *Right*: Parish statue, donated by Harrison Luis & family.







Día de los Muertos, 2 November







