



Parish Week

Richard Le, 47, wife Linh Hoang, 30, and daughter Katie Le, 5, died at the Lapu-Lapu Day festival, 26 April.

4 May 2025

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

8.00 am Mass: † George McNaughton (Corine)
5.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (CWL SMG Members)

SUNDAY, 4 MAY / EASTER 3-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
■ *2nd 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 – Enverga family
2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 5 May

8.00 am Mass: † Cornello Sardue (Chita)
7.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Jane Abraham)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/God Parent meeting

Tuesday, 6 May

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

Wednesday, 7 May

■ *Conclave begins in Rome*

8.00 am Mass: † Jim Harvey (Veronica)
7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Victims of the Lapu Lapu Day Tragedy in Vancouver

Thursday, 8 May

8.00 am Mass: † Joel Tupas (Jolly)
7.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass

Friday, 9 May

8.00 am Mass: Int. Robert & Rachel Correa
Wedding Anniversary (Francis family)

Saturday, 10 May / St. John of Avila, priest & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Filomena Rodrigues (Theresa, Eddie & family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Lily Mandyam (friends)

SUNDAY, 11 MAY / 4-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
■ *Catholic Women's League Mother's Day Cake & Flower Sale;*
9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)
12.00 pm Mass: † Francisco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C
Acts 5.28-41; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Liza Sampang

The 16 victims of Cyclone Jude in Mozambique in March



Memorial Mass for the Victims of the Lapu Lapu Day Tragedy in Vancouver

7.00 pm, 7 May

At 7 pm on 7 May, our Parish will hold a Memorial Mass to commemorate all the victims of the horrific and senseless tragedy at the Lapu Lapu Festival in Vancouver on 26 April 2025. May God grant them eternal rest, and may the survivors know peace in their hearts.



ShareLife Appeal, 4 May

Today, the second collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

COMING UP

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11 May	Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
15 May	St. Albert School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)
18 May	2 nd Collection: Popes Pastoral Works
22 May	- St. Albert School Mass (9:00 am); - St. Maria Goetti School Mass (12:30 pm)
24 May	RCIA <i>Special Initiation Rite</i> (5.00 pm Mass)
25 May	2 nd 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	Feast of Pentecost; - 2 nd Collection: ShareLife No. 3; - Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
14 June	Wedding: Vase & Sessa (1:00 pm)
15 June	2 nd Collection: Marygrove Camp
18 June	- St. Albert School Mass (9:00 am); St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
25 June	St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Ceremony (4:00 pm)
29 June	St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
30 June	Cardinal Francis Leo, birthday (1971)
1 July	Canada Day
6 July	Feast of St. Maria Goretti

ShareLife 2025

Living the Gospel

3rd Sunday of Easter, 4 May

**ShareLife: Living the Gospel
by providing for those in need**



On the second *ShareLife* Sunday, we call upon your kind hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindness of *ShareLife* supporters like you makes possible essential services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at ST. MICHAEL'S HOMES. For **Jack**, your support was transformative. After starting a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

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 Mike Scheibli for the three arrangements of white flowers from his funeral, 24 Feb. 2024. May he rest in peace.

Sacramental Preparation

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



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**

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 were Initiated at 5 pm on 26 April.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 2, 9 and 16 May, at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 3, 10 and 17 May.



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. We hope all will consider joining Cardinal Leo and many others who love the Blessed Mother. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Knights of Columbus

18 May *ShareLife* Bazaar
31 May Movie Night, 6.30 pm
15 June *ShareLife* Bake Sale
26 July Dinner Dance, 6.30 pm
13 Sept. Car Wash 12 noon



Life-Giving Wounds 16 – 18 May

For Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The **Life-Giving Wounds** retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be Friday to Sunday, 16-18 May, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road. Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me.

For university/college students, contact your campus minister.
To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

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*.

DONATING SECURITIES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
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.

First Holy Communion

Guidelines for 2025

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

(1) **INSTRUCTION MATERIAL** for 1st 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 1st Reconciliation, and at the two *Family Instructions* for 1st 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 5-18 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

ShareLife Agencies, List A

A review of the list of ShareLife-funded organizations, which share the Catholic tradition of serving the entire community regardless of religious affiliation.

Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR) 21 Dunlop Street, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2M6
CCSYR is a Family Service Agency offering counselling and educational group services to help people cope with mental health needs, parenting issues and relationship challenges. CCSYR is also a Settlement Agency, assisting immigrants and refugees in over 30 languages.

Catholic Family Services of Durham 707 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa, ON L1H 4K5. CFSD exists to provide help, hope and healing to individuals, couples and families, regardless of beliefs, through evidence-based clinical therapy, psycho-educational counselling and support. CFSD staff members help victims of family violence obtain the protection and safety they need to strengthen their lives.

Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin Locations in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Orangeville CFS Peel-Dufferin provides counselling services and education programs to individuals, struggling couples, and families dealing with emotional and relational issues, including domestic violence, stress, couple and family problems, emotional trauma and bereavement.

CFS Counselling and Wellbeing (Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County) Serves communities across the Simcoe-Muskoka region CFSSC is an accredited registered Canadian charity providing fully inclusive counselling and psycho-education across Simcoe Muskoka. In 2019, CFSSC celebrated 40 years of community service.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto 1155 Yonge Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2. CFS Toronto's counselling/psychotherapy services, Violence Against Women (VAW), New Beginnings and wellness programs help individuals, couples and families in difficult situations move through tough transitions and make positive changes in their lives. The agency also offers extensive marriage preparation and family life programs.

Birthright International (Toronto) 777 Coxwell Avenue, Toronto, ON M4C 3C6. Birthright provides a caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women, who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy, to enable them to give birth to their baby. Using its own resources and those of the community, Birthright provides friendship and emotional support, free pregnancy testing, and maternity and baby clothes. It gives information and referrals to help clients meet legal, medical, financial, and housing needs.

BOOK AN AGENCY VISIT *ShareLife-funded agencies are eager to welcome visitors from parishes. As agency staff explain their services and answer questions, ShareLife parish volunteers witness firsthand how the campaign supports those in need. Contact the agency at least one week beforehand to ensure they can set aside the appropriate amount of time for your appointment.*



[Above, and right:] **Marie Collins** celebrates her 100th birthday (8 April) in the company of her CWL friends, 13 April 2025.

[Below:] Joanita Rebello with her mother **Sabina** on her birthday (5 October 2020).







RCIC ✝ 13 November 2021

First Holy Communion ✝ 13 November 2021





RCIC ☩ 20 November 2021 ↑

RCIC ☩ 4 December 2021 ↓





RCIC ✝ 5 March 2022 ↑

RCIC ✝ 6 March 2022 ↓





RCIA/C ✝ Election Rite, Enrolment of Names 13 March 2022 ↑