



The Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:

Father, You awaken in us the desire for the coming of Your Son. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring us to the Kingdom of justice and peace You promise all people.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

- 5.00 pm: **Zeny Dacanay**
- 9.00 am: **Nathan Akamba**
- 10.30 am: **Felicitas Flores**
- 12.00 pm: **Dan Bongkingki & Ivone Cueto**
- 7.00 pm: **Benny John**



Parish Week † Sunday, 1 Dec. 2024

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
- Parish Christmas Bazaar

- 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

Monday, 2 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Cesar Carlos (family)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 3 Dec. / St. Francis Xavier, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lea El Haddad (Amalia)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Thanksgiving for Fr. Edwin's Ordination Anniversary (Corine Maulion)

Wednesday 4 Dec. / St. John Damascene, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased Members of the families of David & Clara Muzumdar
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation
- 1.00 pm ▶ St. Albert School Reconciliation
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosalia Strujel (Corine Maulion)

Thursday, 5 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cecilyammah Santhiapillai (Juliet)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Sheldon & Jennifer D'Cunha

Friday, 6 Dec. / St. Nicholas, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jim Harvey (wife Veronica)
- 6.00 pm Mass: Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 10th Birthday Arwin (family)

Saturday, 7 Dec. / St. Ambrose, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kong (Emilio Go & family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)
- 6.15 pm Advent Family Carol Night

SUNDAY, 8 DEC. / ADVENT 2-C

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Maria Subramaniam)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Don & Alex (Mom, Lillian)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Pray for the Deceased

The 250 victims of Hurricane Helene in the US Southeast



Christmas Bazaar

1 December, 9 am - 2 pm



Our Parish is holding a CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Sunday, 1 Dec., 9 am - 2 pm.

A great way to pick up gifts for your families and friends.

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 **1st 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**.

2nd Collection: 8 December, ShareLife Legacy

On *ShareLife Legacy* Sunday, the 2nd collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, to support all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

Help us to reach our Parish goal of \$65,000.00.

We can make a real difference in the lives of those counting on us.

COMING UP

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- 9 Dec. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11 Dec. Parish 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)



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 December. An evening of great dining, entertainment and dancing. Get your tickets now !



Confirmation

Preparation underway

Congratulations to the Grade 7 St. Maria Goretti School students who participated in their ENROLMENT RITE on 26 November. May God continue to guide you in your studies and in your personal prayer as you prepare for your *Confirmation* on 8 May 2025.

Preparation will begin in the New Year for *Confirmation* for students in public school, and students in Catholic schools outside our Parish. Watch the Bulletin and our website for details.

Journey Through Advent

A weekly video series from our Bishops



This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "*Journey through Advent.*" This year's English version will be led by **Archbishop Francis Leo**. The French version will be offered by the **Most Rev. René Guay**, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The series is intended to help the faithful prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

"*Journey through Advent*" will be available on the CCCB website and on their YouTube channel. The series is also available via our own website at: www.archtoronto.org. May these video reflections be a source of comfort and peace during our Advent journey.

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."

St. Vincent de Paul *Advent Appeal*

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we recall many in our community who are less fortunate and who could benefit from our prayers and almsgiving.

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks your support for the help we provide to the poor. Envelopes will be made available at the doors of the Church so that you can help us to extend Christ's love to our neighbors who are in need.

R&R Report 8 December

The December REPAIR & RENEWAL REPORT will be presented at all Masses on 7 and 8 December.



RCIA: *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* Sponsors needed

We are currently seeking Sponsors for the RCIA and RCIC: adult, Confirmed Catholics who celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Your willingness to act as a Sponsor will help another person to move closer to Jesus, and closer to the Salvation he won for us.

As a Sponsor, you share your sincerity and commitment as your Candidate grows in the knowledge of the Gospel. The culmination of the Candidates' preparation occurs in the celebration of the Rites of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Liturgy, Holy Saturday night. Contact the Parish office for details: 416-261-0076. Thank you.

