



# Parish Week

*Jesus, I trust in You  
Jezu ufam Tobie*

**Divine Mercy  
Sunday,  
27 April 2025**

## Saturday, 26 Apr. / Our Lady of Good Counsel

- 8.00 am Mass: † Judith Primero (Edison & Jiyi)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Maria Subramaniam)
- RCIC Initiation Rites

## SUNDAY, 27 APR. / EASTER 2-C / DIVINE MERCY

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Vincenzo Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Enrico Serneo (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Erin Candappa (friends)
- 2.30 pm St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 28 Apr. / St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Corine)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro

## Tuesday, 29 Apr. / St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alex Rodrigues (D'Souza family)

## Wednesday, 30 Apr. / St. Pius V, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alex Rodrigues (D'Souza family)

## Thursday, 1 May. / St. Joseph the Worker

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mary, Paul & Ellis Galea (Tessie Mendonca)

## Friday, 2 May / St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edwin Cedric Tauro (Tessie Mendonca)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza

## Saturday, 3 May / Ss. Philip & James, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: † George McNaughton (Corine)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (CWL, St. M.G. Members)

## SUNDAY, 4 MAY / EASTER 3-C

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ShareLife

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Gracious)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Mary & Phillip Fernando (Manuel & Mary)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for Enverga family (family)
- 2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School First Communion Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



# Focus on the Word

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C**  
**Acts 5.12-16; Revelation 1.9-19; John 20.19-31**

*God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of your people, increase the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Roberta Byrne, Youssfieh Louka**

The victims of the recent floods in Bolivia



## Memorial Mass for Pope Francis 7.00 pm, 30 April

At 7 pm on 30 April, our Parish will hold a Memorial Mass for our dear **Pope Francis**, who returned to the Lord on 21 April 2025. May God grant him eternal rest.



## A Day with Mary 31 May

On 31 May, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new Archdiocesan event called "A DAY WITH MARY" will be held at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to 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. All are welcome to join Cardinal Leo and many others who love the Blessed Mother. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

## COMING UP

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- 5 May Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 May MARCH FOR LIFE 2025 (Ottawa);  
St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)
- 11 May - Catholic Women's League Mother's Day Cake & Flower Sale;  
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 15 May St. Albert School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)
- 18 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Popes Pastoral Works**
- 22 May - St. Albert School Mass (9:00 am);  
St. Maria Goetti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 25 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**
- 31 May Feast of the **Visitation of Mary**;  
- **Day With Mary** (Villanova College, King City, 10 am – 4 pm)
- 2 June Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 June - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **ShareLife No. 3**;  
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 14 June Wedding – Vase – Sessa (1:00 pm)
- 15 June **Marygrove Camp** Collection
- 18 June - St. Albert School Mass (9:00 am);  
St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 25 June St. Maria Goretti Graduation Ceremony (4:00 pm)
- 29 June St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 14 November ► **King Charles**, birthday (1948);  
- **Deborah Meyer** (1963)

# ShareLife 2025

## Divine Mercy, 27 April

Thank you very much for joining our parish's *ShareLife* campaign.

So far, we have raised: \$ 6,775.00

toward our 2025 goal of: \$ 75,000.00



## Thank you for being a beacon of hope. You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through *ShareLife*, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

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

Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*, and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

The CWL will host a **KRISPY KREME** donut sale on behalf of our Parish *ShareLife* Appeal, on Sunday, 4 May.

1 box of dozen donuts: \$ 12.

3 boxes of donuts: \$ 30.



## A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **William Felix Kreppner** for the 4 arrangements of flowers from his funeral on 1 February 2024. May he rest in peace.

# Sacramental Preparation

27 April 2.30 pm ✕ **St. Albert Sch. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass**

4 May 2.30 pm ✕ **St. M. G. Sch. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass**

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

15 May 7.00 pm ✕ **St. Albert Sch. Confirmation Mass**

# RCIA, RCIC



## Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Keep in your prayers the Adults who received Sacraments of Initiation at the 7 pm Easter Vigil on 19 April, and the Youth who will be Initiated at 5 pm on 26 April.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 25 April, 2 and 9 May, at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 26 April, (the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5 pm Mass) and 3 May.

# April Wellbeing

## Celebrate Earth Day 2025 Protect Biodiversity



April 22 is Earth Day! Join fellow Canadians in embracing this year's theme: Biodiversity Protection.

Biodiversity is essential for maintaining the balance of ecosystems, regulating the climate, pollinating crops and purifying water—all vital services that support human life and wellness.

### Why Biodiversity Matters to Your Wellness

A rich diversity of species ensures resilient ecosystems that provide us with clean air, nutritious food and medicinal resources. Engaging with nature and supporting biodiversity can enhance mental well-being, reduce stress and promote physical health.

