



Parish Week / Sunday, 14 Dec. 2025

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

- 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

■ 2nd 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

Monday, 15 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam
 (Shirani Hemachandra & Leslie Alagaratnam)
 7.00 pm Mass: † John Walsh (Bill Brothers)
 7.30 pm Church Christmas decoration

Tuesday, 16 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edgardo Diaz (Amalia Haddad)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello, 5th death anniversary (Esme)

Wednesday, 17 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Leopold Bartholomew (Corine Maulion)
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Thanksgiving (Arnold & Jyen)

Thursday, 18 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cresenciana Pervez (Corine Maulion)
 8.50 am St. Joan of Arc Academy Advent Mass
 7.00 pm Mass: † Lourdes Sardua (9 am Ushers)

Friday, 19 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Pablito Medrero (family)

Saturday, 20 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)
 1.00 pm Wedding: Terry Rampersaud & Mary Anne Lumban
 5.00 pm Mass: † John Walsh (Ivan & Lina)
 6.30 pm Advent Family Carol Nite

SUNDAY, 21 DEC. / ADVENT 4-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ Religious Articles Sale

■ Annual Finance Council Report

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
 (Maria Subramaniam)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Lillian D'Souza (friends)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Ranjit Savundranayagam (brother)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

The Advent Wreath

Third 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 called us to share Christ's ministry to a troubled world. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may faithfully proclaim Your Word in all we say and do, until Your Kingdom comes on Earth.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

- 5.00 pm: **Stephanie Gamboa & Carla Borgono**
 9.00 am: **Adrian Pereira**
 10.30 am: **Society of St. Vincent De Paul**
 12.00 pm: **Shine Diaz Carta & Mary Duarte**
 7.00 pm **Joanne Talbot & Francesca Lavecchia**

Pray for the Deceased

**Trudie Cortens, Nadja Melanie Dobeli,
 Deacon William Daly, Fr. John Charles Govan**

The **10 victims** of the attack on the **Mormon
 Chapel in Grand Blanc, Michigan**



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.

2nd Collection: 14 December

ShareLife Legacy



On *ShareLife Legacy* Sunday, the 2nd collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for 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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- 22 Dec. - **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers**: death anniversary (1988)
 24 Dec. **Christmas Eve** Masses begin at 7.00 pm
 25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
 - 2nd Collection: *Christmas*
 28 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family**
 - 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*



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 as we anticipate the feast of the Messiah's birth. Bring the whole family! Would you like to sing and be on the program? Call: **Mario**, 437-245-1975, or **Gavin**, 416-265-7898.

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 **LEGACY COLLECTION** on: **14 December**.

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



Saturday Confirmation Classes begin 7 Feb.

Classes will begin on Saturday, 7 February 2026, for students who are not in our Parish schools and who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is the Sacrament that completes our Christian Initiation. Wilma and Lillian will be the instructors.

The classes begin at 10.00 am, and last 1 hour. Formal registration will be conducted on 7 February, and a calendar for the series will be provided. For information, call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

RCIA, RCIC Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

Coming Up:

RCIA meets: 12 Dec. 2025
2 Jan. 2026, 7.30 pm.

RCIC meets: 13 Dec. 2025
3 Jan. 2026, 10.00 am.



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."

Sunday School Christmas / New Year break

The last *Sunday School for Kids* before Christmas: at the 10.30 Mass on **21 December 2025**.

The Sunday School will resume: at the 10.30 Mass on **4 January 2026**.

Finance Council Report, 21 December

Next Finance Council meeting: 3.30 pm, 13 December.

The annual FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT will be made at all Masses on 20 & 21 December.

The Knights of Columbus Upcoming events



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

18 Jan. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting and exemplification of new members

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Antony Joseph** for their gift of the beautiful flowers at his funeral Mass on 7 March 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! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

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





REV. ARMAND DESAULNIERS

With ashes barely settled, priests vow to build again

The priests of St. Maria Goretti Roman Catholic church, which was destroyed Thursday by fire, vow that it will be rebuilt.

Rev. Armand Desaulniers said no specific plans have been made yet for launching a campaign but added: "We'll be rebuilding, definitely."

"We have a great deal to be thankful for," he said Monday, gazing out of the rectory window at the 900 pupils of St. Maria Goretti separate school at play during noon hour recess. (The school is located less than 75 yards from the church.)

