

## Focus on the Word

### Corpus Christi Sunday, Year C

**Genesis 14.18-20; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; Luke 9.11b-17**

*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Amen.*

### Pray for the Deceased

**Fernando Castro, Fr. Vitaliano Papais, Rosatto Picano, Raquel Ocampo Blanco, Sandy Seki**

The **3 students** of Canadian Martyrs Catholic School who were killed in a car crash in Etobicoke in May

## Parish Week / Sunday, 22 June 2025

**Saturday, 21 June / St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious**

8.00 am Mass: † Marcelino Gabales (Edison & Jiyl)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Aloysius D'Cunha (Esme)

### SUNDAY, 22 JUNE / CORPUS CHRISTI - C

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *Chalice presentation at all Masses*

9.00 am Mass: † Felicia Rangini (Mary Joseph)  
10.30 am Mass: † Gloria Moniz (Samanthi)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Rebecca Gomes  
- *RCLIA Commissioning Rite* (Special Initiation group)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 23 June

8.00 am Mass: † Emil Tisseverasinghe (Mary)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Vincent Boila (family)

### Tuesday, 24 June / Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8.00 am Mass: † Juanita & Ramon Antonio Gatchalian (Ophelia)  
4.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Ceremony  
5.00 pm ► St. Albert School Graduation Ceremony

### Wednesday, 25 June

8.00 am Mass: † Go Bee Ah Lim & Go Nicholas Meliton (Go family)

### Thursday, 26 June

8.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving Birthday, Rocca Mansour (Carol)

### Fri., 27 June / Solemn Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8.00 am Mass: Birthday Thanksgiving, Carmen Morra (Carol)

### Saturday, 28 June / Immaculate Heart of Mary

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Rosendo & Sandra (family)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Fredrick D'Souza (family)

### SUNDAY, 29 JUNE / SS. PETER & PAUL

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *KOC Sacred Heart Icon in our Sanctuary* (to 5 July)

9.00 am Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza  
10.30 am Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse (Samanthi)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Corazon Camacho (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Corpus Christi Eucharistic Devotion

On CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, all our Masses will conclude with *Benediction*.

In the morning, the Blessed Sacrament will remain on the Altar for *Adoration* :  
after the 9.00 am Mass until 10.30 am; &  
after the 10.30 am Mass until 12.00 noon.



## Altar Servers

### Training sessions continue

Would you like to be an ALTAR SERVER? The current *Training Series* for our new Altar Server Candidates will conclude at the end of June, and a new series will begin in July. For details, see **Fr. Edwin** after any Mass.

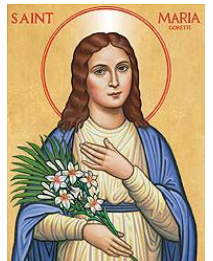


## St. Maria Goretti

### Novena: 27 June – 5 July

We may prepare for the feast of our dear Patroness by praying as families each evening for nine days prior. This Novena should include the ROSARY and the PRAYER TO ST. MARIA GORETTI. The devotion will be part of all parish Masses from 27 June to 5 July.

Families may find the Novena in the website bulletin of 22 June.



## COMING UP

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30 June	<b>Cardinal Francis Leo, birthday</b> (1971)
1 July	<i>Canada Day</i> ; - Memorial Mass: † Monica Masters (6:30 pm)
5 July	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Elma and Clementino Fagaragan
6 July	Feast of <b>St. Maria Goretti</b>
7 July	Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm)
12 July	Memorial Mass: † John Walsh (11:00 am); - Wedding: Bertucci & Bush (1:00 pm)

# ShareLife 2025 Living the Gospel

Corpus Christi, 22 June

## Thank you for bringing empathy to the table

COVENANT HOUSE, an agency you support through *ShareLife*, fosters a profound sense of belonging among at-risk children in the *Youth in Transition* program. Their common dinners create a welcoming space for sharing experiences, all made possible by your empathy. "These gatherings give the youth a chance to learn more about each other and taste food from different cultures," says Fred Shayo-Mushi, Support Services Manager of Covenant House Toronto. "The dinners make everyone feel like they matter because of your love."

Sunday, 13 July, is our *ShareLife* Freewill Collection. Please give generously. Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*, and for Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



## St. Francis Table

Many thanks to our Parish volunteers who regularly assist at **St. Francis Table** on Queen Street West in Parkdale. The next visits are on 18 July and 1 August. Any Youth (*at least High School age*) who would like to join are very welcome; they can get Community Service hours. For more details, call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know people who have told you they are thinking of becoming Catholic? Tell them to leave a message for the Pastor at the parish office: 416-261-0076.

