



Parish Week

Sunday, 7 Sept. 2025

Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, I love you above all things.

Saturday, 6 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (Anthony)
10.00 am Mass: Our Lady Madonna di Anzano
5.00 pm Mass: † Theresa & Joseph (Mary Joseph)

SUNDAY, 7 SEPT. / 23-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Amadeo Cruz Sr. (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Arturo Serneo (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 8 Sept. / Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)
10.00 am funeral: † Jose J. Hermoso
7.00 pm Mass: † Edward & Bianca Fernando (Manuel & Mary)

Tuesday, 9 Sept. / St. Peter Claver, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † James Larkin (Alice)
7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Jason Relunia

Wednesday, 10 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Brian Francis on his Birthday (Family)

Thursday, 11 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Scott D'Cunha (Esme)

Friday, 12 Sept. / Most Holy Name of Mary

■ *Fr. Richard Veltri: death anniversary (2011)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dorothy D'Souza (children & grandchildren)

Saturday, 13 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Mary Thanarajan)
6.30 pm KOC End of Summer Dinner Dance

SUNDAY, 14 SEPT. / EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Basanio & Antonia Bermudez (Eden & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Rosario Rebello (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Francisco, Gianno & Gaincarlo Vaccaro (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

8 September: The Birth of Mary

Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the Son of Justice. Her birth constitutes the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world; her image is light for the whole Christian people. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.



Focus on the Word

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Wisdom 9.13-18; Philemon 9-17; Luke 14.25-33

O God, by whom we are redeemed, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Amen.

Knights of Columbus

13 Sept., 6.30 pm

End of Summer Dinner Dance



Special Dance Performance

Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw

\$35 per person; Over 65 years: \$25; Kids under 12: free.

For tickets, call: **Harrison**, 416-278-0951

4 Deacons to be Ordained 13 Sept.

A significant milestone for four men currently studying for the priesthood will take place on Saturday, 13 September 2025, at 10:00 am. This marks the day that they will be ordained to the *transitional diaconate*, one of the high points in their years of priestly formation through ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY and the REDEMPTORIS MATER MISSIONARY SEMINARY in Toronto.

The Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at the transitional diaconate ordinations at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica.

The transitional diaconate is an important stage in the Sacrament of Holy Orders for those preparing for the Priesthood.

All deacons are ordained for service to the Church. Those in the *transitional diaconate* are preparing for the Priesthood, while *permanent deacons* remain in the order of the Diaconate.

The men who will be ordained on 13 September are:

Matteo Bertozzi

Moonjun Alphonse Choi

Matthew Tulio

Victor Valdés



May God bless and guide them at this vital time in their lives.

COMING UP

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- 19 Sept. Memorial Mass: † Profetiza Diaz
20 Sept. ► *Dine for the Shrine*: St. Theresa Parish Dinner & Dance (Qssis)
21 Sept. 2nd Collection: *Needs of the Church in Canada*;
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS resumes at 10.30 am Mass;
- Altar Server Installations: *Novices & Apostolate* (12 pm Mass)
27 Sept. Feast of **St. Vincent de Paul**;
- ► *Linda's Walk* (10.00 am, St. Bonaventure Church)
28 Sept. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**
5 Oct. Annual MISSION CO-OP APPEAL,
with **Bishop Noel Emmanuel** of Trincomalee, Sri Lanka;
- Fall Fair (9 am – 2 pm)
- ► LIFE CHAIN (2 pm)
6 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

ShareLife 2025

Many thanks for your contribution to our 2025 Parish Campaign.

Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife*.

Our Parish goal for 2025 is: \$75,000.00

This year's *ShareLife* campaign ends on: **31 December**.

Please donate, and help us reach our goal! Your generosity will help bring compassion and hope to others.



RCIA, RCIC *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children*

Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 5 & 12 Sept.

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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, and let them know when the next meeting for Inquirers will be held. Make sure to invite them to come to Church with you and experience what shared prayer and a spirit-filled community are all about.

Fr. Richard Veltri

16 October 1934 – 12 September 2011

This week, we remember dear **Fr. Richard Veltri**, who served often at St. Maria Goretti Parish from 1985 to 2005.

May he rest in peace.



Sunday School Resumes 21 Sept.

Parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish will be resuming its *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to listen to the Scriptures and homily.

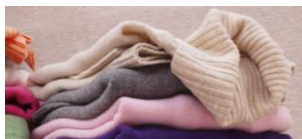
For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Mary Berthammah Anthonipillai Balasingam** for their gift of the beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary after her funeral Mass on 5 August 2023. May she rest in peace.

Bundle Up Sunday 14 September

On the weekend of 13/14 Sept., the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will collect gently-used clothing to support the needy. Bring your donation to the Vestibule, and help others in our community.



R&R Report, 28 September

The next R&R Report will be presented at all Masses on 27/28 September. Some recent finance developments will be explained.

