



Parish Week

Jesus, I trust in You
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Divine Mercy
Sunday,
12 April 2026

Saturday, 11 Apr. / St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

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

SUNDAY, 12 APR. / EASTER 2-A / DIVINE MERCY

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

9.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving Birthday, Doris Marquez (friends)
10.30 am Mass: † Segunda Jo (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Lucia Rayappu (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 13 Apr. / St. Martin I, pope & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)

Tuesday, 14 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † George McNaughton (Corine Maulion)

Wednesday, 15 Apr.

■ ► *Danko Jones: Rising Scandinavia Tour starts in Eskilstuna, Sweden*

8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)

Thursday, 16 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Charlotte & Robert McNaughton (Corine Maulion)

Friday, 17 Apr. / St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8.00 am Mass: † Traudio Maulion (Corine)

Saturday, 18 Apr. / Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin

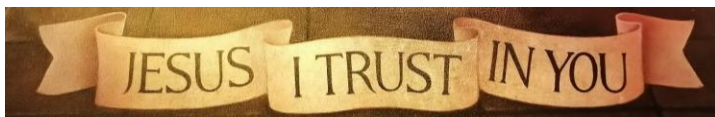
8.00 am Mass: † Guillermo Maulion (Corine)
5.00 pm Mass: † Alwyn D'Souza (family)

SUNDAY, 19 APR. / EASTER 3-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

9.00 am Mass: † Incarnation Severina & Polon Casil (Fely)
10.30 am Mass: † Norma Magsombol (Corine Maulion)
12.00 pm Mass: † Rodolfo & Visitacion Leal (family)
2.30 pm St. Albert School First Holy Communion
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Divine Mercy prayers

12 April 2026 is *Divine Mercy* Sunday. For private use, there are Parish *Divine Mercy* booklets available at the Parish office for \$2

Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A

Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all my grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Manolo Arnaldo, Dahlia Buquiran

The 3 young hockey players, killed in a highway crash in Southern Alberta.



A Day with Mary 30 May

On 30 May, "A DAY WITH MARY" will be held at Villanova College in King City. We will participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults. There will also be catechesis for the kids. Music and fellowship will abound. All are welcome to join Cardinal Leo and many others who love the Blessed Mother.

Our Parish has hired a bus for this day.

Depart: 8.30 am, Return to Scarborough: 6.00 pm.

Cost: \$25. **Call:** Chita, 647-883-9138, or: Riza, 647-338-9288, or: Fely, 647-338-5803.

COMING UP

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- 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
St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Liturgy (2:30 pm)
- 3 May **Catholic Education Week**
- 4 May Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 7 May St. Maria Goretti Confirmation Mass (Bishop Nguyen, 7:00 pm)
- 10 May 2nd Collection: **Popes Pastoral Work;**
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 & Sebanagam (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, King City
- 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**
- 2 Nov. Feast of **ST. CECILIA, patroness of Musicians**

ShareLife 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 April

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

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



Through *ShareLife*, you provide safety to the needy.

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, giving hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Like **Hetvi**, who came to Canada seeking refuge but found her hope shattered by her husband's control and abuse. Isolated and desperate, she cried for help, but went unheard. Because you care, she found solace through *Catholic Crosscultural Services* (CCS), a Catholic Charities agency you support through *ShareLife*. She received housing support and counselling in her native language, as well as financial and legal assistance, access to food banks, childcare, and healthcare.

The *Office for Refugees* of the Archdiocese of Toronto is another agency you support through *ShareLife*. It facilitates critical care for refugees. **Deacon Rudy Ovcjak**, the Director, says: "On behalf of the thousands of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and native lands, and who find refuge in Canada, a land of freedom and peace, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and generosity. Your support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ."

The next *ShareLife* Sunday is 26 April.

A Special Gift BAZAAR DONATIONS

We thank **Mark Galea** for his donation of the household items for sale at our Christmas Bazaar on 30 November 2025.

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

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

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 10, 17 and 24 April, at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 11 April, (the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5.00 pm Mass).

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

7.00 pm, 21 April

At 7 pm on 30 April, our Parish will hold a Mass for our dear **Pope Francis**, who returned to the Lord on 21 April 2025. May God grant him eternal rest.



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!

Stewardship

2025 Receipts, 2026 Envelopes

The Charitable Tax Receipts for all recorded donations in 2025 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.

