



Parish Week / Sunday, 2 Nov. 2025

Saturday, 1 Nov. / All Saints

- 8.00 am Mass: † Antonio & Maria (Irma Pisciola)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Isabelle Gracias (friends)

SUNDAY, 2 NOV. / ALL SOULS

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2nd Collection: *ShareLife* Endowment
- Fall Time Change

- 9.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of Marquez family
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Departed members of
Castrillo-Cenizal families
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 3 Nov. / St. Martin de Pores, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
7.00 pm Mass: † Francis Dualon (Corine Maulion)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 4 Nov. / St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Woods family (Alice Larkin)
7.00 pm Mass: † Jypsy, Brian, Edward, our dear NINs
(St. Maria Goretti SVDP Conference)

Wednesday, 5 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Juan Trinidad (Gilda)
7.00 pm Liturgy

Thursday, 6 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Juan Trinidad (Gilda)
7.00 pm Mass: Beato & Natalina Gonsalves (family)

Friday, 7 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)
7.00 pm Mass: † Dian D'Lima (Renny & Anish)

Saturday, 8 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)
1.00 pm Wedding: Joseph Ylagan & Angeline Bermas
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Malini Wijesinghe (friends)

SUN., 9 NOV. / DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Gumersindo Figueroa (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Lamentation 3.17-26; 1 Corinthians 15.51-57; Matthew 11.25-30

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Amen

Pray for the Deceased

Melon Buera, Freddy D'Mello

The 49 victims of the Islamic attack on the parishioners in Komanda, Congo in July.



2 November: Feast of All Souls

Parishioners may be interested to know that this year, a major liturgical feast falls on Sunday, 2 November: the *Feast of All Souls*. This Feast takes precedence over an *Ordinary Time* Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, and especially our Lectors, should note that it is not the "31st Sunday in Ordinary Time." Please prepare for the correct Readings. See the texts in the link to "Daily Readings" on our website.

9 November: The Lateran Basilica

Parishioners may be interested to know that this year, a major liturgical feast falls on Sunday, 9 November: the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. This Church is the Cathedral of Rome, and it is where the Pope celebrates the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper each year with the Priests of the diocese. This Feast takes precedence over an *Ordinary Time* Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, and especially our Lectors, should note that it is not the "32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time." Please prepare for the correct Readings. See the texts in the link to "Daily Readings" on our website.

Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

2nd Collection: 2 November, *ShareLife* Endowment

On *ShareLife* Endowment Sunday, the 2nd collection will be for our annual *ShareLife* Appeal, to support all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

Help us to reach our Parish goal of \$75,000.00.

We can make a real difference in the lives of those counting on us.

COMING UP

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| 11 Nov. | KOC Remembrance Service (at 7.00 pm Mass) |
| 12 Nov. | ► St. Albert School Mass (9.30)
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12.30 pm) |
| 14 Nov. | ► Faith Day Mass, St. Joan of Arc Academy (9.00) |
| 16 Nov. | 2 nd Collection: <i>Shepherd Trust</i>
- St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE SUNDAY |
| 22 Nov. | Wedding: Chiarelli & Costo (1:00 pm) |

ShareLife 2025

Thank you for your support of our 2025 Campaign. So far, we have raised: \$ 40,807.00 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.

Our next *ShareLife* collection will be on **2 November**. Help us reach our goal! Your generosity will give hope to others.

Ministry Sunday 2025

Many thanks to all who participated in our Annual *Ministry Sunday* on 26 October. A special *Thank You* to all who offered their names to serve in various parish ministries. Soon, our parish Volunteer Screening Committee will finish reviewing the list of candidates, to make sure they are registered in our parish, etc. Then, the Ministry Facilitators will be contacting you to arrange the follow-up so you can begin the orientation process to share your talents in our parish family of faith and service.

A special word of **Thanks** to Eddie and Theresa D'Souza, for organizing the information placed on the Vestibule tables about the various Ministries in our Parish. Our appreciation also goes out to Lillian D'Souza, Harrison Luis, Antonio Facchini, Collins Onumba and Derish Denison for the setup and take down of the tables, literature and displays,

Sacramental Preparation

Catholic Schools: 1st Communion

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Families are given Information packages in October to register the students in this process. Family instruction meetings will be held early in the New Year.



Catholic Schools: Confirmation

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7. The Information packages are distributed in November, and the Family meetings will be held in February. Instruction meetings are held in the Schools.