Pray for the Faithful Departed

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

6 July

Benigno Baltonado, Natividad Gaudes, Vencel Nagy, Mary Rany

The **6 victims** of the **business jet crash** in **San Diego** (*May*)

13 July

Eufracia Aquino, Cecilia Asia, Robinson Christy, Chaminda & Shanthi Dias, Deacon John Schwarzbauer

The **200 victims** of the **flash flood** in **Mokwa, Nigeria**

20 July

The **70 Christians** who were **beheaded** by **Islamic militants** in **Kasanga, Congo**

27 July

Edgardo Diaz, Fr. Richard McKnight, Michael De Dombal

The **4,000 victims** of the **earthquake** in **Myanmar** (*March*)

3 August

Roden Cortero, Carmen Espiritu, Hulk Hogan, Ozzy Osbourne

The **11 victims** of the **school shooting** in **Graz, Austria**.

10 August

Mino Abala, Maria Fatima Senesan Marikit, Lourdes Sardua, Cynthia Velante

The **7 victims** of the **ferry dock walkway collapse** in **Georgia**

17 August

Eugenia Morawski

The **50 victims** of the **floods** in **South Africa** in **June**.

24 August

Philomena Ivy Vaz

The **290 victims** of the **Air India plane crash** in **Ahmedabad**

31 August

The **26 victims** of the **Islamic suicide bombing** in **Mar Elias Church** in **Damascus**





Saint Carlo Acutis

Linked to Pope Leo by a Eucharistic Miracle

As Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, **Pope Leo XIV** worked hard to obtain official recognition of a double Eucharistic miracle that occurred in that diocese in the 17th century, which became known worldwide thanks to the virtual exposition of the future Saint Carlo Acutis.

The Peruvian city of Eten, in the diocese of Chiclayo, is where the Divine Child appeared in the Blessed Sacrament on the feast of Corpus Christi, 2 June 1649. The Eucharistic miracle took place in a packed church, before the eyes of the parish Priest and the Mayor. The event is described in 44 pages, preserved in the archives of the Franciscan Province:

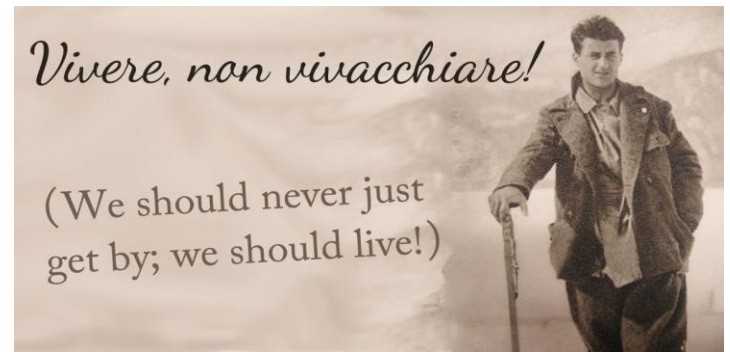
«It was a Child, from the waist up, with a human face and body, blond hair and purple clothing . . . The whole town shouted repeatedly: «Miracle! Miracle!»

On 22 July the same year, a new miracle occurred: Jesus appeared in the Host before the Religious who had moved it to another tabernacle.

This is the only Eucharistic miracle recorded in Peru, of which more than 20,000 testimonies of faith have been collected. In 2019, it was Bishop Robert Francis Prevost of Chiclayo who sent them to Rome to Pope Francis. When he led the Peruvian diocese, he was the one who requested recognition of the miracle. These two extraordinary events, set in the 17th century, are known throughout the world today thanks to **Saint Carlo Acutis**.

Carlo, who died in 2006, included the miracle of Eten in his virtual exhibition. Bishop Prevost was not only the one who requested official recognition of Eten, and he is also has a great devotion to the Child of the Miracle. Moreover, the images of the recent Corpus Christi procession from St. John Lateran to St. Mary Major speak louder than words. The heat did not deter the Pope from walking the entire route, 2.5 km, with his arms raised and the Monstrance in his hand. He knelt in prayer and gave even more force to his message that day: «In the Eucharist, between us and God, this is exactly what happens. The Lord receives and sanctifies the bread and wine we place on the altar and transforms them into the Body and Blood of Christ, a sacrifice of love for the salvation of the World.»

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati



Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) has been a global patron for youth, young adults, athletes, and "ordinary people." He has a special place in the hearts of many young people around the world. His example of Gospel living continues to inspire people a century after his death.

St. John Paul II declared him a patron for World Youth Days and deemed him the "Man of the Beatitudes" as he exemplified those blessings in his everyday life. Pope Francis listed him among the twelve exemplary saints for all young people in his apostolic exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. "They devoted their lives to Christ; they are precious reflections of the young Christ. Their radiant witness encourages us and awakens us from our lethargy."

Pope Francis echoed St. John Paul II by noting that Frassati "was a young man filled with a joy that swept everything along with it, a joy that overcame difficulties in his life."

