



Parish Week

Sunday,
6 April 2025

Saturday, 5 Apr. / St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

8.00 am Mass: Int. Daphne Dias
5.00 pm Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza

SUNDAY, 6 APR. / LENT 5-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Lucia Rayappu (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 7 Apr. / St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest

8.00 am Mass: † Jim Harvey (wife)
7.00 pm Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 8 Apr.

■ *Marie Collins: 100th Birthday*

8.00 am Mass: † Jeyaratnam Subramaniam (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Simon Boila (family)

Wednesday, 9 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Guillerma Maulion (Corine)
7.00 pm Mass: † Filomena Rodrigues
(Theresa & Eddie D'Souza & family)

Thursday, 10 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Michael Martin (Preethi)

Friday, 11 Apr. / St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Crofton Martin (Jane & Adrian)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday, Froilan Dungan (Corine Maulion)
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS)

Saturday, 12 Apr. / St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday, Dolores Marquez
1.00 pm Wedding: James Bryan & Jenny-Rose Nagales
5.00 pm Mass: † Segunda Go (family)

PASSION SUNDAY 13 APR. / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

9.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
10.30 am Mass: † Guillermo Maulion (Corine)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

A Day with Mary 31 May

On 31 May, the Feast of the *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, an Archdiocesan event called "A DAY WITH MARY" will be held at Villanova College in King City. We will participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults. There will also be catechesis for the kids. Music and fellowship will abound. We hope all will consider joining Cardinal Leo and many others who love the Blessed Mother. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Focus on the Word

5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

Isaiah 43.16-21; Philipians 3.8-14; John 8.1-11

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Amen..

Pray for the Deceased

**Arthur Calderon, Lolita Ison,
Monsignor Mariano Polito,
Fr. Eugene Tramble**



The **400** victims of the **Israeli bombing in Gaza on 19 March.**

Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The Facilitators for 2025 will be:

Apr. 18 **Lectors**



Passiontide

The last two calendar weeks of Lent comprise *Passiontide*. The last Sunday, which begins Holy Week, is liturgically known as *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*. All crucifixes, statues and images may be covered in violet veils, until the Easter Vigil.

Good Friday Collection

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17 Apr.	Holy Thursday: <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;</i> - Adoration until midnight
18 Apr.	Good Friday: <i>The Passion of Our Lord;</i> 2 nd Collection: <i>Good Friday</i>
20 Apr.	Easter Sunday: <i>Resurrection of Our Lord;</i> 2 Collections: (a) <i>Offertory</i> ; (b) <i>Easter</i> ;

26 Apr. New Area Code introduced for Toronto: **942**
27 Apr. Divine Mercy Sunday

► Canonization of Carlo Acutis (Vatican)

8 May MARCH FOR LIFE 2025 (Ottawa)

31 May Feast of the **Visitation of Mary**;
- *Day With Mary* (Villanova College, King City, 10 am – 4 pm)

14 November ► **King Charles**, birthday (1948)

ShareLife 2025 Living the Gospel

5th Sunday of Lent, 6 April



You open the door to safety from abuse

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve.

The next *ShareLife* Sunday is 4 May. Our parish goal for this year is \$75,000.00.

As the 2025 Parish Campaign progresses, we thank you for your faithful support! Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!



We thank Seminarian **David Valencia** for sharing with us his vocational story at our Masses on *ShareLife* Sunday, 30 March, and the role that *ShareLife* plays in supporting the St. Augustine Seminary. Your generosity makes it possible to provide Priestly formation to serve the entire Church.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please pray for all who participated in the **RITE OF ELECTION** at St. Barnabas Church on 9 March 2025. Our **BOOK OF THE ELECT** is displayed near the Presider's Chair.

On Sunday, 23 March, the **ELECT** celebrated the *Scrutinies* at the 12.00 pm Mass. On 6 April, they will celebrate the *Presentations* at the 12.00 pm Mass, at which they will receive the **CREED** and the **LORD'S PRAYER**.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the dear family of our faithful Parishioner **Joyce Durban** for the lovely flowers from her funeral, 4 January 2024. May she rest in peace.