Stewardship 2025 Sunday Envelopes

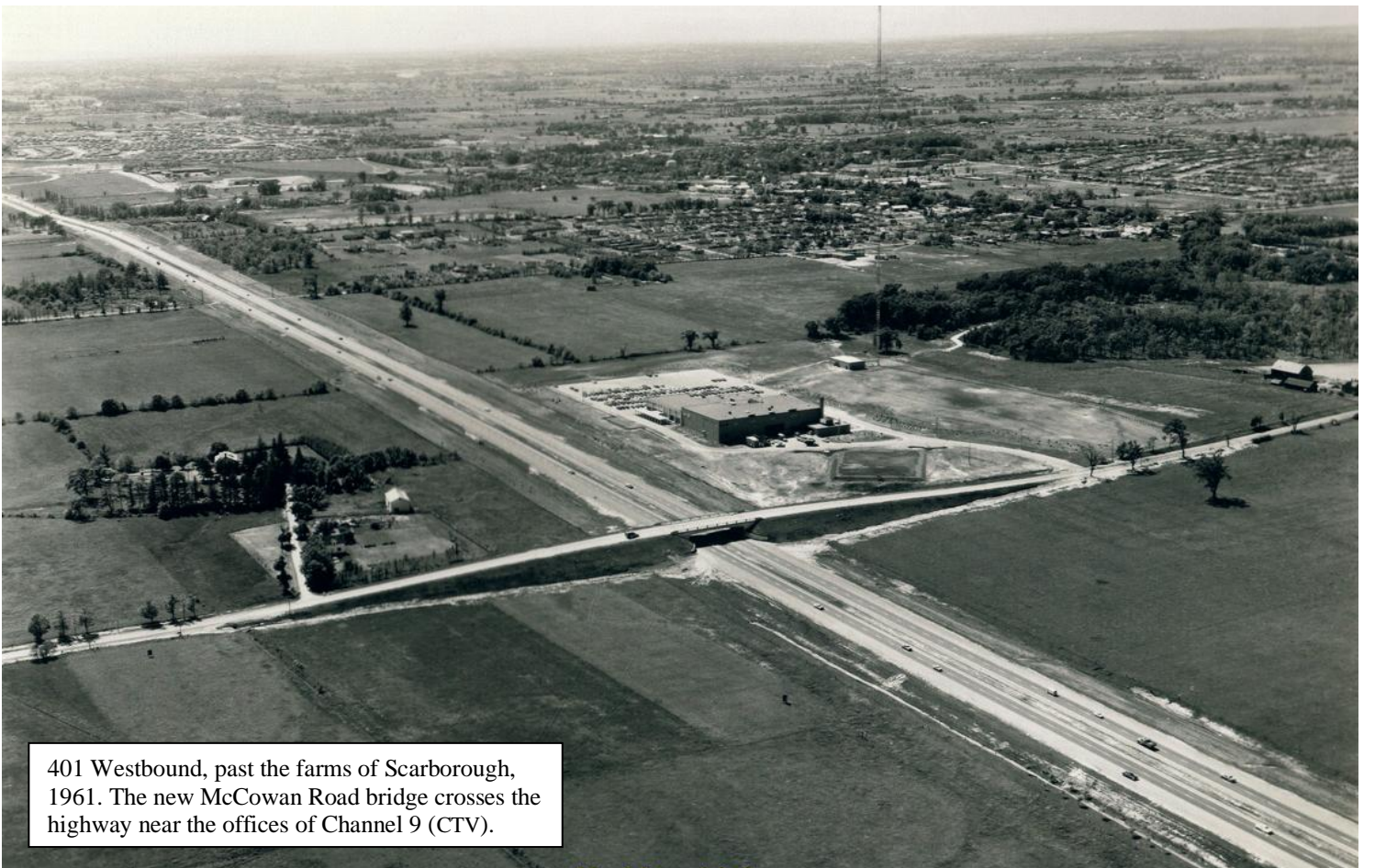
Parishioners are invited to pick up their *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* for next year in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*,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

