

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.
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Roger Ivory (SMG Staff)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 2 Feb. / Presentation of the Lord

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Antony)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Delphin Penalosa Sr. (family)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting

Tuesday, 3 Feb. / St. Blaise, *bishop & martyr*

■ Individual Blessing of Throats

■ Fr. Peter Francis Corless: death anniversary (2008)

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 9.30 am St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation followed by School Reconciliation Gr. 3-8

Wednesday, 4 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (family)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation
- 12.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Ronces Araneta Beleno

Thursday, 5 Feb. / St. Agatha, *virgin & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Emarie Garcia (Vinah)

Friday, 6 Feb. / St. Paul Miki & Companions, *martyrs*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Farid Farha (SMG Staff)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation (Gr. 3-8)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Nunziato Sidoti (family)

Saturday, 7 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † The Callus Family (Sheila Collins & family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Wedding Blessing Dominic & Brittany Galea (Carol Morra)
- 6.30 pm Memorial Mass: † Donald Fogelbach

SUNDAY, 8 FEB. / 5-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Mother of Perpetual Help

Let Mary bring peace into your life. Come to the Monday Novena Mass to *Our Mother of Perpetual Help*. Rosary at 6.40 pm, Mass at 7.00. *O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Focus on the Word

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13; 1 Corinthians 1.26-31; Matthew 5.1-12

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Lydia Bonza, William Collins, Maria Magdala Cao Thi Cuc
The **50 victims** of the **heavy rains** in **Central Mexico** in **October 2025**.

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. We are having our membership drive on:

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.



CWL Family Day celebration 6.30 pm, 14 February

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

Tickets: \$5 for adults. Children under 10 are free.

Blessing of St. Blaise: 3 February

The feast of **St. Blaise** is on 3 February. Parishioners will have the benefit of the traditional BLESSING OF THROATS *collectively* at the end of all Sunday Masses, 31 Jan. & 2 Feb., and *individually* at the Masses on 3 February:

"Through the prayers of St. Blaise, may God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

COMING UP

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- 9 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Night [A] (7 pm)
- 10 Feb. Confirmation Family Information Night [B] (7 pm)
- 11 Feb. **Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of Prayer for the Sick;** Mass for All the Sick (7 pm)
- 14 Feb. CWL FAMILY DAY Celebration (6.30 pm)
- 15 Feb. VALENTINE FAIR (9 am - 2 pm)
- 17 Feb. Memorial Mass: † Elpidio Pineda (11:30 am)

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)

Valentine Fair

15 February, 9 am - 2 pm

Our Parish is holding a VALENTINE FAIR in the Vestibule on Sunday, 15 February, 9 am - 2 pm. Take a look at the treasures on the tables – a great way to pick up gifts for your friends.



Sacramental Preparation

1st Reconciliation prep

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

29 Jan. & 2 Feb: **1st Reconciliation Instructions**, 9.30 am
ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: (For students, in the school.)

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

1st 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. The classes begin at 10.00 am, and last 1 hour. Formal registration will be held on 7 February, and a calendar for the series will be provided. For information, call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425, or **Georgie**, 647-657-5221

Volunteer Screening

In accordance with the procedures of the Archdiocese of Toronto, our Parish is updating the *Volunteer Screening* records of all volunteers and lay ministers who assist at St. Maria Goretti Church. This is a basic requirement of the Archdiocese, to honour its responsibility to the Province to maintain current and accurate information. Ministry Facilitators are asked to help their members to move this forward. If any volunteer has questions, don't hesitate to call **Glenda**, our Screening Coordinator: 647-614-7493.



February: Principal feast days

The month of February has some significant feast days.

- 2 Presentation of the Lord
- 3 St. Blaise, bishop & martyr
Fr. Peter Francis Corless, death anniversary (2008)
- 5 St. Agatha, virgin & martyr
- 6 St. Paul Miki & companions
- the Japanese martyrs
- 8 St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin
- 10 St. Scholastica, virgin; and the sister of St. Benedict
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, feast of the apparitions to St. Bernadette Soubirous, and also the World Day of the Sick
- 17 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- 21 St. Peter Damian, bishop and doctor
- 22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- 23 St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank **Shine Carta** for her gift of the beautiful fresh garden flowers at our Altar on 19 October 2025. Your gift is appreciated!

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation
of Adults & Children



The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*), also called the CATECHUMENATE, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Church for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seek Baptism or (if already Baptized) *full Communion* with the Church, including Eucharist and Confirmation.

Do you know someone who is thinking of becoming Catholic? Tell them to speak to the Pastor, Fr. Edwin: 416-261-0076.

Marriage Sunday

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates *Marriage Sunday* on: 8 February 2026.

