



Parish Week

Sunday,
9 February 2025

Bernadette kneels before the Lady who appeared at the grotto of Massabielle, beside the Ousse River in Lourdes, France. She asked the Lady for her name. The reply:

“**Que soy era immaculada councepciou.**”

In English:
“**I am the Immaculate Conception.**”

11 February 1858

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

8.00 am Mass: Int. In Honour 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

Monday, 10 Feb. / St. Scholastica, virgin

8.00 am Mass: † Malusha Charles (Daphne)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Siromi Ameresekere (friends)
7.30 pm Confirmation Info Nite A

Tuesday, 11 Feb. / Our Lady of Lourdes

■ *World Day of the Sick*
■ *Fr. Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp. death anniversary (2015)*

8.00 am Mass: † Mirjana Lazny (Corine Maulion)
7.00 pm Mass: † Pro Populo
7.30 pm Confirmation Info Nite B

Wednesday, 12 Feb.

8.00 am Mass: † Norma Banta (Corine Maulion)

Thursday, 13 Feb.

8.00 am Mass: † Trevor D'Silva (Rita)

Friday, 14 Feb. / Ss. Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop

8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam
(Shirani Hemachandra, Leslie Alagaratnam)

Saturday, 15 Feb.

8.00 am Mass: † Ceciliamma Santhiapillai (Juliet)
5.00 pm Mass: † Chan-Chan Wong (family)
6.00 pm CWL Executive Installation;
- Family Day Celebration

SUNDAY, 16 FEB. / 6-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

9.00 am Mass: † Crescenzo Tisi (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Joseph & Theresa (Mary Joseph)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

5th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C
Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The 39 victims of the Azerbaijan Airlines plane crash in Kazakhstan on Christmas Day



World Day of the Sick 11 February

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. 11 February (Memorial of *Our Lady of Lourdes*) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

To mark this observance in the Church, at 6.30 pm the CWL will lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary, prior to Mass at 7.00 pm. Special Intercessions for this day will be included.

Valentine Fair

9 February, 9 am - 2 pm

Our Parish is holding a VALENTINE FAIR in the Vestibule on Sunday, 9 February, 9 am - 2 pm. Take a look at the treasures on the tables – a great way to pick up gifts for your friends.



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.

Come and celebrate with us! We plan to make this an evening of fun for our families:

Spaghetti Dinner Balloon twisting
Bingo Music & Dance

A donation of \$5 will go to our *ShareLife* Appeal.

COMING UP

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23 Feb. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
1 Mar. CHALICE presentation at all Masses;
 ► WVE Elimination Chamber (Rogers Centre)
5 Mar. Ash Wednesday;
 - Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence
9 Mar. RCIA Rite of Election (St. Barnabas Church, 2.30 pm)
20 Apr. **Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord**
23 Apr. Feast of **St. George**; Diada Sant Jordi, Barcelona;
 Birthday of: William Shakespeare (1564), John Cena (1977),
 Shirley Temple (1928), Prince Louis of Wales (2018).

Sacramental Preparation

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

Classes began on Saturday, 1 February, 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 are the instructors.

The classes begin at 10.00 am, and last one hour. 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.

World Day of Prayer 2025 8 March Theme: "I made you wonderful."

The 2025 World Day of Prayer will be held in our Parish at 1.00 pm on Saturday, 8 March.

Our sisters from the Cook Islands have spent the last few years reflecting on the theme: "I MADE YOU WONDERFUL," based on Psalm 139

Mark this date in your calendar, and watch for further details.



RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation
of Adults & Children



The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the next meetings are on 7 & 14 February. The RCIC meets Saturday mornings; the next meetings are on 8 & 15 February.

Sponsors needed

We are currently seeking sponsors for the RCIA and RCIC. 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 will have to indicate your sincerity and commitment in the course of the RCIA and RCIC processes. The culmination of the candidates' preparation will occur 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.

Marriage Sunday

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.



Jubilee Year, Elevation of Cardinal Leo

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 WASHROOM CLEANUP

We thank **Sister Maureen Pereira, Mark Jardine and Shireen** for their help with the Hall washroom cleanup, August 2023.

Stewardship

2024 Receipts,
2025 Envelopes

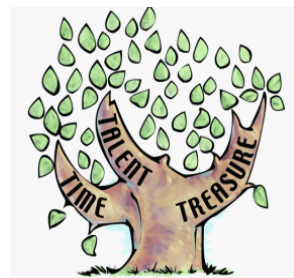
The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2024 are in the Vestibule. They may be picked up after Mass.

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 are invited to pick up their 2025 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

Ensure that you have your own box: *the number on the label and on the envelopes* must be identical. If you notice any discrepancy, advise the parish office right away. If you use someone else's envelopes, your donation would be credited to the other person.

Please write the amount of your *donation* in the spaces provided on the front of your envelopes. (If you miss doing this, our financial advisors must stop to do so, and this *really* slows down the recording process.)





[Fresh snow in Brandon, Manitoba;
Studying and praying;
Anonymous donation of dental records on Church steps;
Blessing a new restaurant;
Ducks meander along the Nottawasaga River;
A decisive moment in the bayou.]



[**Boy and Dad** wait for care in China during recent viral outbreak;
Mila with Daddy on a boat ride.]

[**Lillian D'Souza and Joan O'Halloran** delivering Christmas gifts
at the CCAS office from the parish St. Vincent de Paul conference.
Angel and Ryan at a special moment in Madeira, Portugal.]