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

My Offering	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____



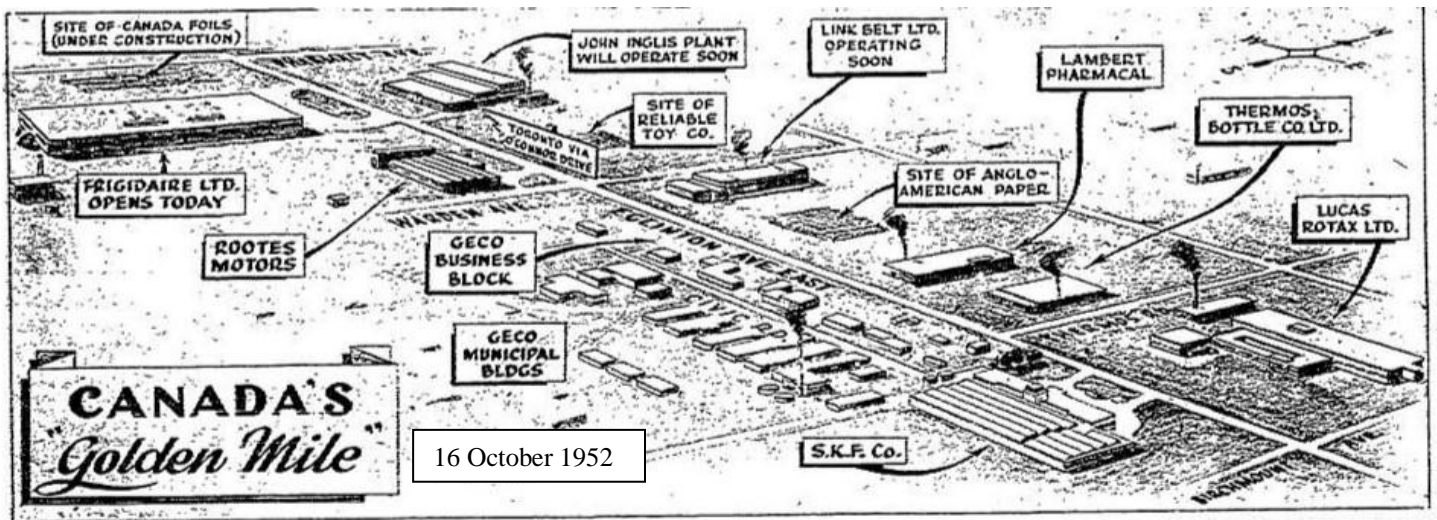
401 East of Avenue Road, 1954



401 Westbound, past the farms of Scarborough, 1961. The new McCowan Road bridge crosses the highway near the offices of Channel 9 (CTV).



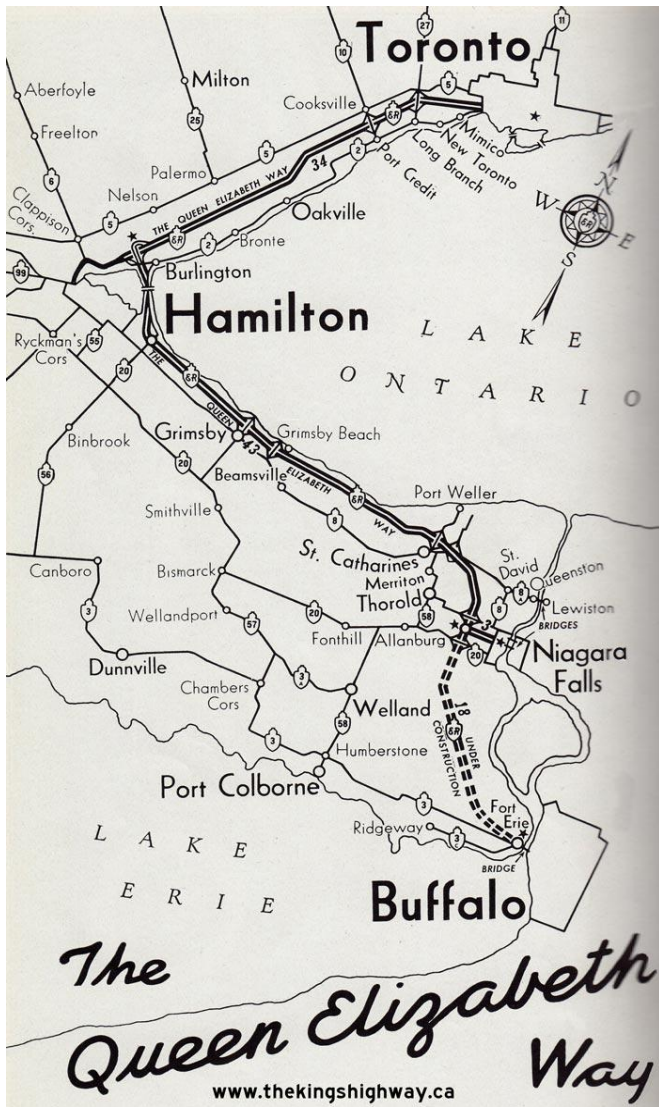
East Toronto, 1952



16 October 1952

SCARBORO'S GOLDEN MILE OF INDUSTRY is shown here in an artist's sketch. The south side of the area is solidly industrial and commercial, with the exception of the township's administration offices at the old GECO plant. The north side is entirely industrial and two more firms will start construction next year. A total of nine housing areas, which include some 3,600 homes have been developed in the municipality in the past five years

