

# O Canada



Immediately following the Final Blessing and Dismissal at all our Masses today, 28 June, we will sing one verse of our national anthem, *O Canada*. Kindly follow the usual protocol for the anthem by setting aside books or personal articles, and keeping your arms straight by your sides. Face toward the Canadian flag, which will be near the Tabernacle.

The anthem will be followed by the Recessional hymn.

## St. Maria Goretti

Novena: 27 June – 5 July

We may prepare for the feast of our dear Patroness by praying as families each evening for nine days prior. This Novena should include the ROSARY and the PRAYER TO ST. MARIA GORETTI. The devotion will be part of all parish Masses from 27 June to 5 July.

Families may find the Novena in the website bulletin of 28 June.



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

*Coming Up:*

RCIA meeting: 3 July

RCIC meeting: 4 July



Do you know people who have told you they want to join the Church and become Catholic? Tell them to leave a message for the Pastor at the parish office: 416-261-0076.

## ShareLife 2026 Living the Gospel

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 28 June



**Your support of *ShareLife* connects young parents with necessary resources**

3 months after welcoming her baby, young mother Annie found herself overwhelmed. She was physically exhausted, emotionally drained, and feeling completely alone. Thanks to you, she found *Vita Centre*, a Catholic Charities agency that you support through *ShareLife*. There, young parents receive counselling, education, and a supportive community to navigate life's challenges.

Counselling and practical programs became her lifeline. Today, with renewed confidence and a sense of possibility, she is considering going back to school. You made this possible. You can help young mothers like Annie find hope, healing, and a brighter future.

# The Sacrament of Baptism

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

**April 25**

Mayumi Jianna Miranda

**April 26**

Baxter Allan Garcia Gallant

**May 2**

Lara Aryana Walizada

**May 9**

Miana Brielle G. Mabazza

Osiyah Giovanni Marksman

Kloud Chesler Montemayor

## Altar Servers



Would you like to help to honour God in Church as an ALTAR SERVER? The next *Training Series* is coming up: 11 July 2026.

For details, speak to **Fr. Edwin** after any Mass.

Being an ALTAR SERVER changes an ordinary religious service into a lifelong spiritual foundation. Servers learn that the Mass is the rock of our faith. It is a huge benefit to assist at the Altar.



## The Georgia Martyrs 31 October

**Cardinal Francis Leo** will represent the Holy Father as the *Papal Legate* (official representative of **Pope Leo XIV**) at the beatification celebration of the GEORGIA MARTYRS: **Friar Pedro de Corpa** and his **Four Companions**. The Rite will be held on 31 October 2026 in Savannah, Georgia, USA.

The Beatification will honour the witness and sacrifice of Friar Pedro de Corpa, OFM, and four fellow Franciscan missionaries who were martyred in 1597 in what is now the state of Georgia. Their faith and missionary zeal have long been remembered and celebrated by the Church in the region and beyond.

**Cardinal Leo** will join the **Most Rev. Stephen D. Parkes**, Bishop of Savannah, and preside over the solemn liturgy marking the elevation to “Blessed” of the five martyrs, celebrating their enduring legacy of courage, reconciliation and devotion to Christ.

## Parish Week / Sunday, 28 June 2026

Sat., 27 June / Blessed Nykyta Budka & Vasyl Velychowsky

- 8.00 am Mass: † Consuelo Gotera (family)
- 12.00 pm Filippino Heritage Celebration
- 4.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (family)

### SUNDAY, 28 JUNE / 13-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Fredrick & Dorothy D'Souza  
(Children, Grand & Great grandchildren)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Corazon Camacho (family)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas  
(Vethanayas Rayappan)
- 6.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 29 June / Ss. Peter & Paul, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
- 10.30 am funeral: † Danny Pompeo Gissoni
- 6.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Tiu Teng Suy & Ramon Ng Tong (family)

### Tuesday, 30 June / First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rita & Alexander D'Souza (Eddie & Theresa)
- 6.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 7.00 pm Mass: Thanksgiving (Jocelyn Antigua)

### Wednesday, 1 July

■ Canada Day: Anniversary of Confederation (1867)

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)
- 6.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 7.00 pm Mass: Thanksgiving (Chita Sardua)

### Thursday, 2 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Antony)
- 6.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 7.00 pm Mass: Thanksgiving (Lillian D'Souza)

