

Parish Week / Sunday, 14 Sept. 2025

Saturday, 13 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
10.00 am ► Ordination of Deacons (*Cathedral*, 10.00 am)
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, Gianni & Giancarlo Vaccaro (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 15 Sept. / Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8.00 am Mass: † Abella Deangkinay (Edna & Carmelo)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Theresa Crasto (Esme)

Tue., 16 Sept. / Ss. Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam
(Shirani Hemachandra & Leslie Alagaratnam)

Wednesday, 17 Sept. / St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Gerard Menezes)

Thursday, 18 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mary D'Cunha (Esme)
7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Fe Cornista

Friday, 19 Sept. / St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Delfina Boila (family)
7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Profetiza Diaz

Saturday, 20 Sept. / St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Patricia Ann Braund (The Staff of SMG)
5.00 pm Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)

SUNDAY, 21 SEPT. / 25-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ 2nd Collection: Needs of Church in Canada

- 9.00 am Mass: † Anjela Sivayohan (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Jesus Serneo (family)
- Altar Sever installation
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Linda's Walk 2025 27 September

The 16th Annual Linda's Walk will be taking place on Saturday, 27 September 2025 at St. Bonaventure Church.

Registration for the walk is now open. You can find the link to the online registration page below. A free t-shirt will be included with every registration. There will also be a lunch following the walk in the St. Bonaventure Church Hall.

Registration & Start of Walk: 9:30 am; Lunch: 12:00 pm

Adults: \$25; Youth (ages 12 - 15): \$15; Children (under 12): Free!

Link to the walker registration form: info@stclareinn.org.

See page 3 in the website bulletin for more details.

Focus on the Word

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Number 21.4-9; Philippians 2.6-11; John 3:13-17;

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should endure the Cross to save us, grant that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Amen

Pray for the Deceased

31 August

Jay-Ar-Llaneza, Lourdes Sardua

The 62,000 Christians killed in Nigeria
by Islamic militants since 2000



7 September

Fr. James Adams, Julie Costales, Jose Hermosa,

Fr. Christie Arulthasan Joachimpillai, Fr. Philip Smith

The 9 victims of the bridge collapse in Gujarat, India

14 Sept.: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Parishioners may be interested to know that, once again this year, a major liturgical feast falls on a Sunday: 14 September, the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. This Feast takes precedence over an *Ordinary Time* Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, and especially our Lectors, should note that it is not the "24th Sunday in Ordinary Time." Please prepare for the correct Readings.

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.

2nd Collection

21 Sept.: Bishops' Collection for
the needs of the Church in Canada

The 2nd collection, for the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*, will be on Sunday, 21 September.



COMING UP

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- 26 Sept. Mass in Honour of the Canadian Martyrs (7.00 pm)
27 Sept. Feast of **St. Vincent de Paul**;
- ► *Linda's Walk* (10.00 am, St. Bonaventure Church)
- RCIA *Candidacy Rite* (5.00 pm Mass)
28 Sept. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
- Joseph Philippe Pierre Yves Elliott Trudeau, death anniversary (2000)
29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**
1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847)
4 Oct. Blessing of Animals (4.00 pm)
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)
- ► **40 Days for Life**
6 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

Fall Fair

5 October
9 am - 2 pm

Don't miss it! Our Parish
is holding a FALL FAIR:

Sunday, 5 October, 9 am - 2 pm.

☐ Yard Sale ☐ Multicultural Food Tables

Tables available: \$20 to sell your wares.

Please contact: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.



ShareLife 2025

Thank you for your support of our 2025 Campaign. So far,
we have raised: \$ 39,607.00 toward our goal of: \$ 75,000.00

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as
Catholics, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

End of Summer Dinner Dance

13 Sept., 6.30 pm

Special Dance Performance ♥ Door Prizes ♥ 50/50 Draw



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

Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 12 & 19 Sept.

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Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:37-38

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.

Sunday School

Resumes 21 September

New parishioners may be interested
to know that St. Maria Goretti
Parish hosts a *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 focus and listen to
the Scriptures and homily.

