



Parish Week

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

John 11.25

**Easter Sunday,
5 April 2026**

Focus on the Word

Easter Sunday, Year A

Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased



Jacek Ratajczak

Tina Clyde, the grocery store worker in Truro, Nova Scotia, who was **hit by a snowplow while walking to work** in February.

HOLY SATURDAY, 4 Apr.

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy (Pro Populo)
- RCLIA Initiation into Church

EASTER SUNDAY, 5 Apr. / The Resurrection of the Lord

■ *Homilist: Elias Chachati*

■ *Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter*

9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Easter Collections

5 April: Offertory and Easter

On Easter Sunday, the 1st collection will be taken for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The 2nd collection, after Communion, will be taken for the *Easter Sunday* collection for our special Church needs.

Monday, 6 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Evelyn, Mom)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting

Tuesday, 7 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Antony)

Wednesday, 8 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

Thursday, 9 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Raymondo & Elizabeth (family)

Friday, 10 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)

Saturday, 11 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Quirino Santos Sr. (Ophelia)
5.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Msgr. Peter Fernandes (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 12 APR. / EASTER 2-A

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday
Doris Marquez (friends)
10.30 am Mass: † Segundo Go (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Lucia Rayappu (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

COMING UP

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13-23 Apr. ► **Pope Leo**: visit Algeria, Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon
19 Apr. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

St. Albert School 1st Communion Liturgy (2:30 pm)

22 Apr. St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)

St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)

24 Apr. ► **WWE Friday Night Smackdown** (Fort Worth, Texas)

26 Apr. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife #2**

Feast day of OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE UP Sunday

Catholic Education Week

3 May Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

4 May St. Maria Goretti Confirmation Mass (Bishop Nguyen, 7:00 pm)

7 May 2nd Collection: **Popes Pastoral Work**;

10 May Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

14 May St. Albert School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)

23 May Wedding: Pasterlo & Albuquerque (3:00 pm)

24 May **Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

27 May Wedding: Jagannathan & Sebyanagam (10:30 am)

29 May Wedding: Canoneo & Claudio (10:30 am)

30 May ► **A DAY WITH MARY**: Celebrating the warmth of Our Mother's love

at Villanova College, Vaughan

31 May 2nd Collection: **ShareLife #3**

3 June ► **Bishop John Boissonneau**: *Celebration of 25th Anniversary of*

Episcopal Ordination (Mass at St. Michael Cathedral, 10.30 am)

12 June ► **FIFA World Cup** in Toronto (to 2 July)

30 June **Cardinal Francis Leo**: *birthday* (1971)

6 July Feast of **St. Maria Goretti**

4 Oct. Jubilee Year: **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**, 800th Anniversary of death

26 Oct. ► **Toronto Municipal elections**

ShareLife 2026

Easter Sunday, 5 April

Thank you for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign.

So far, we have raised: \$ 8,265.00.



Thank you for being a beacon of hope

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting *ShareLife*. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord on this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

The next *ShareLife* Sunday is 4 May. Many thanks for your support for *ShareLife*, and for living the Gospel.



Sacramental Preparation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

19 April 2.30 pm ✕ **St. Albert Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

26 April 2.30 pm ✕ **St. M. G. Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

7 May 7.00 pm ✕ **St. M. G. Sch. Confirmation Mass**

14 May 7.00 pm ✕ **St. Albert Sch. Confirmation Mass**

Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates have begun to use their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. They represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus.

After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather near the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when they are led by the Servers to the Altar.

The Candidates place their unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation at the 7 pm Easter Vigil on 4 April, and the Youth at 5 pm on 11 April.

The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the parallel RCIC process for the Youth meets Saturday mornings.



Pastor's Easter Message



To be a Christian is to believe that Jesus is risen! Our faith in the Resurrection defines our identity. Our faith is a commitment to life. Easter is our New Passover, the Day on which the Lord appeared to those who had begun to lose hope, and opened their eyes to what the Scriptures had foretold. May the Risen Lord breathe his Spirit on us, that we may know him in the Breaking of the Bread, and follow him in his risen life.

We would like to extend to you and your families our wishes for a sincere and Happy Easter. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

Fr. Edwin Galea, Pastor

Fr. Elias Chachati, Associate

Rev. Mr. Ramon Villardo, Deacon



Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all who donated to obtain the Easter Flowers for our Sanctuary this year. Due to printing deadlines, the list of donors will appear in the next website bulletin. May God bless you and your families during this Easter Season!

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Edgardo Diaz** for their gift of the beautiful flowers at his Memorial Mass on 23 August 2025. May he rest in peace.

Stewardship

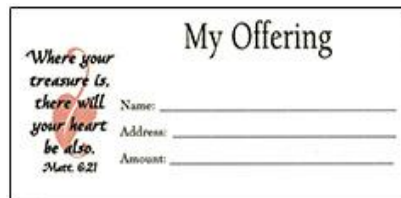
2025 Receipts, 2026 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2025 and the 2026 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* are available for pick up in the Office Lobby.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your faithful weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

The Sunday Offertory Envelopes are for *registered* parishioners; if you are new to the parish and have not registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

A reminder: Please write the amount of your *donation* in the space provided on the front of your envelopes. (If you miss doing this, our financial advisors must stop to do so, and this *really* slows down the recording process.)



The Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshipping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

Entrance Procession: The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

Greeting: The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

Penitential Rite: Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

Gloria: We sing the *Gloria*, the song which the angels sang on the night when Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

Collect: With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

Psalm: The Cantor leads as we praise God.

Second Reading: This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

Gospel: While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to....” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

Creed: In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

Intercessions: In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts: Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1st Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Prayer: The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

Sanctus: After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

Last Supper Narrative: The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

Doxology, Great Amen: The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

Lord’s Prayer: We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

Breaking of Bread: The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

Communion: The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

CONCLUDING RITE

The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.

Prayer after Communion: The closing prayer of Mass.

Announcements: Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

Blessing and Dismissal: The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

Confirmation

Gift of the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and the EUCHARIST comprise the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION. Confirmation completes Christian initiation, and strengthens the Candidates by the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are witnesses of Christ, bound to spread and defend the faith by their words and deeds.

Origins of the Sacrament

The Old Testament prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his Baptism in the Jordan by John was the sign that this was the expected one: the Son of God, who would communicate the Spirit to the entire messianic people. On Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the mighty works of God, and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be a sign of the messianic age.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the doctrine on Baptism and the Laying on of Hands is listed among the first elements in Christian instruction. The Laying on of Hands is recognized as the original sign of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

The Bishop

The original ministers of Confirmation are the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles. They have received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. (The Bishop may transfer this mandate to the local Parish Priest.) The Sacred Chrism used for the Anointing was blessed at the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral during the previous Holy Week.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community; ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability. (Acts 2.1-4).

The entire Church benefits by Confirmation: it conveys the grace of *Pentecost*, enabling us to live with the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Generosity, Goodness, Perseverance, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Contenance, Chastity.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
 - ✘ be true witnesses of Christ;
 - ✘ confess the name of Christ boldly;
 - ✘ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a spiritual mark or permanent, indelible character on the Christian's soul. A Candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith; be in the state of grace; desire to receive the Sacrament; and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both in the Church and in the world.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Laying On of Hands*¹

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*²

¹ LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extends his hands over the Candidates, and asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

² ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

Bishop: “ _____ , be sealed with
the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”



Spring Wellness Tip: NOURISH TO FLOURISH

March is *Nutrition Month* in Canada. It is a time to recognize how the foods we eat support our overall health, energy, and well-being. This year's theme, "Nourish to Flourish," highlights that nutrition fuels more than just our bodies, it also supports mental well-being, resilience, and our ability to thrive both at work and at home. Dietitians of Canada also emphasize that healthy eating habits can improve focus, productivity, and long-term health. Small, consistent choices can make a big difference. Here are a few practical ways to nourish your day at work:

- **Build a balanced plate:** Aim to fill half your plate with vegetables or fruit, add a source of protein, and include whole grains for lasting energy.
- **Plan ahead:** Preparing meals or snacks in advance, such as cut vegetables, fruit, yogurt, or nuts, can help you stay fueled during busy workdays.
- **Stay hydrated:** Even mild dehydration can affect concentration and energy. Keep a water bottle nearby and sip throughout the day.
- **Make one small change:** Try adding an extra serving of vegetables at lunch, cooking one more meal at home each week, or experimenting with a new healthy recipe.

Good nutrition doesn't have to be complicated. By making simple, sustainable choices, you can support your health, boost energy, and feel your best every day.



*One medium veal sandwich, from California Sandwiches.
Fr. Edwin's healthy dinner on 14 March, courtesy of Tony Martino.*

Knights of Columbus



Our Parish is grateful for the presence of a Council of the Knights Columbus. They have over 2 million members around the world.

The **Knights of Columbus** is the world's largest lay Catholic men's fraternal organization, founded in 1882 by Blessed Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. Pope Francis beatified Father McGivney on 31 October 2020.

The Knights have over 2 million members around the world. They are guided by principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. They focus on supporting the Church, serving local communities, charitable works, and spiritual events to renew their members. They also provide financial aid to families through a vigorous insurance program.

The **FOUR PILLARS** (or *core principles*) of the Knights are: **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.**

These principles guide the organization's mission

Charity The foremost principle, focused on aiding the sick, disabled, and needy through initiatives like food drives and humanitarian aid.

Unity Fostering a united front to assist the Church, clergy, and fellow members.

Fraternity Building a brotherhood of Catholic men supporting one another in faith and building strong families.

Patriotism Love for country and responsible citizenship.

The primary Executive positions are:

Grand Knight (GK) The officer who acts as the chief executive, presiding over meetings and overseeing council goals and committees.

Deputy Grand Knight (DGK) Assists the Grand Knight; responsible for the council's program activities.

Chancellor Promotes the interests of the council, assists the Grand Knight, and is responsible for recruiting and retaining members.

Recorder Maintains a true record of council meetings, actions, and correspondence.

Treasurer Manages council funds, receives money from the financial secretary, and pays council expenses.

Advocate Acts as the legal advisor for the council.

Warden Supervises and maintains all council property.

Inside/Outside Guards Attend to the doors of the council chamber to check for valid membership cards.



29 March 2026 ☩ Knights of Columbus
FOUNDER'S DAY (1882), honouring
Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney.

25 March 2026 ✝ Feast
of the Annunciation





The Sepulchre



Candles for Tenebrae,
28 March 2026



19 March 2026
Feast of St. Joseph



Preparing for Palm Sunday