This initiative highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage. Let us continue to pray for married couples and those who support them on their journey. We hope that Marriage Sunday provides a special opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament and give thanks for those who strengthen our communities through their loving commitment to God, their family and one another.



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.

The WORD OF GOD Sunday

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time was designated by Pope Francis as The Word of God Sunday. This is our opportunity as faithful disciples to reflect upon the immense role of the Scriptures in our life of praise, worship and charity. Below is a reflection from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Salutation

1 ¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the Gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness, by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints:

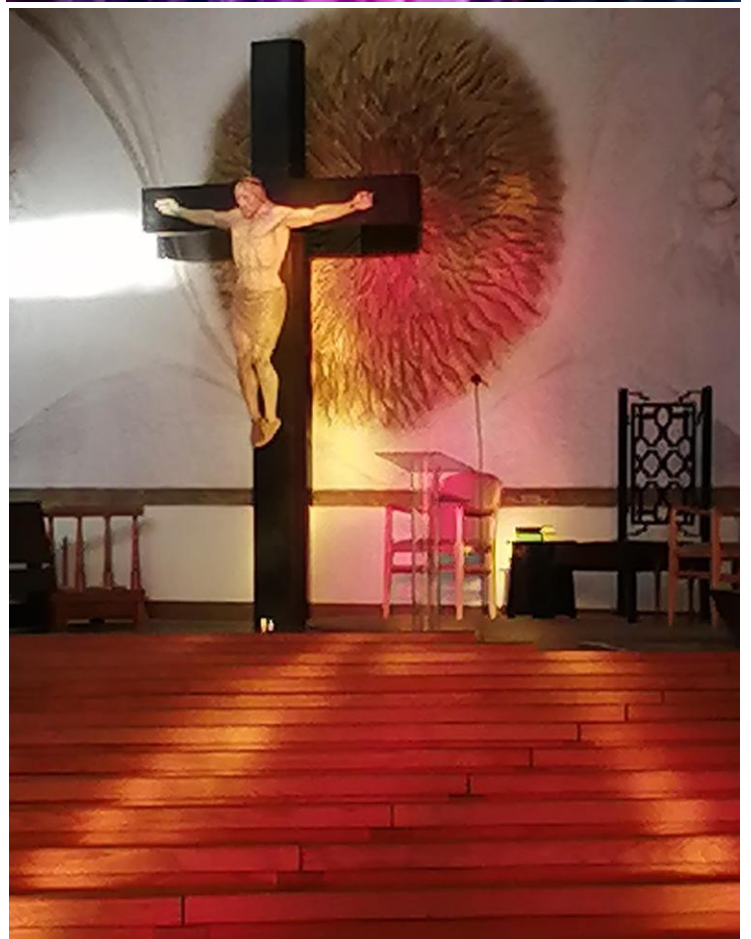
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

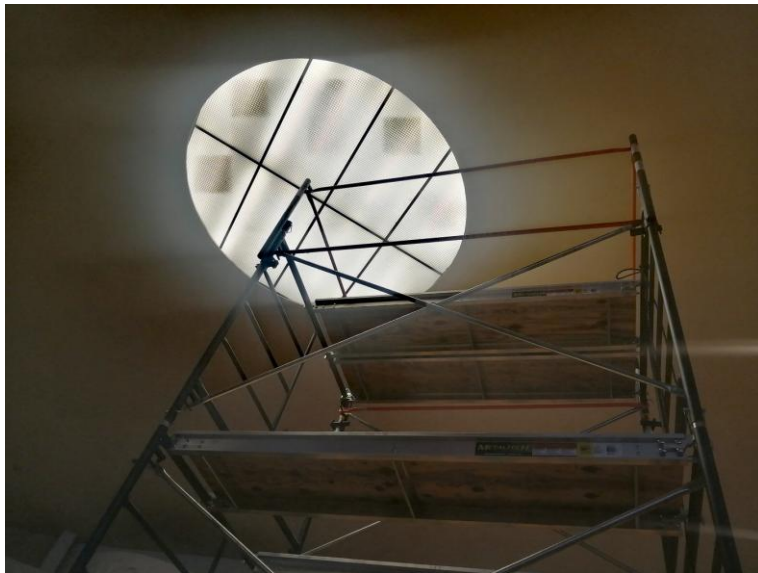
⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. ⁹ For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the Gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, ¹⁰ asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you; ¹² or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish; ¹⁵ hence my eagerness to proclaim the Gospel to you also who are in Rome.

The Power of the Gospel

¹⁶ **I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL**; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."











1 January 2026



Santa Maria di Anzano



Toronto Police Sergeant Brandon Smith with PSD Bingo.



Winter: Danforth, Mont St. Michel, Hallstadt, Niagara Falla.

Same locations, in Summer.