### Friday, 3 July / St. Thomas, apostle

■ Fr. Elias Chachati: Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (1983)

- 8.00 am Mass: † George Dungan (Corine Maulion)
- 4.30 pm Wedding: Maneesh Varma & Ann Hazel Urcia
- 6.00 pm St. Maria Goretti Holy Hour, including NOVENA
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int Thanksgiving, Anniversary of Ordination  
(Fr. Elias)

### Saturday, 4 July / St. Elizabeth of Portugal

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 4.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int Thanksgiving, Anniversary of Ordination  
of Fr. Elias (CWL)

### SUNDAY, 5 JULY / 14-A

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ Parish Feast Day observance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Evelyn, Mom)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Marguerite & George Chachati (Fr. Elias)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Thanksgiving, Guiller Cenizal  
(Dad & Mom)
- 6.30 pm ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
2 Kings 4.8-16; Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 10.37-42

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Amen.

### Pray for the Deceased



The 90,000 victims of the conflict in Myanmar since 2021.

## St. Maria Goretti Feast

Monday, 6 July, is the feastday of the patroness of our parish, **St. Maria Goretti**. We have the privilege in our parish of bringing special attention to this feast in our Masses on 5/6 July:

All Masses: *Sprinkling with Holy Water* for reparation of all acts of sacrilege and desecration;

*Prayer to St. Maria Goretti* after Communion;

*Veneration of the Relic*.

Sunday, 10.30 am: *Liturgical dance* at the Presentation of the Gifts, by the **Children's Choir**.

Sunday, 12.00 pm: *Honour Guard*, by the **Knights of Columbus**.

## Mission Co-op Appeal 19 July

This year, St. Maria Goretti Parish will host **Fr. Wilson Lucka**, currently stationed at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Azle, Texas. Fr. Wilson, from Kerala, belongs to the TOR (*Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi*) congregation.

### A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Felix Christopher** for their gift of the five beautiful flower arrangements from his funeral Mass on 17 January 2026. May God grant him eternal rest.

## COMING UP

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- 6 July Feast of **St. Maria Goretti**
- Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 July Wedding: Rupenthiram & Chauhan (11:00 am)
- 12 July 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *ShareLife Freewill*;  
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 19 July 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Mission Co-Op*
- 26 July 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*
- 3 Aug. Wedding: Pineda & Sambo (10:00 am);  
Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 9 Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Canadian Missions*
- 16 Aug. SUMMER FAIR
- 23 Aug. Wedding: Nagendiram & Antongnanaratnam (10:00 am)
- 29 Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*
- 30 Aug.
- 20 Sept. Sunday School class resumes after Summer break
- 24 Sept. ► Beatification of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen** (St. Louis, USA)  
by **Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle**, delegate of **Pope Leo XIV**
- 25 Sept. ► **Pope Leo** travels to France

# Novena

to St. Maria Goretti  
27 June – 5 July



## How to pray the Novena

This novena was written to mark the first observance of the Feast of St. Maria Goretti after she was canonized on 24 June, during the Holy Year of 1950. The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, who had called her “the modern Saint Agnes,” proposed the Little Maid of Corinaldo as a model for youth.

Select an appropriate time each day to pray the Novena. It may be said privately; or it may be said by a family (perhaps after dinner), or by an extended family, neighbours or group of friends in a host home.

[A] Begin with the *Sign of the Cross* and the *Opening Prayer*.

[B] Pray the *Petition for a Special Favour*.

[C] Each day of the Novena, offer the proper *Daily Prayer*.

[D] Offer one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys* and one *Glory Be*. Add the invocation, “*St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!*” Conclude with the *Sign of the Cross*.

## [A] Sign of the Cross, Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O St. Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God’s grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

## [B] Petition for a Special Favour

Dear Saint Maria Goretti, obtain for us from our Lord victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we earnestly beg of you...

(*here insert your daily intention*).

May we one day enjoy with you the imperishable glory of Heaven. Amen.