"We are lucky that the 50-mile-an-hour winds were blowing away from the rectory, so that it could be saved and that nobody was in the church."

"Everyone in the community, both inside and outside the parish, has offered help. The rectory has no heat and no water, but members of the congregation working with the Hydro have re-installed electricity," he said. (The rectory for the moment, contained large floor heaters.)

Several Protestant clergymen have offered their neighboring churches as temporary facilities for the Roman Catholic congregation.

"We were very moved indeed and wish to thank these kind men but will carry on in the gymnasium of the St. Maria Goretti separate school for the time being," he said.

Seven masses were celebrated in the

school Sunday by Desaulniers and his assistants, Rev. Robert Henshaw and Rev. George Galea.

Galea said seven masses were held instead of the usual five since the school gymnasium has only a third of the sanctuary's capacity.

Galea, 26, said the fire caused an estimated \$500,000 damage to the church, which was partly covered by insurance.

The blaze completely demolished the main building on Kennedy near Eglinton and two new additions on each side. The additions, built less than a year ago at a cost of \$200,000, increased the seating capacity of the sanctuary to 1,000 from the original 600, and also enlarged the capacity of the basement parish hall.

The priests are concerned about the costs of rebuilding at today's construction values.

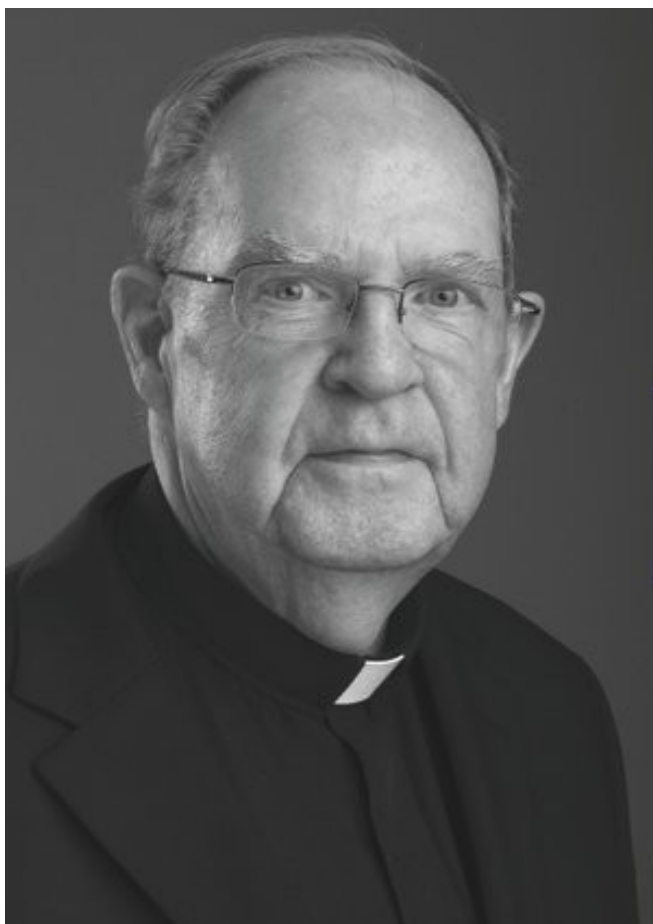
"Right now we are trying to assess exactly what can be saved. The walls are cracked and look as if they may have to be completely rebuilt. Possibly the foundation can be saved," said Desaulniers.

Desaulniers, 54, has been first curate of the church for two and a half years. He replaced Father William Hipkin, who died in 1966.

Desaulniers, who wept as his church was gutted, said he was looking ahead to its future.

[Above] **Fr. Armand Desaulniers**, died 22 December 1988. He was the Pastor at the time of the parish fire, 5 Dec. 1968.

[Below] **Fr. James Adams**, a former Associate Pastor with Fr. Desaulniers at St. Maria Goretti, 1978 - 1980.



Fr. James P. Adams was 83 years old and in his 59th year of the priesthood. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1966 by Archbishop Philip Pocock.

Fr. Adams was associate pastor at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Christ the King Parish, St. Gertrude's Parish and St. Maria Goretti Parish. He was pastor of St. Mark's Parish in Stouffville, Holy Spirit Parish in Scarborough and St. John's Parish in Toronto.