### How You Can Contribute

- Support Native Plant Growth: Plant native species in your garden or community spaces to provide habitats for local wildlife.
- Reduce Pesticide Use: Choose natural pest control methods to protect pollinators and other beneficial insects.
- Participate in Local Cleanups: Join community efforts to clean up parks, rivers and other natural areas to maintain healthy habitats.
- Educate Yourself and Others: Attend workshops or seminars to learn more about biodiversity and how to take action.

### Get Involved

Earth Day Canada offers various programs and events to support biodiversity protection. A fun way to participate this year is to play the *Biodiversity Seek and Find Game*, a great way to learn about endangered species and how to help them thrive! For more information and to discover activities near you, visit Earth Day Canada's official website: [earthday.ca](http://earthday.ca) Let's work together to protect biodiversity and promote a healthier planet for all.

# Stewardship

## 2024 Receipts, 2025 Envelopes



The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2024 are in the Office. 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*.

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From: **Michael Penafiel**, Development Coordinator

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (*stocks, bonds, mutual funds*). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and increased support of various diocesan charities such as your Parish, *ShareLife*, St. Augustine Seminary and many others. For further information, contact the Development Office at: 416-934-3400, ext. 561.



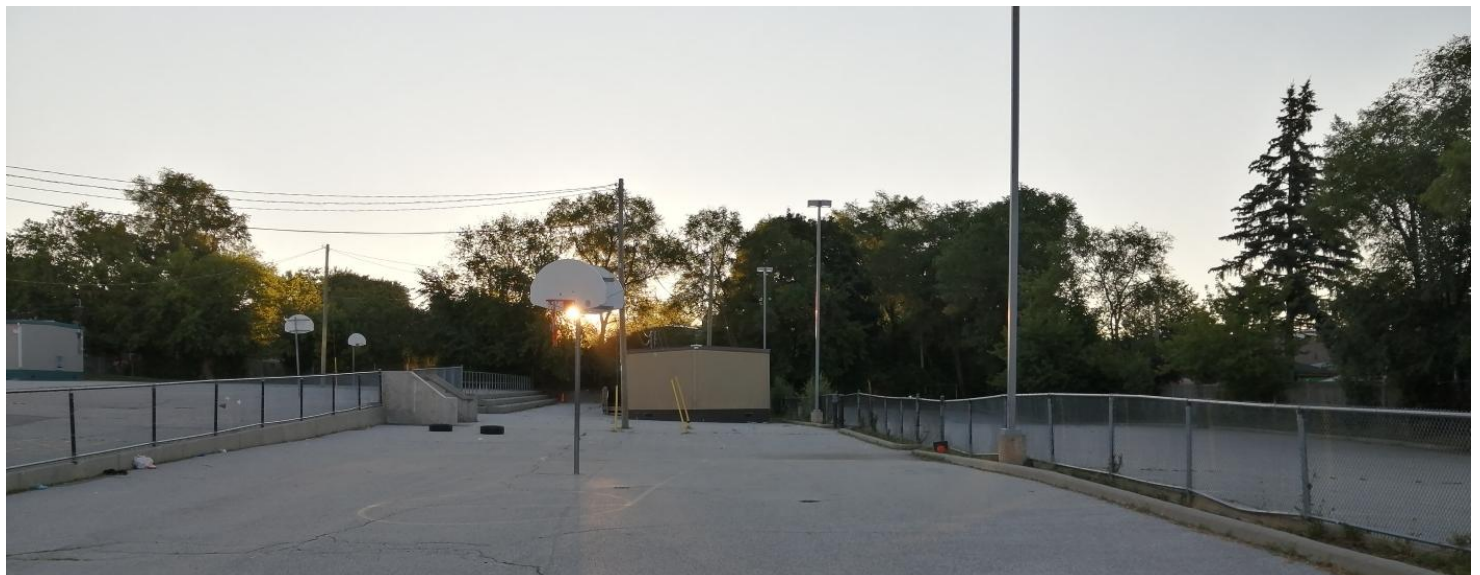
**Pope Francis, St. Peter Square, 2013**

