

Parish Week † Sunday, 2 Feb. 2025

Saturday, 1 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria & Lawrie Coutinho (Tessie Mendonca)
- 10.00 am Saturday Confirmation classes begin
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Remedios Estavillo (Ong family)

SUNDAY, 2 FEB. / PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- Collective Blessing of Throats

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Matilda Maria Naddaf (Esme)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Amy Koenig (Bertina)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 3 Feb. / St. Blaise, bishop & martyr

- Individual Blessing of Throats
- 8.00 am Mass: † In Memory of Baby John Francis (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Matilda Naddaf (Zecil Christyantton)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 4 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)

Wednesday, 5 Feb. / St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Annie)
- 9.30 am St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation followed by School Reconciliation Gr. 3-8

Thursday, 6 Feb. / St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Francis)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation

Friday, 7 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jim Harvey (wife)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation (Gr. 3-8)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza

Saturday, 8 Feb. / St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. In Honor of Christ the King (Elizabeth Vaz)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)

SUNDAY, 9 FEB. / 5-C

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Therese Fernandes (Lectors)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 2.10-18; Luke 2.22-40

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The 5 Palestinian journalists killed in an Israeli bomb strike in Gaza in December.



2 February: Feast of the Presentation

Parishioners may be interested to know that this year, a major liturgical feast falls on Sunday, 2 February: the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*. This Feast takes precedence over an *Ordinary Time* Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, and especially our Lectors, should note that it is **not** the "4th Sunday in Ordinary Time." Please prepare for the correct Readings.

The Sign of Peace: One Flu Over

As we pass through the winter season of colds and flu bugs, it is well to recall that the *Sign of Peace* can be shared in various ways at Mass. If you feel that you may have a cold or other virus, it is perfectly acceptable to nod or smile towards nearby parishioners, while saying "*The Peace of Christ*." Keep your hands folded as in prayer, and others will understand that you would rather not shake hands. After all, it is *Christ's peace* that we want to pass on.

CWL Family Day celebration 15 February

Our parish *Catholic Women's League* will host a Family Day celebration on Saturday, 15 February, following the Installation of the CWL Executive after the 5.00 pm Mass.

The *Catholic Women's League* calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Blessing of St. Blaise: 3 February

The feast of **St. Blaise** is on 3 February. Parishioners will have the benefit of the traditional BLESSING OF THROATS *collectively* at the end of all Sunday Masses, 1 & 2 February, and *individually* at the Masses on 3 February:

"Through the prayers of St. Blaise, may God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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- 10 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Night [A] (7.00 pm)
- 11 Feb. **Our Lady of Lourdes**; *World Day of Prayer for the Sick*; - Confirmation Family Information Night [B] (7.00 pm)
- 15 Feb. CWL: Installation of New Executive 2025-26 (6.00 pm), & Family Day Celebration (6.30 pm)
- 23 Feb. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 5 Mar. **Ash Wednesday**; - Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence

Sacramental Preparation

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

Confirmation Information Meetings

Families with students ready to prepare for the Sacrament of **Confirmation** are invited to attend one of two Info Meetings:

Monday or Tuesday - 10 or 11 February

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

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.

Volunteer Screening

In accordance with the procedures of the Archdiocese of Toronto, our Parish is updating the *Volunteer Screening* records of all volunteers and lay ministers who assist at St. Maria Goretti Church. This is a basic requirement of the Archdiocese, to honour its responsibility to the Province to maintain current and accurate information. Ministry Facilitators are asked to help their members to move this forward. If any volunteer has questions, don't hesitate to call **Glenda**, our Screening Coordinator: 647-614-7493.

Marriage Sunday

9 February 2025

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates *Marriage Sunday* on: 9 February 2025.

This initiative highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage. Let us continue to pray for married couples and those who support them on their journey. We hope that Marriage

Sunday provides a special opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament and give thanks for those who strengthen our communities through their loving commitment to God, their family and one another.

Cardinal Leo will be offering a special Mass at 2.30 pm this day at St. Michael Cathedral. All are welcome. Couples celebrating anniversaries # 25, 40, 50 and 60 and 60+ this year may register in advance for reserved seating. Go to:

<https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Register2025>

[*Sculpture above: husband washing his wife's feet, by Timothy Schmalz.*]



February: principal feast days

The month of February has some significant feast days.

- 2 Presentation of the Lord**
- 3 St. Blaise, bishop & martyr**
Fr. Peter Francis Corless, death anniversary (2008)
- 5 St. Agatha, virgin & martyr**
- 6 St. Paul Miki & companions**
- the Japanese martyrs
- 8 St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin**
- 10 St. Scholastica, virgin; and the sister of St. Benedict**
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, feast of the apparitions to St. Bernadette Soubirous, and also the World Day of the Sick**
- 17 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**
- 21 St. Peter Damian, bishop and doctor**
- 22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**
- 23 St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr**

Celebrate the Year of Jubilee and the Elevation of Cardinal Francis Leo

Regional Eucharistic Celebrations with Cardinal Leo and the Auxiliary Bishops of our archdiocese



Regional Masses will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. For those desiring a *Jubilee indulgence*, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and praying for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered one hour prior to all Masses noted below; Mass will begin at 7:00 pm