November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Catholic Cemeteries All Souls Mass

2.00 pm, Saturday, 8 November

2 November, All Souls Day, also called the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*, is a day of prayer and remembrance for our deceased friends. Through prayer, intercession, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate their departed loved ones.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls Day Mass at 2 pm on Saturday, 8 November. Masses will be held indoors. The locations nearest to us are:

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham (Reception Centre)
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill (Holy Family Mausoleum)

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



Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 31 Oct. & 7 Nov.

RCIC meetings: 1 & 8 Nov.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

Saturday, 22 November

some of the participants who have been involved since the *Rite of Election* earlier this year will celebrate the *Early Initiation Rites*. Let us keep them and all the Candidates in our prayers.

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.

Fall Time Change 2 November

"SPRING AHEAD, FALL BACK." Parishioners are reminded that next weekend is the *Fall Time Change*. Eastern Standard Time resumes (and Daylight Savings Time ends) at 2.00 am on Sunday, 2 November. Make sure to update your clocks, watches, coffee makers, microwave ovens, dashboard clocks, and any other device that keeps you connected to the universe.



A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank **Mukesh Kapadia and Helen Iyer** for the six pots of pink Hydrangeas in front of our Altar from their Wedding on 13 July 2024. May God bless you and sustain you with His Grace.

Stewardship A gift of securities



One of the most financially sound ways to support the Church in the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of *securities* (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks and other publicly traded securities, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It's a great tax break for you and significant support of your Parish and Archdiocesan charities such as *ShareLife*, St. Augustine Seminary and many others.

More information: The ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO was incorporated in 1845 by an Act of Parliament as a "corporation sole," a legal entity consisting of a single ("sole") incorporated office. Individual parishes do not exist as separate entities but as parts of the Archdiocese. Thus, releases and other legally binding estate documents can only be signed by an individual with the authority to bind the Archdiocese.

Halloween

Celebrating the Holy Ones

Every Halloween (*All Hallows' Eve*), Catholics wonder if it is acceptable to observe the holiday. It is important to review the history of Halloween to determine if we should participate in the festivities. Once we recall the origins of Halloween, we can see that this is certainly a day that we can celebrate. For us, it is not a day about fear. Catholic Christians choose to dress as Saints or other characters we admire. Jesus Christ the Savior won the victory over evil when He became Man and dwelt among us.

The 2nd of November is called the "Day of the Dead," when we remember and pray for those no longer dwelling on this earth. We celebrate all the Saints in Heaven on All Saints' Day, on the 1st of November. We can consider these three days as follows:

October 31 – **Hallowe'en** (*All Hallows Eve*) is a time to recall the reality of hell and work out the best ways to avoid it. We remember that there are souls who are not saved, and we vow not to join them. Many Catholics attend Mass today; some parishes add an evening Mass to their schedule.

November 1 – **All Saints Day**. We honor the CHURCH TRIUMPHANT on this day by recalling our great Saints, as well as the many saints who are not canonized and are not commonly known.

November 2 – **All Souls Day**. We remember to pray for the CHURCH SUFFERING: the souls of the dead who are in Purgatory. Remembering our deceased loved ones and having a Mass said for them is a Corporal Work of Mercy.

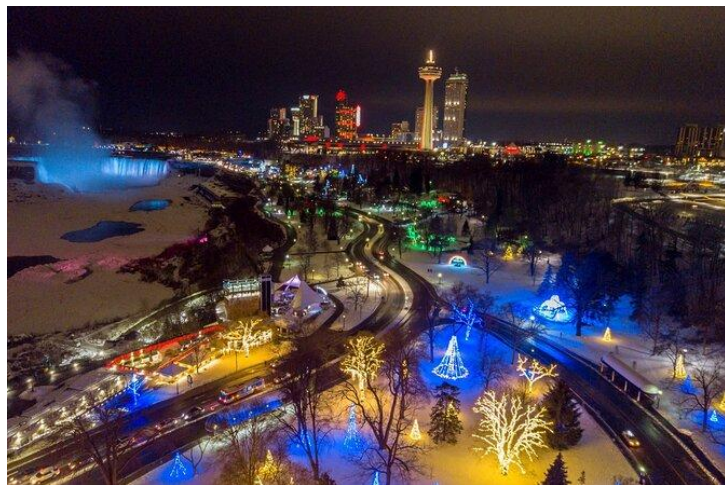
If it is done with an eye toward faith, Hallowe'en can be an enjoyable and faith-filled holiday for your family. It offers an opportunity to teach children to protect themselves from all things that are occult. Remind others of the power of the *Holy Name of Jesus*, sacramentals, and prayers such as the *St. Michael Prayer*. And do not forget to pray for the intercession of the Saints, so that those who do not know Jesus will learn about His love and mercy. He is the God-Man, who loved us so much that He allowed Himself to suffer and die for our salvation!