The **Commissioning Rite** and **Distribution of Certificates** for our Neophytes will be held at the 12 noon Mass on:

22 June for the SPECIAL Group (*Initiated at the 5 pm Mass, 24 May*)

*The next meetings:*

RCIA Adults, 4 July, 1 Aug. at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 5 July, 2 Aug. at 10.00 am.



## Jubilee Pilgrimage 1-3 August

Montreal & Quebec City. St. Joseph Oratory, Notre Dame du Cap, Notre Dame Basilica, Ste. Anne de Beaupré. *Double*: \$625; *Triple*: \$575; *Quad*: \$525. To register, call: **Lin**, 416-837-9306.

## A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the **Vase family** for the two lovely flower arrangements in front of our Altar from the Wedding of **Lyndon** and **Grazia** on 14 June 2025. May God bless you and sustain you with His Grace.

## Sacred Heart Icon 29 June – 5 July

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the display of the SACRED HEART ICON in our Sanctuary for one week, starting with the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, 29 June.

## Sunday School for Kids

St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass, on the Hall level. The *Sunday School* breaks for the Summer. This year's dates:

15 June - *Last day before Summer break.*

15 September - *Classes resume.*

## Upcoming Weddings

*There is a promise of Marriage between:*

**Benjamin Ordanza and Andrea Salvani**

28 June, St. Irenaeus Church, Cypress, California

**Kajal Balanithurai and Jenshen Francis**

12 July, Sacred Heart Church, King City

**Christopher Bertucci and Brianna Bush**

12 July, St. Justin the Martyr, Unionville

**Eric Panganiban and Reeza Enverga**

19 July, Our Lady of the Assumption

**Jeron Juson and Sarah Alvarez**

8 August

**Chris Ramlock Han and Princess Baniqued**

9 August

**Jason Cruz and Pamela Mulla**

9 August

**Thilakshan Arulnesan and Lefanta Maria Anthonippillai**

23 August, St. Aidan

**Vishhanth Aelosiyas and Ashika Michael**

30 August, St. Rose of Lima

**Glenn Sandrasagra and Rebecca Gnanasingam**

6 October, St. Mary, Brampton





# Novena

to St. Maria Goretti  
27 June – 5 July



## How to pray the Novena

This novena was written to mark the first observance of the Feast of St. Maria Goretti after she was canonized on 24 June, during the Holy Year of 1950. The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, who had called her “the modern Saint Agnes,” proposed the Little Maid of Corinaldo as a model for youth.

Select an appropriate time each day to pray the Novena. It may be said privately; or it may be said by a family (perhaps after dinner), or by an extended family, neighbours or group of friends in a host home.

[A] Begin with the *Sign of the Cross* and the *Opening Prayer*.

[B] Pray the *Petition for a Special Favour*.

[C] Each day of the Novena, offer the proper *Daily Prayer*.

[D] Offer one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys* and one *Glory Be*. Add the invocation, “*St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!*” Conclude with the *Sign of the Cross*.

## [A] Sign of the Cross, Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O St. Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God’s grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

## [B] Petition for a Special Favour

Dear Saint Maria Goretti, obtain for us from our Lord victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we earnestly beg of you...

(here insert your daily intention).

May we one day enjoy with you the imperishable glory of Heaven. Amen.

## [C] Daily Prayer ✠ 1<sup>st</sup> Day: PURITY June 27

“*There stands out, above everything else, her purity.*”

*Let us pray.* Most lovable little Saint, who valued your purity above any earthly gain, and who sealed this choice with a martyr’s death, obtain for me also a strong love of this virtue, so consoling to the Sacred Heart of JESUS and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The pleasures of the world create many temptations for me. I turn to your powerful intercession in Heaven, so that with this help I may remain ever loyal to GOD, no matter what the price. In danger, inspire me to repeat with you, “No, it is a sin!” Amen.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: OBEDIENCE June 28

“*We see in her life a tender and docile love for her parents, which was at the same time practical and obedient.*”

