

Parish Week / Sunday, 21 Dec. 2025

Saturday, 20 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)
1.00 pm Wedding: Rampersaud & Lumban
5.00 pm Mass: † John Walsh (Ivan & Lina)

SUNDAY, 21 DEC. / ADVENT 4-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *Religious Articles Sale*

- 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

Monday, 22 Dec.

- *Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)*
- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)
7.00 pm Mass: † John Walsh (The Hughes)

Tuesday, 23 Dec. / St. John of Kanty, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (Casildus Manuel)

Wednesday, 24 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Antony)

CHRISTMAS EVE

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea (Christmas Eve & Day)*
- *2nd Collection: Christmas*

- 7.00 pm Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza
9.00 pm Mass: † Alwyn D'Souza (family)
11.30 pm Choir Caroling
12.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for Lily Kim Kamath
(Grandma & D'Souza family)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, 25 Dec. / The Nativity of the Lord

- 9.00 am Mass: † Hermenegildo Maulion (Corine)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia, & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Hilda, Victor & Crofton (Martyn Family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Francesca, Teresa; Vaccaro & Cilento families

Friday, 26 Dec. / St. Stephen, the First Martyr

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

Saturday, 27 Dec. / St. John, apostle & evangelist

- 8.00 am Mass: † Graciano Primero (Edison & Jiyl)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Victor D'Cunha (friends)

SUNDAY, 28 DEC. / THE HOLY FAMILY

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Thanksgiving
Nina Cenizal (family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving
Our Lady of Velanno (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Ranjit Savundranayagam (brother)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

The Advent Wreath

Fourth 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 Mary to be the mother of Your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to a new birth. Help us also to bring the light and peace of Christ where there is gloom and despair.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

- 5.00 pm: **Criselda & Everlyn**
9.00 am: **Aidan De Mendonca & Stephanie Zappa**
10.30 am: **Felicitas Flores**
12.00 pm: **Children's Choir**
7.00 pm **Hailey Falzon & Jennifer Andrade**

Pray for the Deceased

Marianita Belonio

**The 80 victims of the earthquake
in Cebu in October**



Christmas Collections

21 December: Offertory

On 21 December, the collection taken by the Greeters at the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

24 / 25 December: Offertory & Christmas

The 2nd Christmas collection for our Special Church Needs will be taken after Communion at our Christmas Eve & Day Masses, 24/25 December.

27 / 28 December: Offertory & Maintenance

On 28/29 December, the collection taken by the Greeters at the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The 2nd collection taken by the Greeters (after Communion) will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

31 December / 1 January: New Year

At our New Year's Eve and Day Masses, 31 December & 1 January, the collection taken by the Greeters during the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *New Year Collection*.

COMING UP

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| 5 Jan. | Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 8 Jan. | Memorial Mass: † Giovanni Diluciano (7 pm) |
| 11 Jan. | Infant Baptism (1:30 pm) |
| 17 Jan. | Memorial Mass: † Remedios Ebuenga (1 pm) |
| 19 Jan. | ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am);
St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm) |
| 25 Jan. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenance |
| 2 Feb. | Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 11 Feb. | Mass for All The Sick (7 pm) |

18 Feb.

Ash Wednesday;
- Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence

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 *ShareLife Legacy Collection*, we collected a total of: \$ 5,425.00. This means that we have raised: \$ 58,102.00 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.

It is still possible to donate, as the *ShareLife* office closes the campaign at the end of the calendar year. Help us reach our goal! Your support will bring compassion & 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: **Wilma**, 416-884-0311; or **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

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

Coming Up:

RCIA meets: 2 Jan. 2026,
9 Jan., 7.30 pm.

RCIC meets: 3 Jan. 2026,
10 Jan., 10.00 am.



Mass for the Faithful Departed of 2025

At the 5 pm Mass on New Year Eve, 31 December 2025, we will pray for all the *Faithful Departed of the Year*. Those whose names were included in our Sunday intercessions (up to publication time) are noted in our website bulletin.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Lolita Ison** for their gift of the five beautiful flower arrangements for our Church from her funeral liturgy on 8 March 2025. May she rest in peace.

Christmas Message

To all the members of
St. Maria Goretti Parish:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life."

Let us celebrate the gift of the Father, and share with one another a Joyful, Holy and Happy Christmas!

Fr. Edwin Galea, *Pastor*
Fr. Elias Chachati, *Associate*
Rev. Mr. Ramon Villardo, *Deacon*



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

The annual FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT will be made at all Masses on 20 & 21 December. This will summarize the activities and priorities of our Finance Council and its R&R Committee.

The Knights of Columbus Upcoming events

27 Dec. **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** for all
2025 Knights, 7.00 pm

18 Jan. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting and exemplification
2026 of new members



Stewardship

2026 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. The Sunday envelopes are for registered parishioners; if you are new to the area and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Introduce yourself to the pastor or to one of our greeters, and fill out a *registration form* at the Office window.

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.

Please ensure that you have your own box: *the number on the label and on the envelopes* must be the same. If there is any discrepancy, advise the parish office. If you use someone else's envelopes, your donation would be credited to the other person.

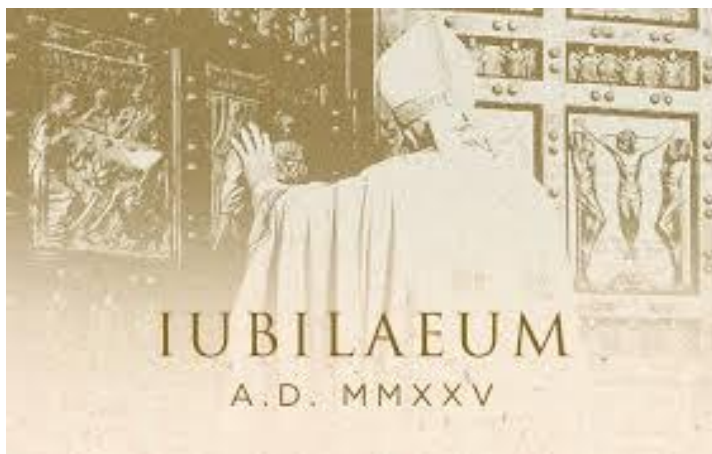




The Holy Father opened the Jubilee Year on 24 Dec. 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter Basilica. In dioceses around the world, the Jubilee Year ends on Sunday, 28 December 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. However, in the Diocese of Rome, the Jubilee Year continues until 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord, with the closing of the Holy Door.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we opened the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass on 29 December 2024 at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica and followed up with Regional Masses throughout the archdiocese.

May our experience of this Holy Year continue to provide us grace-filled opportunities to nurture the seeds of faith. May we continue to immerse ourselves in the Word of God and the gift of the Eucharist. May we continue to live as hope-filled Pilgrims in the course of our life-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.





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Victoria & Pascoal Fernandes at their 40th Wedding Anniversary blessing, 8 November 2025.



Sunday School



Nathaniel Hinds with his family at his Baptism, 15 November 2025.



Serving the Lord, from the heart.





Christmas Caroling at:
 Trilogy,
 Ina Grafton,
 Scarborough Retirement,
 Vincent House





Above: **Shirley Juan** & her family remember their dear Eddie.

Below: **Fr. Edwin** at his 45th Ordination Anniversary tribute.





Eric Seguin with clergy & musicians
at the 10.30 Mass, 14 December.



Sunday School, 14 December.