Following this year's Summer break, this ministry will resume on:
21 September. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church,
born again in water and the Spirit
as brothers & sisters of Jesus:

14 June

Jasper Jermeini Rodney-Chase
Julia Ava Perez

28 June

Sonje Ancheta
Bryce Raphael Diaz
Santino Mirijello
Philippe Riparip Quitoriano

5 July

Aria Elise Abanilla
Ryker Maple Dimpal

11 July

Leon Tojino Dona

19 July

Kyson Raphael Bermudo
Alendria De Eugina Fernando
Lycka Jasmin Manahan
Theodore James Mansfield

26 July

Alora Florenia Aceveda
Vision Optima Eduave
Valentino Junior Mawanga
Lorenzo Aeries Rabuya
Tyla Meah Waters

9 August

Zeus Raven C. Alonzo
Percilla Amiah Matterig

10 August

Zephyr Galera

16 August

Ethan George Chong
Austin Julious Chong
Narra Pangilinan Duncan
Jazelle Jade Guevarra

17 August

Jacob Kyler Pacure



14 September: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This feast commemorates three historical events:

- ❑ FINDING of the True Cross by Saint Helena;
- ❑ DEDICATION of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre;
- ❑ RESTORATION of the Cross to Jerusalem by Heraclius II.

After the Resurrection, Jewish and Roman authorities hid the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb. Earth was mounded up and pagan temples built on top. Tradition said Christ's Cross had been buried nearby. Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, was divinely inspired to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to find the True Cross.

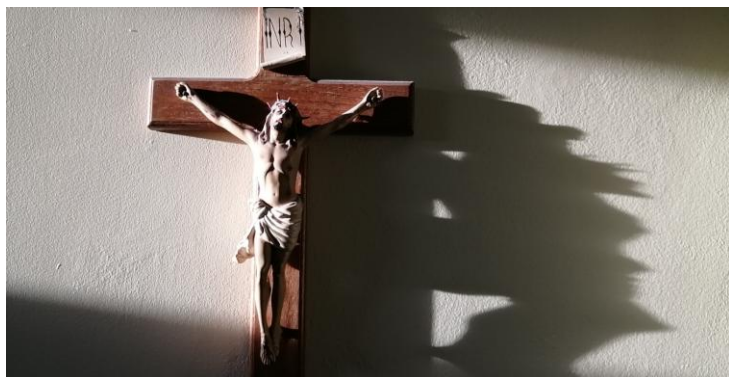
Three crosses were found. Helena and Saint Macarius, bishop of Jerusalem, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross. The crosses were taken to a woman near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed.

Constantine built a Church over the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary. It was dedicated and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was celebrated. The feast spread, and by the year 720, it was universal. In the 7th century, Persians conquered Jerusalem and captured the Cross. Heraclius II defeated them and restored the Cross to Jerusalem. He carried the Cross on his own back, but when he attempted to enter the Church to reach Mount Calvary, a force stopped him. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem advised him to take off his royal robes and crown and to dress in penitential garb instead. As soon as Heraclius did so, he was able to carry the Cross into the Church.

This feast day is a celebration of God's greatest work: the death and resurrection of Christ, which defeated death and opened Heaven. Christ transformed an instrument of torture and humiliation into a symbol of salvation.

When Moses had lifted up the bronze serpent over the people in the desert, it was a foreshadowing of salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. To follow Christ, we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death.

We make the Sign of the Cross to fix our minds and hearts on God. At Baptism, we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, which signifies our redemption and our belonging to Christ. When we gaze upon the cross, we realize that we trace it over ourselves as a sign that we give our entire self to God: mind, soul, heart, and body. The antiphon for feast today says it perfectly: "We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection. Through him, we are saved and made free."