*Let us pray.* Dear St. Maria Goretti, model of loving obedience to parents, teach me to imitate your example. Help me to overcome all selfish and stubborn pride; draw my parents to you, then lead me to accept their authority as the voice of GOD in my life. Direct me to live aright, and enable me to obey their every wish. Amen.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Day: SELF-DENIAL June 29

“*There was the sacrifice she offered in her daily work.*”

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint Maria! You were ready for the moment of martyrdom because your short life was given over to daily and heroic self-denial. Your great love of the Sacred Heart made all this possible. Teach me to love JESUS and His Blessed Mother, so that I too will be inspired to daily self-denial. I am inclined to pamper myself, to gratify my senses, and to excuse myself from penance. This keeps me from being a true follower of CHRIST. Help me, lovable little martyr, to a sincere practice of self-denial, so that I may be your worthy follower and thus gain Heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Day: CONTENTED LIVING June 30

“*There was Gospel poverty to which she freely submitted.*”

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint! Your days were spent in the filth of the marshes, willingly helping your desperately poor parents and family. Obtain for me the grace to accept my present circumstances in life, no matter how difficult or humiliating they may be. “Just one little drop of water,” was the only request that fell from your parched lips during those last horrible hours of life. How much I demand, how unhappy I am when I cannot have my share of the world’s conveniences!

Teach me by your heroic example to be content with what I have, and to be grateful for the blessings which GOD has showered upon me. Amen.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Day: CONFIDENCE IN GOD July 1

*"She was sustained by her trust in heavenly Providence..."*

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint, I depend a great deal upon the help of my friends in time of trouble or sorrow. I look for their approval in many things that I do, and I am disconsolate and lonely when they desert me. Through your powerful intercession in Heaven, obtain for me the grace to place all my confidence in GOD.

Only by walking constantly in His presence and depending on His help, will I have the courage to stand up for His laws, even though it may mean loss of friends, criticism, and complete removal of worldly comfort. Help me to look for all my strength in Him. Amen.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Day: RESPECT FOR TEACHERS July 2

*"There was her religion to which she firmly held, and which she desired to understand better with each passing day."*

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint! Help me to obtain greater love of my Faith. I have many GOD-given opportunities to study it, but, sad to say, I neglect them. I am even critical of the priests, brothers, and sisters who offer their lives that I may better know and love my holy religion. Dear saint Maria Goretti, teach me to be thankful for these graces, which you did not have. Make me proud of my Faith and ready to die for it, if GOD should require that of me. Amen.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Day: LOVE OF HOLY COMMUNION July 3

*"There was her longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist."*

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint, never was JESUS more welcome in a human heart than yours. The great day of First Communion could not come quickly enough. In borrowed clothes, and with head crowned with flowers of the field, you knelt to receive Him into your soul, so rich with purity and love, after months of keen anticipation!

O powerful intercessor with the Lamb of GOD, inflame my soul with your "ardent longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist." Obtain for me the grace to put aside laziness and indifference, that I may daily allow myself to be consumed in the "burning Furnace of Charity." Teach me what true love really is! Amen.



### 8<sup>th</sup> Day: CHARITY TO OTHERS July 4

*"As the crown of her charity, there was the heroic pardon, which she granted to the man who had murdered her."*

*Let us pray.* Dear little martyr! To the last you followed your beloved JESUS! He, while hanging upon His Cross of suffering, uttered through parched lips, "FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" And you upon your bed of pain, burning with fever, forgave your murderer with the words, "I too pardon him...I too wish him to join me in Paradise!"

Grant me the grace, O heroic saint, to be charitable to others! Much of my time is spent on vengeful thoughts, seeking how I may pay back others the harm they have done to me. Teach me to forgive, so that I may not only gain Heaven, but also lead others there, who might otherwise be doomed to Hell. As I follow CHRIST, help me imitate His charity, even as you have done. Amen.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Day: LOVE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER July 5

*"In you...all young people will find safe refuge."*

*Let us pray.* Dear Saint Maria Goretti! Once again, I turn to you, and beg of you, in the words of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, that "serenity of spirit and deep joy which is the heritage of those who are pure of heart."

Help me to turn to Our Blessed Lady, confident in the hope that she will take my hand as she did yours and lead me on to Paradise, my heavenly country, there to enjoy with you and Her, the company of GOD the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT for all eternity. Amen.

















*Above: Manitoba wildfires, May 2025*

*Below: S.O.S.A. members rehearsing, June 2025*







St. Helen Church,  
Portugal Square, *Toronto*

