



## Parish Week / Sunday, 7 Dec. 2025

### Saturday, 6 Dec. / St. Nicholas, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Perilla (Edison & Jiyi)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (family)

### SUNDAY, 7 DEC. / ADVENT 2-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kang (Go family)  
10.30 am Mass: † DeVerno & Shea families (Pamela)  
12.00 pm Mass: † George Bastiampillai (family)  
1.00 pm Recognition of Fr. Edwin's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood (29 Nov. 1980)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 8 Dec. / Immaculate Conception of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)

### Tuesday, 9 Dec. / St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlahtoztzin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

### Wednesday, 10 Dec. Our Lady of Loreto

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Brian, James & Irene Hassan (Wendy Sheafe)

### Thursday, 11 Dec. / St. Damasus I, *pope*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony Bastiampillai)  
11.00 am ► CCAS Staff Advent Mass  
7.00 pm Mass: † Lucia Del Grande (St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy)

### Friday, 12 Dec. / Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edgardo Diaz (Corine Maulion)  
9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass  
1.00 pm ► St. Albert School Mass  
7.00 pm Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (family)

### Saturday, 13 Dec. / St. Lucy, *virgin & martyr*

■ *Dick Van Dyke's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Carmelita Gabales (family)  
10.00 am CWL Advent Reflection: Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan  
5.00 pm Mass: † Delfina Boila (family)  
6.30 pm CWL Advent Dinner/Dance

### SUNDAY, 14 DEC. / ADVENT 3-A

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Share Life Legacy*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Emilino Mawirat (Fely)  
10.30 am Mass: Int. Loretta D'Mello (friends)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Eddie Juan (Wife Shirley & family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## The Advent Wreath

### Second Sunday of Advent

*At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:*

**Father, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Messiah. Help us to prepare our hearts that Christ may be born in them, and to prepare the world that Christ may restore the Kingdom.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Today's Candle lighters are:*

- 5.00 pm: **Adrienne Bertok & Michelle De Santos**  
9.00 am: **Ermina De Leon & Uctlie Solteski**  
10.30 am: **Lillian D'Souza, Gaspar Thuram, Sourey Warden**  
12.00 pm: **Dan, Ivone & Ingrid Bongkingki**  
7.00 pm: **Michelle Carlos & Maria Piccione**

## Pray for the Deceased

The **86 victims** of the boat sinking in Lake Kivu, D.R. Congo



## Catholic Women's League

### Recognition of Fr. Edwin's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1 pm, 7 December

Honouring **Fr. Edwin Galea**, on the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood: 29 November. 1980-2025.

We express our gratitude for his faithful Priestly service and for his dedicated spiritual guidance to the Catholic Women's League. May God continue to bless him abundantly in his ministry to the Church through St. Maria Goeetti Parish.

### Advent Reflection 10 am, 13 December

*Topic: THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH*

Our speaker will be **Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan**, a Priest and Theologian of the Archdiocese of Toronto, known for his deep biblical insight and engaging teaching style.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 14 December, *ShareLife Legacy*

On *ShareLife Legacy* Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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- 18 Dec. St. Joan of Arc Academy Mass (8.50)  
20 Dec. Wedding: Rampersaud & Lumban (1.00 pm)  
21 Dec. **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
22 Dec. **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)**  
24 Dec. **Christmas Eve Masses begin at 7.00 pm**



## The Knights of Columbus host an ADVENT FAMILY CAROL NIGHT Saturday, 20 December, 6.15 pm

All are welcome to an evening of fellowship and joy in anticipation of the feast of the birth of the Messiah. Bring the whole family! Would you like to sing with us and be on the program? Call: **Mario**, 437-245-1975.

## ShareLife 2025

Thank you for your support of our 2025 Campaign. As a result of our recent *Christmas Bazaar*, we collected a total of: \$320.00. This, in addition to other fundraisers, means that we have raised: \$ 52,677.00 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.

This year's *ShareLife* campaign in our Parish ends with our final collection on: **14 December**.

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



## Sacramental Preparation

Registration for CONFIRMATION began in November for students in Grade 7 in Catholic Schools. Students who are in other schools will be invited in December to register for their Saturday classes, which will start after New Year in 2026.

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sponsors needed

We are currently seeking Sponsors for the RCIA and RCIC: adult, Confirmed Catholics who celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Your willingness to act as a Sponsor will help another person to move closer to Jesus, and closer to the Salvation he won for us.

As a Sponsor, you share your sincerity and commitment as your Candidate grows in the knowledge of the Gospel. The culmination of the Candidates' preparation occurs in the celebration of the Rites of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Liturgy, Holy Saturday night.