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2026 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

DONATING SECURITIES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
From: **Michael Penafiel**, Development Coordinator

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (*stocks, bonds, mutual funds*). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and increased support of various diocesan charities such as your Parish, *ShareLife*, St. Augustine Seminary and many others. For further information, contact the Development Office at: 416-934-3400, ext. 561.

<i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</i> <small>Mat. 6:21</small>	My Offering
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First Holy Communion

Guidelines for 2026

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion** for the Grade 2 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year. The Parish has four groups of First Communicants: (a) St. Albert School; (b) St. Maria Goretti School; (c) Saturday Class for students in other schools; (d) the RCIC.

After three years of pandemic restrictions, it is good to a sense of normalcy in liturgical celebrations. Please read the following.

(1) INSTRUCTION MATERIAL for 1st Communion is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the January Family Information Nights, and at both of the *Family Instruction meetings* held in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of First Holy Communion.

(2) REVIEW It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. The Candidates received Information pages 1-4 at the initial Information night in January, and pages 5-24 at the following two classroom instructions for 1st Reconciliation, and at the two Family Instructions for 1st Communion.

(3) ATTIRE *How to dress?* The Archdiocese of Toronto does not have one “mandatory” dress code for all First Communion Candidates. We have a variety of customs in our Parish that reflect the international composition of our faith community. The universal expectation is that, for such an important occasion in their

lives, **Candidates** should wear at least “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. In addition, it is recommended that the Candidates incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white dress for girls, a white shirt for boys, etc.) as a reminder of their BAPTISM. Boys may wear a suit, or a formal or semi-formal jacket with complementary trousers. Girls may simply wear a white dress, or at least a white blouse. Parents should be mindful that the children’s clothing should not be heavy. It is also suggested that **Family members** and invited friends dress in a respectful and complementary manner, and avoid clothing with garish or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass, and also in the photos taken afterward. In the future, these photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Holy Sacrament received from the Altar, which Jesus gives as the Food of Life to nourish us through our pilgrimage through this world to the Father’s Kingdom.

(4) ARRIVAL Catholic School Candidates should arrive at least 40 minutes prior to their 1st Communion Mass to *Sign In* at an Information Table in the Vestibule, and to find seats with their families *as close as possible to the Sanctuary*. Because of their height, they would not have an appropriate view of the Altar if they are seated towards the back.

(5) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive their Holy Communion, they approach the Altar with their families.



Confirmation

Guidelines for 2026

Our Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the Grade 7 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year. The Parish has four groups of Candidates:

(a) St. Albert School; (b) St. Maria Goretti School; (c) the Saturday Class for students in other schools; (d) the RCIC.

(1) **INSTRUCTION MATERIAL** for Confirmation is provided through the school curriculum, in the Information pages distributed at the February Family Information Nights, and at all three of the *Student Instructions* held in the schools in March. Each of the Instruction presentations has simple *Scripture* and *Catechism* references, so that Candidates and their families can review and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of their Confirmation.

(2) **REVIEW** It is important that families review the information for this Sacrament. The Candidates received Information pages 1-4 at the initial Information night in February, and pages 5-16 at the following three classroom instructions. For their convenience, summaries are provided regularly in the website bulletin.

(3) **CONFIRMATION GOWNS** will be used; so, Candidates will need to cooperate with their teachers, to ensure that their gown, in the correct size, is properly reserved.

(4) **ATTIRE** *How to dress?* Since we will be using Confirmation gowns this year, the **Candidates** should simply wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. They may also incorporate a simple *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white shirt, blouse, dress, etc.) as a reminder of the connection between **Confirmation** and **Baptism**. **Family members** and **Sponsors** should avoid clothing with garish

or bold patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and wear simple, solid neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass. For men: black/grey, navy or khaki tones; for women: black/grey/white, or pastels. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidates and the Sacrament received in front of the Altar, by which the Holy Spirit empowers us to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

(5) There will be **REHEARSALS** to prepare the Candidates to receive this Sacrament in a focused and prayerful manner; they will also need to pay close attention to the directions given during the Mass.

(6) **The CONFIRMATION NAME CARD** which each Candidate presents to the Pastor at the time they receive the Sacrament, will need to have the chosen **Confirmation Name** printed in large letters on the front.

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.

(7) Most other **GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY** remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive their Confirmation, they approach the Altar with their classmates, and the Sponsors stand behind them.

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

Anointing with Sacred Chrism



The Vigil, 4 April 2026



Easter, 5 April 2026









Gerard Menezes visits Malta, March 2026.