Fr. Adams retired in 2007 and was residing at St. Bernard's Residence.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Rev. James P. Adams
 who died on Saturday, August 23, 2025

VISITATION

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor Parish
 75 Churchill Ave., North York

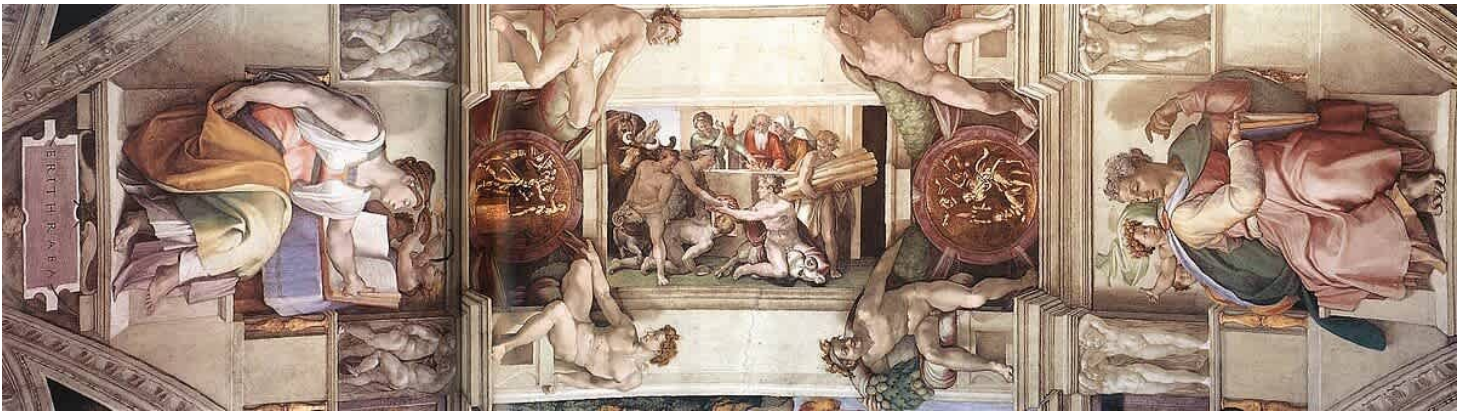
FUNERAL

Thursday, August 28, 2025
 11 a.m.

St. Edward the Confessor Parish
 75 Churchill Ave., North York

INTERMENT

Queen of Clergy Cemetery
 St. Augustine's Seminary



JUBILEE YEAR images from Rome: St. Peter Basilica, and the four

Holy Doors: St. John Lateran, St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. Paul

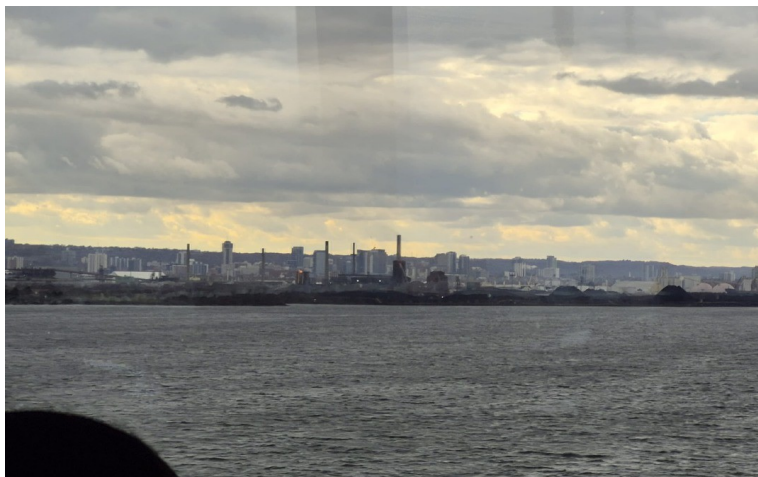


Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Niagara, 23 November. Plan of the Battle of Stoney Creek, and photos taken by the pilgrims.



Gage House on Battlefield of Stoney Creek.

Looking south to Stoney Creek Battlefield. From sketch by B.J. Lessing, 1860.



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Celebrating the life of our sister,
† Sabina Mendonca, 1925 -2025





Above: Caroling at Scarborough Retirement Residence.

Below: El Shaddai members celebrate a Wedding Anniversary.





Cardinal Collins preaches the Advent retreat, St. Lawrence Parish. (9 December)