## [C] Daily Prayer ✠ 1<sup>st</sup> Day: PURITY June 27

“*There stands out, above everything else, her purity.*”

*Let us pray.* Most lovable little Saint, who valued your purity above any earthly gain, and who sealed this choice with a martyr’s death, obtain for me also a strong love of this virtue, so consoling to the Sacred Heart of JESUS and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The pleasures of the world create many temptations for me. I turn to your powerful intercession in Heaven, so that with this help I may remain ever loyal to GOD, no matter what the price. In danger, inspire me to repeat with you, “No, it is a sin!” Amen.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: OBEDIENCE June 28

“*We see in her life a tender and docile love for her parents, which was at the same time practical and obedient.*”

*Let us pray.* Dear St. Maria Goretti, model of loving obedience to parents, teach me to imitate your example. Help me to overcome all selfish and stubborn pride; draw my parents to you, then lead me to accept their authority as the voice of GOD in my life. Direct me to live aright, and enable me to obey their every wish. Amen.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Day: SELF-DENIAL June 29

“*There was the sacrifice she offered in her daily work.*”

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint Maria! You were ready for the moment of martyrdom because your short life was given over to daily and heroic self-denial. Your great love of the Sacred Heart made all this possible. Teach me to love JESUS and His Blessed Mother, so that I too will be inspired to daily self-denial. I am inclined to pamper myself, to gratify my senses, and to excuse myself from penance. This keeps me from being a true follower of CHRIST. Help me, lovable little martyr, to a sincere practice of self-denial, so that I may be your worthy follower and thus gain Heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Day: CONTENTED LIVING June 30

“*There was Gospel poverty to which she freely submitted.*”

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint! Your days were spent in the filth of the marshes, willingly helping your desperately poor parents and family. Obtain for me the grace to accept my present circumstances in life, no matter how difficult or humiliating they may be. “Just one little drop of water,” was the only request that fell from your parched lips during those last horrible hours of life. How much I demand, how unhappy I am when I cannot have my share of the world’s conveniences!

Teach me by your heroic example to be content with what I have, and to be grateful for the blessings which GOD has showered upon me. Amen.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Day: CONFIDENCE IN GOD July 1

*“She was sustained by her trust in heavenly Providence...”*

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint, I depend a great deal upon the help of my friends in time of trouble or sorrow. I look for their approval in many things that I do, and I am disconsolate and lonely when they desert me. Through your powerful intercession in Heaven, obtain for me the grace to place all my confidence in GOD.

Only by walking constantly in His presence and depending on His help, will I have the courage to stand up for His laws, even though it may mean loss of friends, criticism, and complete removal of worldly comfort. Help me to look for all my strength in Him. Amen.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Day: RESPECT FOR TEACHERS July 2

*“There was her religion to which she firmly held, and which she desired to understand better with each passing day.”*

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint! Help me to obtain greater love of my Faith. I have many GOD-given opportunities to study it, but, sad to say, I neglect them. I am even critical of the priests, brothers, and sisters who offer their lives that I may better know and love my holy religion. Dear saint Maria Goretti, teach me to be thankful for these graces, which you did not have. Make me proud of my Faith and ready to die for it, if GOD should require that of me. Amen.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Day: LOVE OF HOLY COMMUNION July 3

*“There was her longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist.”*

*Let us pray.* Dear little saint, never was JESUS more welcome in a human heart than yours. The great day of First Communion could not come quickly enough. In borrowed clothes, and with head crowned with flowers of the field, you knelt to receive Him into your soul, so rich with purity and love, after months of keen anticipation!

O powerful intercessor with the Lamb of GOD, inflame my soul with your “ardent longing to receive JESUS in the Eucharist.” Obtain for me the grace to put aside laziness and indifference, that I may daily allow myself to be consumed in the “burning Furnace of Charity.” Teach me what true love really is! Amen.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Day: CHARITY TO OTHERS July 4

*“As the crown of her charity, there was the heroic pardon, which she granted to the man who had murdered her.”*

*Let us pray.* Dear little martyr! To the last you followed your beloved JESUS! He, while hanging upon His Cross of suffering, uttered through parched lips, “FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do!” And you upon your bed of pain, burning with fever, forgave your murderer with the words, “I too pardon him...I too wish him to join me in Paradise!”

Grant me the grace, O heroic saint, to be charitable to others! Much of my time is spent on vengeful thoughts, seeking how I may pay back others the harm they have done to me. Teach me to forgive, so that I may not only gain Heaven, but also lead others there, who might otherwise be doomed to Hell. As I follow CHRIST, help me imitate His charity, even as you have done. Amen.

