

# WHY SHOULD WE ONLY REST IN PEACE? WHY DON'T WE LIVE IN PEACE TOO?

Parish Week † Sunday, 25 Jan. 2026

**Saturday, 24 Jan. / St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Amir Adatia (Valerie)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Oliver Abella (George & Rey)

**SUNDAY, 25 JAN. / 3-A**

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)  
10.30 am Mass: Int. D'Souza family  
11.30 am Catholic Women's League  
12.00 pm Mass: † Rose Rosali (Villnauveva family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

**Monday, 26 Jan. / Ss. Timothy & Titus, bishops**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jeyendren Rajadran (Amalia Haddad)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Rose Rosali (Michael & Luvel Villa)

**Tuesday, 27 Jan. / St. Angela Merici, virgin**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Gomes Relatives (Gomes family)

**Wednesday, 28 Jan. / St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Crofton Martyn, 3<sup>rd</sup> death anniversary (family)

**Thursday, 29 Jan.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Morra (Carol)

**Friday, 30 Jan.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Leonidas Arriola (family)

**Saturday, 31 Jan. / St. John Bosco, priest**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)  
1.00 pm Wedding: Joseph Ylagan & Angeline Bernas  
5.00 pm Mass: † Cresencia Blanco Racoya (Sophie Salve)

**SUNDAY, 1 FEB. / 4-A**

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)  
10.30 am Mass: † Eduardo Gotera Sr. (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Roger Ivory (SMG Staff)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23**

*Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

The **42 victims** of the **bus accident** in **South Africa**.



## Catholic Women's League

The *Catholic Women's League* is a national organization of Catholic Women, rooted in Gospel values, calling its members to holiness by service to the people of God.

Have **YOU** considered being a member yet?

We are having our membership drive on:

24 & 25 Jan., and 31 Jan. & 1 Feb.

Come and stop by the Vestibule where CWL members will tell you more about **Who** we are & **What** we do!

This is also a chance for current members to renew their membership.

Come join us as we celebrate *Family Day* at the Parish on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February at 6.30 pm, with a Spaghetti Dinner, 50/50 Draw, Photo Booth, Music and lots of fun.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, children under 10 are free.



## Stewardship 2025 Receipts, 2026 Envelopes

Soon, the Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations last year will be in the Vestibule, for pick up after Mass.

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.

## COMING UP

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| 2 Feb.  | Feast of the <i>Presentation of the Lord</i><br>Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 8 Feb.  | <b>Marriage Sunday</b>  |
| 9 Feb.  | Confirmation Family Information Night [A] (7 pm)  |
| 10 Feb. | Confirmation Family Information Night [B] (7 pm)  |
| 11 Feb. | <b>Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of Prayer for the Sick;</b><br>Mass for All the Sick (7 pm)     |
| 14 Feb. | CWL FAMILY DAY Celebration (6.30 pm)  |
| 15 Feb. | VALENTINE FAIR (9 am - 2 pm)  |

18 Feb.

**Ash Wednesday;**

- Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence;
- Parish Mass (8.00 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Liturgy (9.00 am);
- ► St. Albert School Liturgy (1.00 pm);
- Parish Mass (7.00 pm)

# Sacramental Preparation

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation prep

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their **First Reconciliation**:

28 & 30 Jan.: **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Instructions**, 9.30 am  
ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: (*For students, in the school.*)

29 Jan. & 2 Feb: **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Instructions**, 1.00 pm  
ST. ALBERT SCHOOL: (*For students, in the school.*)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation dates

Grade 2 students in St. Albert and St. Maria Goretti Schools will be making their **first Confessions** in February:

St Albert School            Tuesday    3 February   9.30 am  
St. Maria Goretti School Wednesday 4 February   9.00 am

## Confirmation Information Meetings

Families with students ready to prepare for the Sacrament of **Confirmation** are invited to attend one of two Info Meetings:

**Monday or Tuesday - 9 or 10 February**

*Mass* will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

## Saturday Confirmation Classes begin 7 February

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. Lillian will be the instructor.

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, Children*

Pray for all in our parish RCIA and RCIC processes, who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Early Initiation Rite at the 5.00 pm Mass on 22 November 2025

### RCIA Adults

*Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist*  
**Pizant FRANZ Chourpachian**  
**Deuh Claudine MARY Dago**  
**Sudharshan Naik ABRAHAM Rudavat**

### RCIC Youth

*Baptism*  
**Abhirup Siddharth Naik ISAAC Rudavat**  
*Baptism, Eucharist*  
**Desil TERESA Chourpachian**  
**Naseni ANNA Chourpachian**

# The Sacrament of Baptism

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

4 October 2025

**Zeke Alijah Bayle**  
**Arthur Calix Casero**  
**Yael Porras Chong**  
**Gavriel Solaire Santos**

11 October

**Loucio Banlat**  
**Kairo Herrera James**  
**Thiana Caeli Yumul**

12 October

**Lucyl Helaenia Carreon Condicion**

18 October

**Mohammed Rehaan Asgar**  
**Zaliyah Berakah Sanni**

19 October

**Cirilla Beatriz Lumbang**  
**Eric Kwan**

25 October

**Asher Damien Rose**  
**Alaiah Julez Quinzon**

8 November

**Rebecca Oluwamurewa Adenola**  
**Kallista Louise Dizon**  
**Luna Bree Palomo**

15 November

**Nathaniel Keenan Hinds**

6 December

**Deuh Claudine Mary Dago**  
**Sophia Joy Opiniano**

13 December

**Lewis Dalton Elpidama**  
**Morayo David Shodeinde**  
**Omotala Hannah Shodeinde**

20 December

**Amari Antonio Botavara**  
**Kaylee Brianna Silva**

21 December

**Felipe Sage Oliveros**

27 December

**Kieffer Flynn A. Licud**

## *A Special Gift* ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Colin Parsons** for their gift of the three beautiful flower arrangements for our Church from his funeral liturgy on 7 June 2025. May he rest in peace.





