

WHY SHOULD WE ONLY REST IN PEACE? WHY DON'T WE LIVE IN PEACE TOO?

Parish Week † Sunday, 19 Jan. 2025

Saturday, 18 Jan.

■ *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Gomes family members (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Emilio & Aurora Go on their 44th Wedding Anniversary (family)

SUNDAY, 19 JAN. / 2 - C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Fely and family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Alex Abeyasekara (Samanthi)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Vito & Joanne Internicola (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 20 Jan. / St. Sebastian, *martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Ciccio (Emma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Khan Sajid (Lucy & Dominic)
- 7.30 pm 1st Communion Family Info Nite [A]

Tuesday, 21 Jan. / St. Agnes, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Bernard D'Cunha (Esme)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo
- 7.30 pm 1st Communion Family Info Nite [B]

Wednesday, 22 Jan. / St. Vincent, *deacon & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Matilda Naddaf (Amalia)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass

Thursday, 23 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Margaret McDonald (Deborah Paciej)

Friday, 24 Jan. / St. Francis de Sales, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cecil Mendonca (sister)

Saturday, 25 Jan. / Conversion of St. Paul, *apostle*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jizi Primero (Edison & Jiyi)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving William Cenizal on his Birthday (family)

SUNDAY, 26 JAN. / 3 - C

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cynthia Espellardo Sison (Emelita Gotera)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Eduardo Gotera Sr. (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † George, Marguerite, Ablah & Adel Chachati (Tessie Mendonca)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C
Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.4-11; John 2.1-12

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Magdalena Lamila, Elsa Majares, Margarita Soriano Rodriguera

The 215 victims of the flooding in Valencia in Spain on All Souls Day.



Saturday Confirmation Classes begin 1 Feb.

Classes will begin on Saturday, 1 February 2025, for students who are not in our Parish schools and who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is the Sacrament that completes our Christian Initiation. Wilma and Lillian will be the instructors.

The classes begin at 10.00 am, and last one hour. Registration will be conducted on 1 February, and a calendar for the series will be provided. For information, call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

1st Reconciliation dates

Grade 2 students in St. Albert and St. Maria Goretti Schools will be making their **first Confessions** in February:

St Albert School Wednesday 5 February 9.30 am
St. Maria Goretti School Thursday 6 February 9.00 am

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- 20 Jan. 1st Communion Family Information Night [A] (7 pm)
- 21 Jan. 1st Communion Family Information Night [B] (7 pm)
- 22 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9 am)
- 26 Jan. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 26 Jan. CWL Membership Drive
- 3 Feb. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 5 Feb. ► St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation & School Rec. (9.30 am)
- 6 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation (9.00 am)
- 7 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation (9.00 am)
- 9 Feb. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 10 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Night [A] (7 pm)
- 11 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Night [B] (7 pm)
- 15 Feb. CWL: Installation of New Executive 2025-26 (6 pm), & Family Day Celebration (6.30 pm)
- 23 Feb. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 1 Mar. ► WWE Elimination Chamber (Rogers Centre)
- 5 Mar. Ash Wednesday;
- Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion Information Meetings

Parents with children enrolled as Candidates for

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
are invited to attend one of two Information Meetings:

**FOR ST. ALBERT AND ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOLS:
Monday or Tuesday - 20 or 21 January**

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

This invitation is extended to all families who have:

- Children in Grade 2 in our Catholic Schools;
- Children in private and public schools who have been enrolled in the Saturday Sacramental Preparation classes, which begin each year in September.

We also welcome:

- Families with children enrolled in Catholic schools in Grade 3 or above, and who have not yet received these Sacraments;
- Families with children in private and public schools who have just moved into our parish and would like information on enrolling the children in our Saturday classes *next* September, to prepare for these Sacraments in 2026.

RCIA, RCIC

*Rites of Christian Initiation
of Adults & Children*



The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*), also called the CATECHUMENATE, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Church for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seek Baptism or (if already Baptized) *full Communion* with the Church, including Eucharist and Confirmation. The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the next meetings are on 10 & 17 January 2025. The RCIC meets Saturday mornings; the next meetings are 11 & 18 January.

A Special Gift LAMINATED PEW CARDS

We thank **Carla Go Tan** for her gift of the laminated pew cards in our Church, in July 2023. May God bless you and your family.

Stewardship

2024 Receipts, 2025 Envelopes



Soon, the Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2024 will be in the Vestibule, for pick up after Mass.

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.

Parishioners who have not yet picked up their *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* for this year are invited to do so in the Vestibule. They are for *registered* parishioners; if you are new to the parish and are not registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

16 November

**Emmie Wai Sum Yip
Gabriel Leslie Anthony**

7 December

Wyndham Harris Walch

8 December

Mikha Teresa Sequira

14 December

**Evie Canonio
Levi Theodore Medicielo**

21 December

Annabelle Hawi Daigle

28 December 2024

Jessy Talitha De Guzman

11 January 2025

**Ian Knox
Logan Knox**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service



4.00 pm, Sunday, 19 January 2025

North City Church, 377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge

Sponsored by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* this year holds special significance, as Churches across the GTA commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This provides a unique opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate our common faith as expressed in the Creed formulated at this historic council.

We invite you to join **Bishop John Boissonneau**, *Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Northern Region*, and distinguished Christian leaders from various traditions, as we pray together for the restoration of the full unity that Jesus willed for His Church. This gathering is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Catholic Women's League Membership Drive



The *Catholic Women's League of Canada* calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. On Sunday, 26 January, stop at the CWL table in the Vestibule, and renew your membership or become a new member. Come find out who we are and what we do! Share your gifts, talents & make a difference. For more information, call: Editha Macalinao, 437-974-5895.