—Star Sketch by Staff Artist Ed Parker



QEW, Grimsby, Spring blossom time, 1949

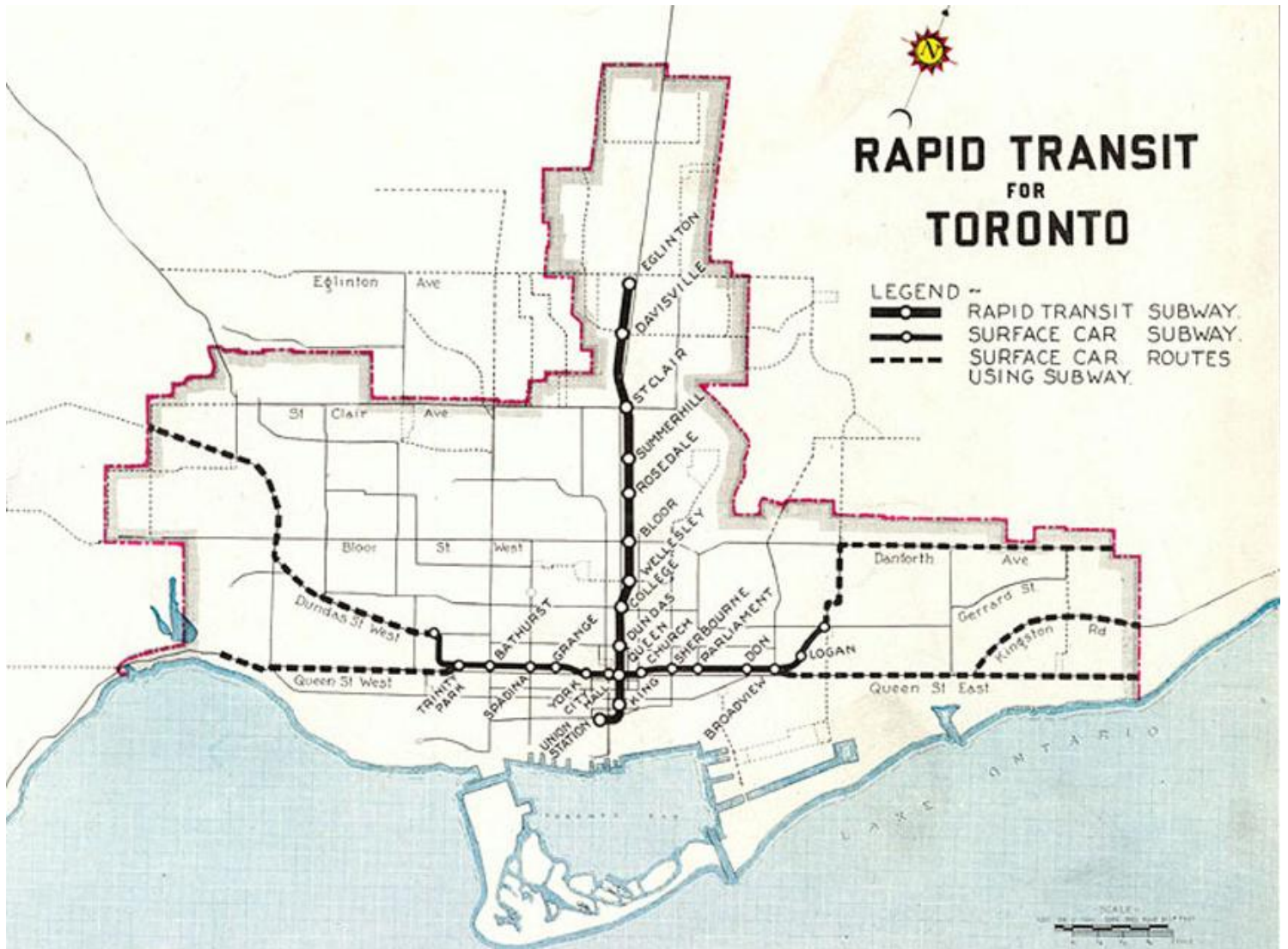


Dedication of the new Queen Elizabeth Way, 7 June 1939.



American motorists arrive in Ontario at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, Labour Day weekend, 1945.

Left: The monument at the beginning of the Queen Elizabeth Way in Toronto at the Humber Bay Bridge, 1940. The monument is now in the adjacent park.



Above: the 1944 plan for rapid transit in Toronto included 2 subway lines: a North-South line along Yonge Street from Union Station to Eglinton, and an East-West line along Queen Street, from Trinity Park in the West to Gerrard & Carlaw in the East. The Yonge line was built first, and opened in 1954. The Queen line was begun, and a station built at Queen and Yonge (under the Queen station on the Yonge line). However, it was discontinued. It has been used as a location in some movies. Later, an East-West line was built along Bloor Street. The original Queen Station on the first East-West line will now become part of the Ontario Line.





The 401 highway passes by Pearson Airport.



Above: The Don Roadway is built along the East side of the new Don River channel, straightened out from its natural original curving shape in the 1890's.

Right: The Roadway became the South end of the new Don Valley Parkway, begun after World War II to provide access from the downtown to the new neighbourhoods to the North and East. Photo on a sunny day.



Below: The Don Valley Parkway on a rainy day. Traffic is very light.