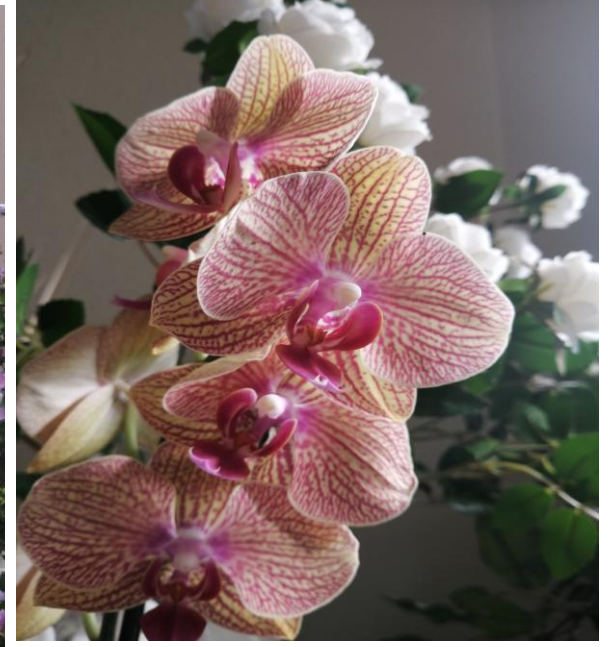


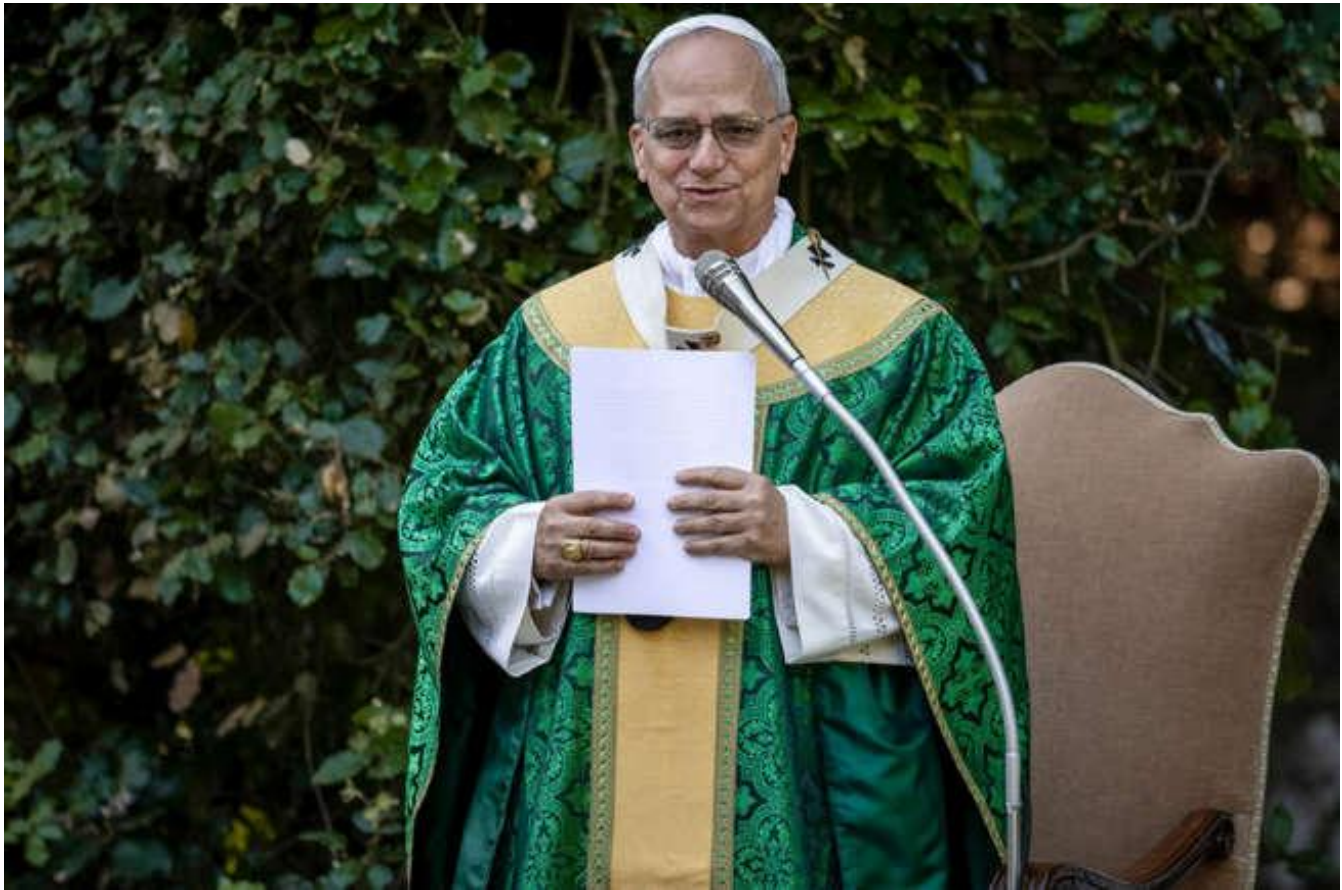
Happy Birthday

God's blessing on all celebrating birthdays this month











Invermara

The Toronto Archdiocese has purchased the Invermara property, on the edge of Orillia, from the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is a beautiful location, ideal for individuals or small groups wishing to spend personal quiet time, or holding a retreat or conference.

Acquired in October of 1941 as a summer retreat for the members of the congregation, it provided the Sisters of St. Joseph with a serene and peaceful haven on the enchanting northern shores of Lake Simcoe. The Congregation welcomed new groups to its summer property who made use of Invermara as a place of reflection and relaxation.



Cardinal Francis Leo spoke of the next chapter in Invermara's vocation: "I pray that Invermara will provide a respite for our faith community where we can gather to reflect, rest, pray, enjoy fellowship and God's creation in such a picturesque setting."

"Let us tend the seeds of hospitality and love nurtured by the Sisters of St. Joseph over so many years as we welcome the next generation of guests to this special place of welcome."