What are the Biblical Roots of the Sacraments?

### ***Baptism***

John 3:5, 16 – Jesus said to Nicodemus, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Matthew 28:19 – “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, Baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything that I have commanded you.”

### ***Confirmation***

Luke 24:49 – “Stay in the city of Jerusalem until you are filled with power from on high.”

### ***The Eucharist***

John 6:54 – “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you.”

### ***Sacrament of Penance [Confession]***

Psalms 41 – “O Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”

John 20:22-23 – Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

All from the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ.

### ***Anointing of the Sick [Extreme Unction]***

James 5:14-15 – “Is there any one among you who is sick? Let them bring in the Priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick person, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

### ***Matrimony***

Matthew 19:4-6 – Jesus said, “Have you not read that in the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?’ So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

### ***Holy Orders***

Matthew 10:1 – Jesus called the Twelve and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

John 20:22-23 – Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”





Above: 19 January – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Candidates at their meeting.

Below: 6 January 2026 – Cardinals in Rome with Pope Leo XIV





Family events.







Top: Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church, King Street West.

Christmas Pageant, St. Thomas the Apostle Syro-Malabar Church.



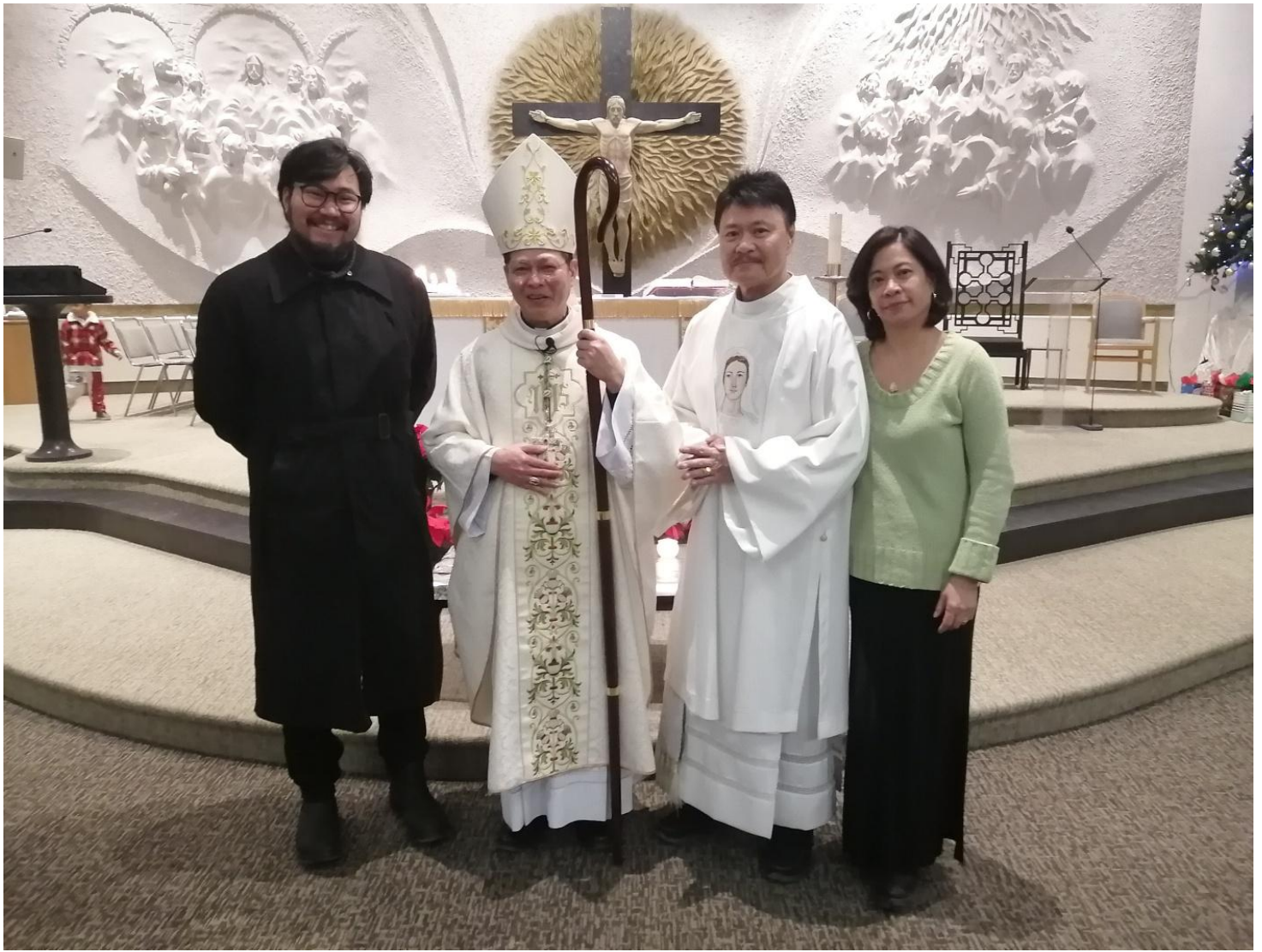


Above: The Church on a January morning.

Below: Morning sunlight on Christmas and funeral flowers.







*Above: Bishop Vincent Nguyen with the Villardo family.*

*Below: Knights of Columbus and friends, 17 January.*