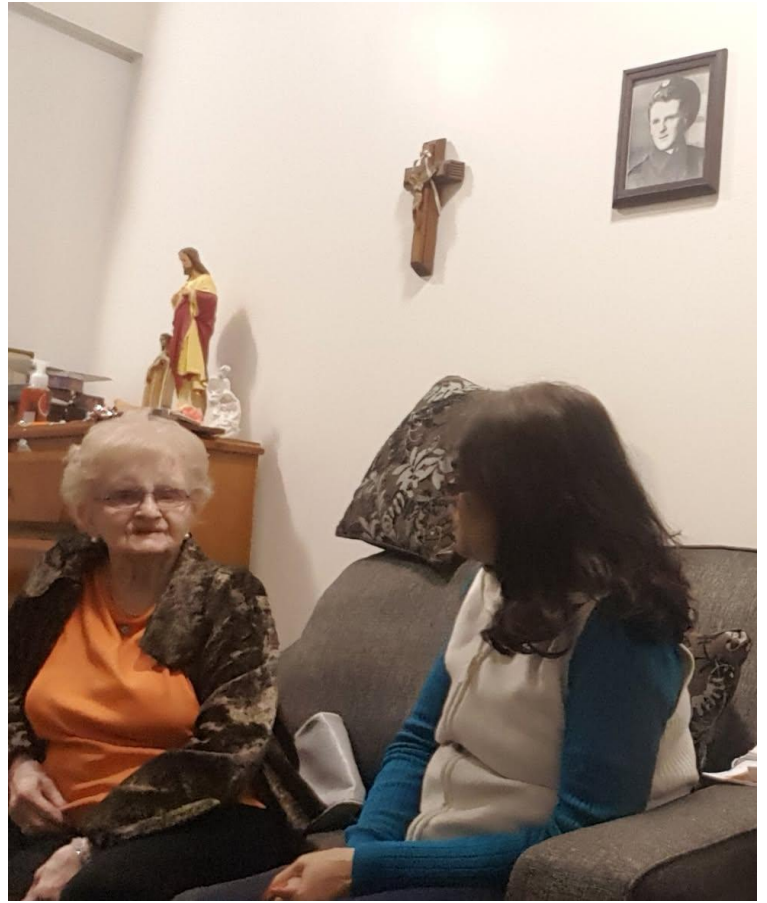


**St. Peter Basilica, 1 January 2025**









Marie Collins: 100<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday, 8 April 2025



Marie's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday prayer service in the Chapel, Presentation Manor, 13 April 2025





# First Holy Communion

## Guidelines for 2025

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** for the Grade 2 students who have prepared to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season.

(1) **INSTRUCTION MATERIAL** for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the January Family Information Nights, and at both of the *Family Instruction meetings* held in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of First Holy Communion.

(2) **REVIEW** It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. The Candidates received Information pages 1-4 at the initial Information night in January, and pages 5-24 at the following two *classroom instructions* for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, and at the two *Family Instructions* for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.

(3) **ATTIRE** *How to dress?* The Archdiocese of Toronto does not have one “mandatory” dress code for all First Communion Candidates. We have a variety of customs in our Parish that reflect the international composition of our faith community. The universal expectation is that, for such an important occasion in their lives, **Candidates** should wear at least “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. In addition, it is recommended that the Candidates incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white dress for girls, a white shirt for boys, etc.) as a reminder of their BAPTISM. Boys may wear a suit, or a formal or semi-formal jacket & complementary trousers.



Girls may simply wear a white dress, or at least a white blouse. Parents should be mindful that the children’s clothing should not be heavy. It is also suggested that **Family members** and invited friends dress in a respectful and complementary manner, and avoid clothing with garish or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass, and also in the photos taken afterward. In the future, these photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Holy Sacrament received from the Altar, which Jesus gives as the Food of Life to nourish us through our pilgrimage through this world to the Father’s Kingdom.

(4) **ARRIVAL** Catholic School Candidates should arrive between 1.30 – 2.00 pm to *Sign In* at an Information Table in the Vestibule, and to allow the Facilitators to seat them.

(5) Most other **GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY** remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive Holy Communion, they approach the Altar with their families.



# Confirmation

## Guidelines for 2025

Our Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the Grade 7 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year.

(1) **INSTRUCTION MATERIAL** for Confirmation is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the February *Family Information Nights*, and at all three of the *Student Instructions* held in the schools in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of their Confirmation.

(2) **REVIEW** It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. The Candidates received Information pages 1-4 at the initial Information night in February, and pages 5-16 at the following three classroom instructions. For their convenience, summaries are provided regularly in the website bulletin.

(3) With the use of **CONFIRMATION GOWNS**, Candidates will need to cooperate with their teachers, to ensure that their gown, in the correct size, is properly reserved.

(4) **ATTIRE** *How to dress?* Since gowns will be used during the Confirmation, the **Candidates** should simply wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. They may also incorporate a simple *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white shirt, blouse, dress, etc.) as a reminder of the link between Confirmation and Baptism. **Family members** and **Sponsors** should avoid clothing with garish or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, solid neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Sacrament



received in front of the Altar, by which the Holy Spirit empowers us to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

(5) There will be **REHEARSALS** to prepare the Candidates to receive this Sacrament in a focused and prayerful manner; they will need to pay attention to the directions during the Mass.

(6) The **CONFIRMATION CARD** which each Candidate presents to the Pastor at the time they receive the Sacrament, will need to have the chosen **Confirmation Name** printed in large letters on the front.

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

(7) Most other **GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY** remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.).

## The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

*Presentation of the Candidates*

*Homily*

*Renewal of Baptismal Promises*

*Laying On of Hands*

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*