EASTERN REGION Masses will be held:

Wednesday, 19 February 2025, St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough (Cardinal Leo to preside)

CENTRAL REGION Masses will be held:

Wednesday, 12 February 2025, St. Paul Basilica, Toronto (Bishop Kasun to preside)

Thursday, 20 February 2025, St. Mary Parish, 130 Bathurst Street (Bishop Kasun to preside)

Tuesday, 25 February 2025, St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York (Cardinal Leo to preside)

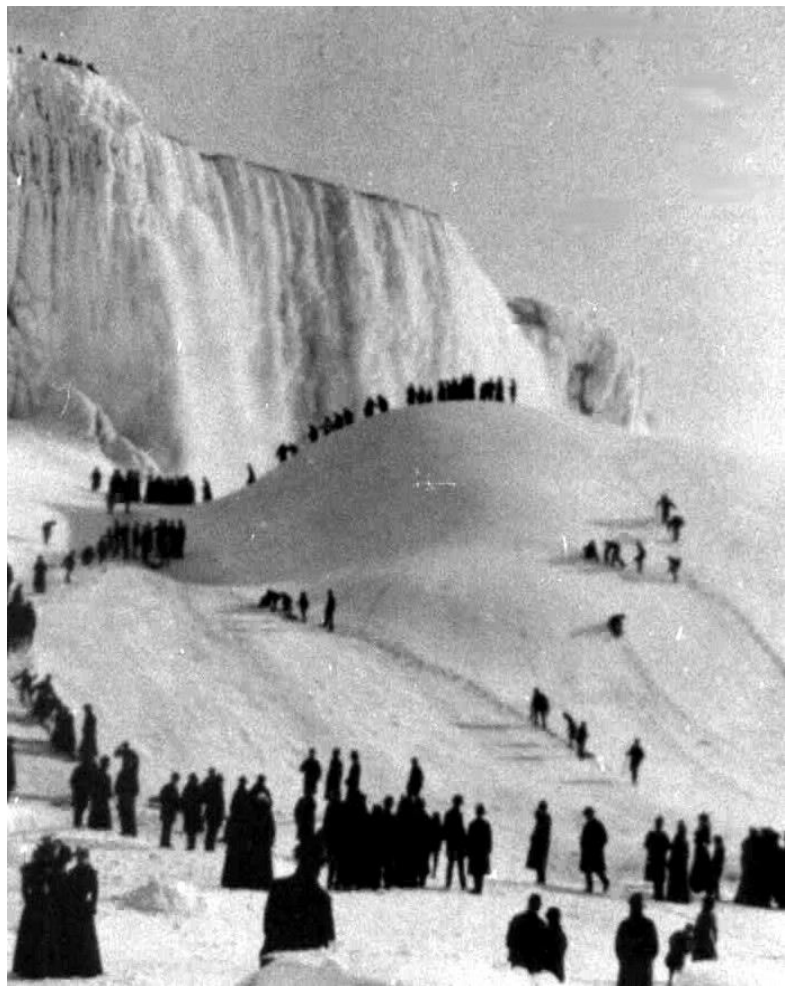
A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank **Corine Maulion** for her gift of the flowers in memory of her mother **Camila**, 16 June 2023. May she rest in peace.

Stewardship 2024 Receipts, 2025 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2024 will soon 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.



Niagara Falls frozen in 1911



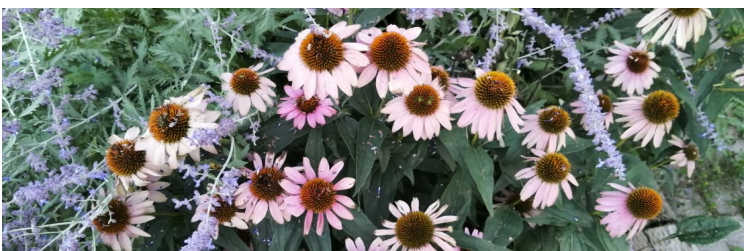
Deer on the Atlantic coast of Long Island, NY.



A Rainbow Village indoor garden.



Poppies in a Durham Region parish garden.



The Parish Vestibule.

What does a family Christmas Dinner look like when everyone loves to cook, and the youngest nephew is actually studying Culinary Arts at George Brown College?





St. Francis Table, 2015

CAPUCHIN OUTREACH TO THE POOR (Parkdale) was founded in 1987 by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars of Central Canada with the vision of creating a faith community with the poor by providing direct services that seek to enhance the sense of human dignity of those in need.

St Francis Table, the primary expression of Capuchin Outreach, serves 250 meals per day, six days a week in Toronto's Parkdale community. Patrons are asked to make a \$1 donation towards their 3-course meal which is provided with full restaurant service.

St Clare Centre is our Outreach and Drop-In space, hosting weekly AA meetings as well as an informal drop-in for patrons of St Francis Table. We receive no government or United Way funding, instead relying on the charity of private individuals and businesses.

CAPUCHIN OUTREACH TO THE POOR (Parkdale) is a registered charitable organization





The Tsoi A Sue clan keeps increasing.



Julianna and Alfred with baby Mila



Sabina Mendonca:
99 years young.