Frassati was considered extraordinary in his "ordinariness" and is a great role model for "ordinary people" who strive to live their everyday lives to the fullest.

Pier Giorgio was engaged in the life of the Church through regular worship and adoration, service to the poor, advocacy for social justice for the disenfranchised and for religious liberty, regular participation in student and sports activities, devotion to his family, and joyful companionship with his friends and fellow Catholics in his community. He saw many parallels between Catholic life and his favorite pastime sport, mountain-climbing. He would regularly organize trips into the mountains with his close friends with occasions for prayer, liturgies, and conversations about faith on the way up to or down from the summit.

After what would become his final climb he wrote a simple note on a photograph: "*Verso L'Alto*," which means "to the heights." This phrase has since come to encapsulate his philosophy of mountaineering and his Catholic outlook on life and adventure.

The Church holds up Pier Giorgio Frassati as an excellent role model for young people and young adults, athletes, and ordinary people for their own journey through life. Just like him, we are continually called to set out on a voyage in our everyday lives; to go "to the heights" to encounter Christ in all things, and in a particular way, through the community of the Church, to see Christ in the poor and the Holy Eucharist.

Pope to bestow one of the Church's highest honors on St. John Henry Newman

Pope Leo XIV has decided to declare St. John Henry Newman a “doctor” of the church, bestowing one of the Catholic Church’s highest honors on the influential 19th century Anglican convert who remains a unifying figure among conservatives and progressives.

The Vatican said Leo confirmed the opinion of the Vatican’s saint-making office during an audience with its prefect, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, and would make the decision official soon.

The designation is one of the most significant decisions of Pope Leo’s papacy and also carries a personal meaning. Newman was strongly influenced by St. Augustine of Hippo, the inspiration of the pope’s Augustinian religious order. Pope Leo’s namesake, Pope Leo XIII, made Newman a Catholic cardinal in 1879 after his conversion.

A theologian and poet, Newman is best known for his writings and sermons on the development of doctrine, truth and the nature of a university. He is admired by Catholics and Anglicans alike because he followed his conscience at great personal cost. When he converted from the Church of England to the Catholic Church in 1845, he lost friends, work and even family ties. He believed the truth he was seeking could only be found in the Catholic faith.

“Newman was one of the great theologians of the 19th century,” said the Episcopal Bishop of Long Island, Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin. “He was unique in having shaped both Anglicans and Catholics. No one in recent history can match that achievement.”

The title *Doctor* is reserved for people whose writings have greatly served the universal Catholic Church. Only 37 people have been given the title, including the 5th century St. Augustine, St. Francis de Sales and St. Teresa of Avila.

Newman experts said the decision to add the British theologian to their ranks was deeply significant, given Newman’s contribution to Christian understanding of conscience and education, and his near-universal appeal to progressives and conservatives alike.

Jack Valero, who was spokesman for Newman’s 2010 beatification and 2019 canonization ceremonies, said he had never come across anyone who had a problem with him. If back then Newman was the perfect unifying figure for a polarized church, he is even more so now, for a new pope who has made unity a core priority of his pontificate, Valero said. “You know, I look at Pope Leo and I hear him say, ‘We need unity, we need peace,’ and so on. Well, I think, ‘Here’s the man who’s going to make it happen,’ ”

The first American Pope vowed during his May 18 installation Mass that he would work to heal divisions in the

Church so that it could become a force for peace. He has also repeatedly affirmed his identity as an Augustinian. Many scholars have long considered Newman to be the ‘Augustine of the modern era,’ no easy feat considering the tough Vatican criteria for declaring a church doctor.

The Vatican considers among other things the candidate’s holiness in life, the eminence of his or her doctrinal and theological teaching and their enduring influence on the church. That has meant that there have been only 37 doctors, and only one other (St. Teresa of Avila) who lived in the last 600 years, noted Mike Moreland, professor of law and religion at Leo’s alma mater, Villanova University.

But Newman “kind of meets these criteria that the doctors of the church are held to represent,” he said in an interview.

Anglicans were separated from Rome by King Henry VIII in 1534 when he could not obtain an annulment. He took over the Church in England, and demanded that all holding public office take an oath accepting him as the head of the Church. Those who disagreed were jailed and executed, including St. Thomas More. In the centuries that followed, Catholics in England were fined, isolated and killed for their faith.

Newman was one of the founders of the *Oxford Movement* of the 1830s, which sought to revive Catholic doctrines in the Church of England by looking back to the traditions of the early Church. But he gave up a brilliant academic career at Oxford University and the pulpit of the university church to become Catholic. He became one of the most influential theologians of the era, and brought elements of Anglican worship into Catholicism. He died in Britain in 1890.

Newman’s path to being declared a doctor in the Catholic Church has been rapid. Pope Benedict XVI beatified him during a visit to Britain in 2010 and Pope Francis made him a saint in 2019, with Prince Charles in attendance.





Renovation & upgrading of the St. Maria Goretti School grounds, July 2025