Sacramental Preparation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:



5 April, 4.00 pm ✱ **Personal Reconciliation**

27 April, 2.30 pm ✱ **St. Albert Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

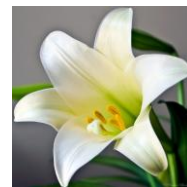
4 May, 2.30 pm ✱ **St. M. G. Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

8 May, 7.00 pm ✱ **St. M. G. Sch. Confirmation Mass**

15 May, 7.00 pm ✱ **St. Albert Sch. Confirmation Mass**

Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of **EASTER FLOWERS** in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



Lenten Movie Night: Chosen (8.15 pm)

Hosted by the Parish CWL: "**The Chosen, Season 1**" each Friday in Lent, in the Vestibule after the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**.

Remaining Episodes

April 11 Invitation, I am He.

A donation will be taken towards our Parish *ShareLife* Appeal

Catholic Women's League



26 APRIL: Feast of **Our Lady of Good Counsel**, *Patronal Title of the Catholic Women's League*.

6.00 pm Reception of New Members

6.30 pm Feast Day celebration for CWL Council

27 APRIL: celebration at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 867 College Street, Toronto.

Altar Servers Training Sundays in Lent

Would you like to be an **Altar Server**? The *Lent Training Series* for our new Altar Server Candidates will be held on Sundays. For further information, call: **Marilyn Manuba**, 416-261-2370.

Finance Council 5 April

The next Finance Council meeting will be held at 3.30 pm on 5 April. The *Volunteer Screening* updating process will be reviewed.

March for Life Ottawa, 8 May

Our Parish is sponsoring a bus trip to join the *March for Life* in Ottawa, 8 May. For more info., call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

10:00 am Notre Dame Cathedral,
Broadcast Live on EWTN

Rally & March on Parliament Hill

12 noon Gather on the Hill

12:30 pm RALLY Starts

1:30 pm MARCH FOR LIFE through downtown Ottawa begins

2:30 pm *Silent No More* Awareness Testimonials



Human rights begin when human life begins, and human life begins at **conception**.

Each of us can trace our origins back to our time in the womb; you were once a fetus, and before that, an embryo, and you began your life as a single-celled zygote. There is a scientific consensus on this matter. A survey done of over 5000 biologists found that 96% agreed that life begins at *fertilization* (or *conception*; the terms mean the same thing).

Unfortunately, Canada has instead arbitrarily and unscientifically chosen to provide human beings protection only after birth (and even then, this protection is patchwork, as infanticide and euthanasia are sometimes permitted).



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The Church in the Holy Land appeals for our solidarity. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is our chance to respond. By our prayer and support, our community can ensure a significant contribution for the faithful; to charitable and social works; as well as to the care of the Holy Sites and the training of future priests.

By supporting the Church and its work in the Holy Land we are looking after ourselves and our own spiritual heritage. We allow Christians who are sorely tested to remain steadfast and be witnesses of reconciliation and peace. We support men and women who care and provide access to the Holy Sites, the living memory of Jesus. For more information, please visit www.commissariat.ca.



Pope Francis leaves the Hospital

23 March: *Discharged from Policlinico Agostino Gemelli*

Shortly before returning to his home in the Vatican on 23 March, Pope Francis made a brief appearance from a fifth-floor balcony of the Gemelli Clinic in Rome to a crowd of faithful gathered outside the hospital.

The moment marked his first public engagement in weeks. Waving and giving a “thumbs-up” before blessing the faithful gathered outside Rome’s Gemelli Hospital, the pontiff briefly thanked one well-wisher for bringing flowers for the occasion.

After the short interaction, the Holy Father was discharged from the hospital and taken to the Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore, where he delivered flowers to place before the icon of the Virgin Salus Populi Romani.

Afterward, he returned to the Vatican, according to the Holy See. The pontiff prepared a written message published by the Vatican while briefly appearing at approximately noon to greet the faithful and impart his blessing.

“During this long period of hospitalization, I have had the opportunity to experience the patience of the Lord, which I also see reflected in the tireless care of doctors and health care workers as well as in the attentiveness and hopes of the patients’ families,” Francis noted.

“This confident patience, anchored in God’s love that never fails, is truly necessary for our lives, especially to face the most difficult and painful situations.”



Ordinandi Dinners: *top* - 2024, *above* - 2025

The Ordinandi Dinner is an event to honour the Transitional Deacons who study, pray and live at St. Augustine Seminary and at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, who are ordained to the

Priesthood each year. It is a time to hear them describe their unique call to the Priesthood. Their friends throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto come together to celebrate new vocations to the priesthood and religious life.