Jubilee Pilgrimage 23 November

Come And Join Us !!!

Hosted by the Catholic Women's League,
St. Maria Goretti Parish Council



Come and join our November Jubilee Pilgrimage to Niagara Falls, with stops at historical sites along the way.

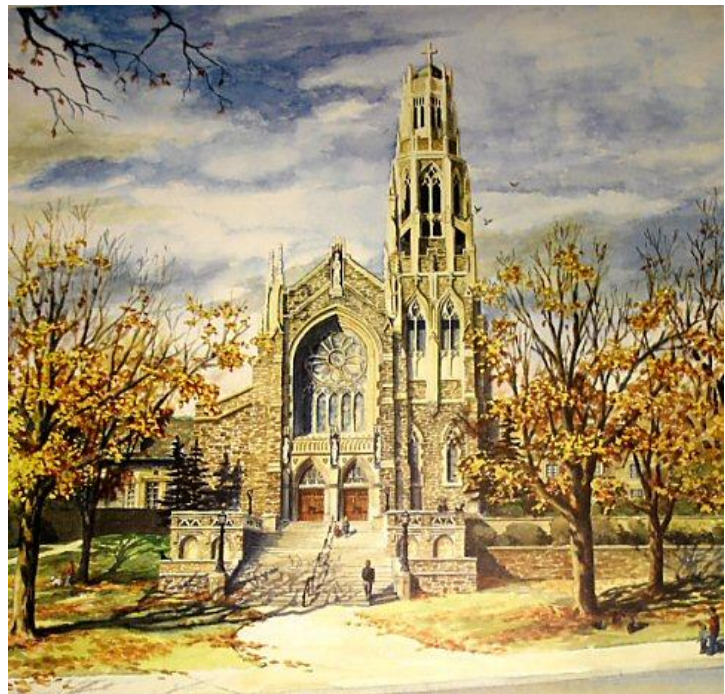
Sunday, 23 November 2025

Departure: 9 am, from St. Maria Goretti (*Return approx. 9 pm*)

Fare: \$50.00

- 11.00 am Holy Mass at Christ the King Cathedral, Hamilton
- 12.30 pm Picnic Lunch at Battlefield Park, Stoney Creek
- 2.00 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Stoney Creek
- 4.00 pm Dinner at Betty's Restaurant, Chippawa
- 6.00 pm Experience the Festival of Lights at The Falls
- 7.00 pm Departure back to St. Maria Goretti

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Friends with Cristeta Villanueva
on her birthday, 26 October 2025



KOC Executive Installation,
19 October 2025



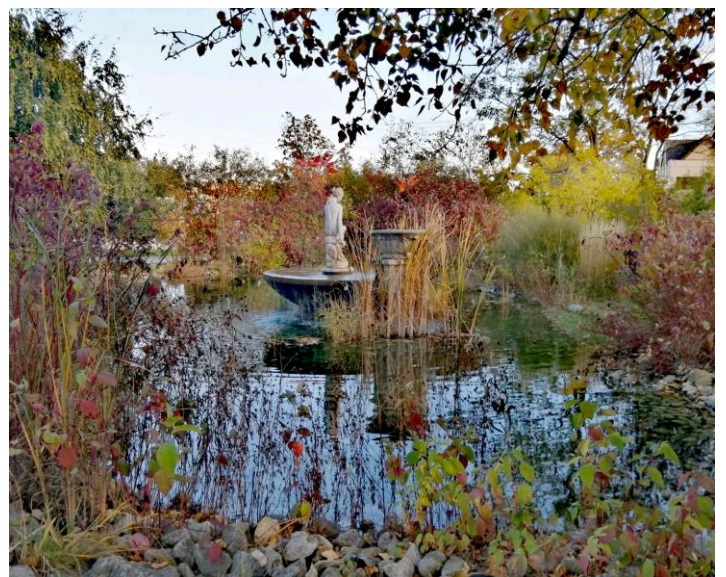
Family & friends of Rosaria Oshinowo remember her in prayer on her death anniversary, 26 October 2025



Rebecca Adenola with parents and Seminarian David, 26 October



Fr. Edwin with Fr. Tibu Fernandez, visiting from St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish, Montreal.



Nottawasaga in October