Contact the Parish office for details: 416-261-0076. Thank you.

## ADVENT PREPARATIONS

### Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 22 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a pair who share a common family name; or (for many persons) "For the members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Family."

### Liturgy Notes *Used Missalettes*

As Advent begins, Parishioners are faced with the task of properly disposing of old Missalettes. They should not be mixed with household garbage. Parishioners with old Missalettes are welcome to bring them to the Parish Office, where they can be repurposed in our programs of catechism and Sacramental instructions.

### St. Vincent de Paul *Advent Appeal*

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we recall many in our community who are less fortunate and who could benefit from our prayers and almsgiving.

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks your support for the help we provide to the poor. Envelopes will be made available at the doors of the Church so that you can help us to extend Christ's love to our neighbors who are in need.

### The Knights of Columbus *Upcoming events*



7 Dec. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting.

15 Dec. **DECORATION** of our Church for Christmas, following the 7.00 pm Mass.

### *A Special Gift* ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Raphael Pascarella** for their gift of the beautiful flowers at his Memorial Mass on 1 February 2025. May he rest in peace.

## Stewardship 2026 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* for next year in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

My Offering	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____



# Advent Reflection

10.00 am, Saturday, 13 December

## Topic: THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

The *Catholic Women's League* has organized an **ADVENT REFLECTION** for our Parish at 10.00 am on Saturday, 13 December.

*All are welcome.*

The speaker will be **Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan**. He is a Priest and Theologian of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Until June 2025, he served as Associate Pastor at Annunciation Parish in Don Mills. He is now Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Markham.

Fr. Joseph is known for his deep biblical insight and engaging teaching style.

We are excited about this important upcoming feature of our Advent observance at St. Maria Goretti Parish., and we look forward to seeing and hearing Fr. Joseph.











RCIC students



El Shaddai  
prayer group



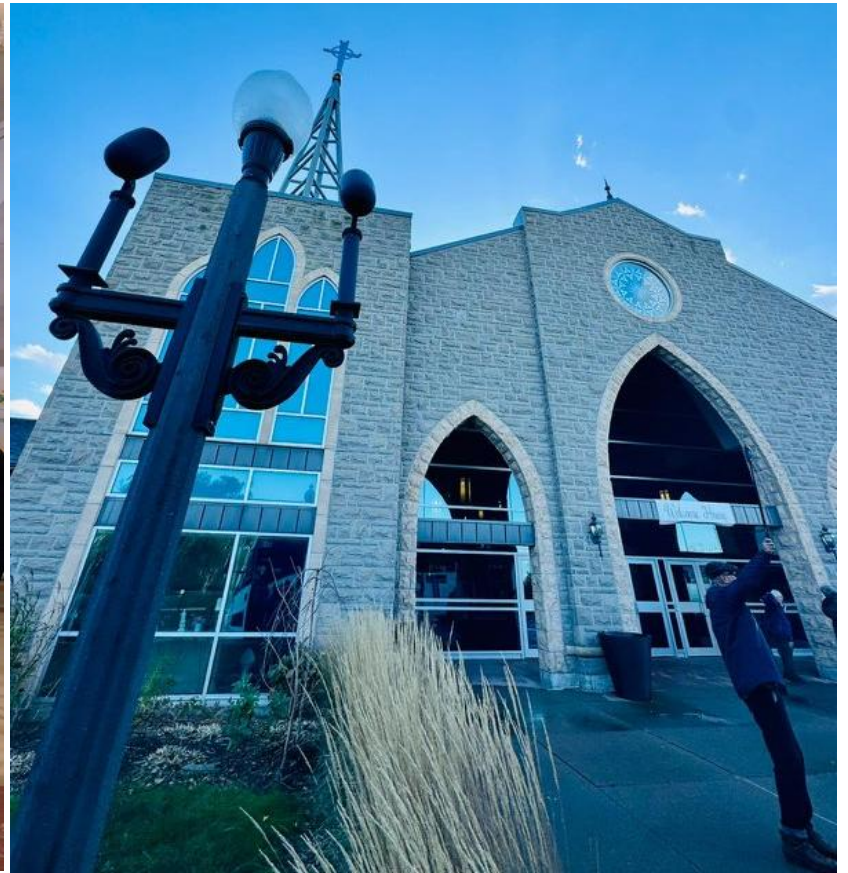


Holy Trinity  
prayer group



Family of  
Rodrigo Flores

















*Madonna and Child Jesus,*  
by 15<sup>th</sup> century painter Pietro Vannucci.

(Discovered in a garage in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England.  
It was later sold by auction for US\$1,000,000.00.)