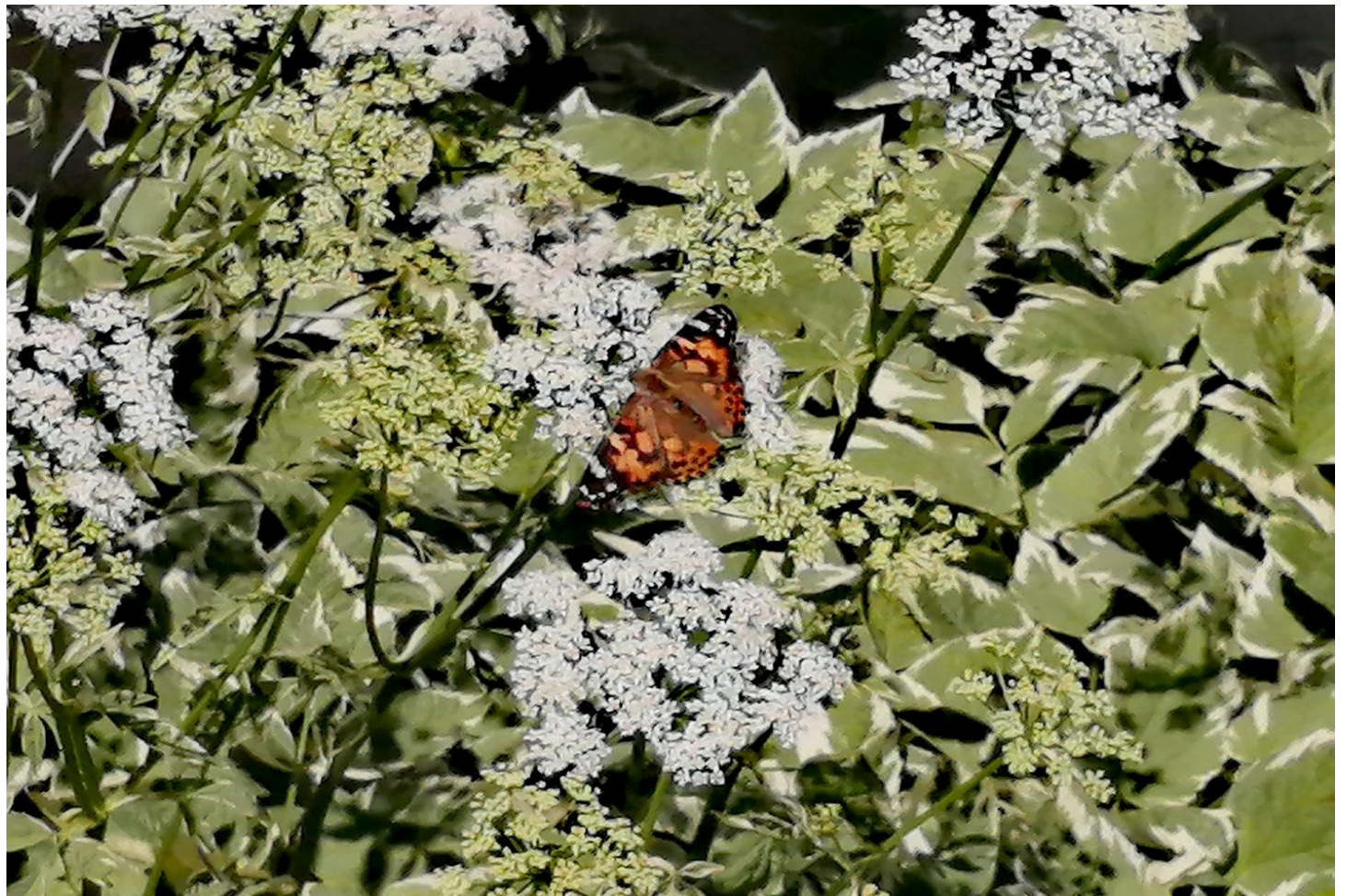
## 9<sup>th</sup> Day: LOVE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER July 5

*“In you...all young people will find safe refuge.”*

*Let us pray.* Dear Saint Maria Goretti! Once again, I turn to you, and beg of you, in the words of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, that “serenity of spirit and deep joy which is the heritage of those who are pure of heart.”

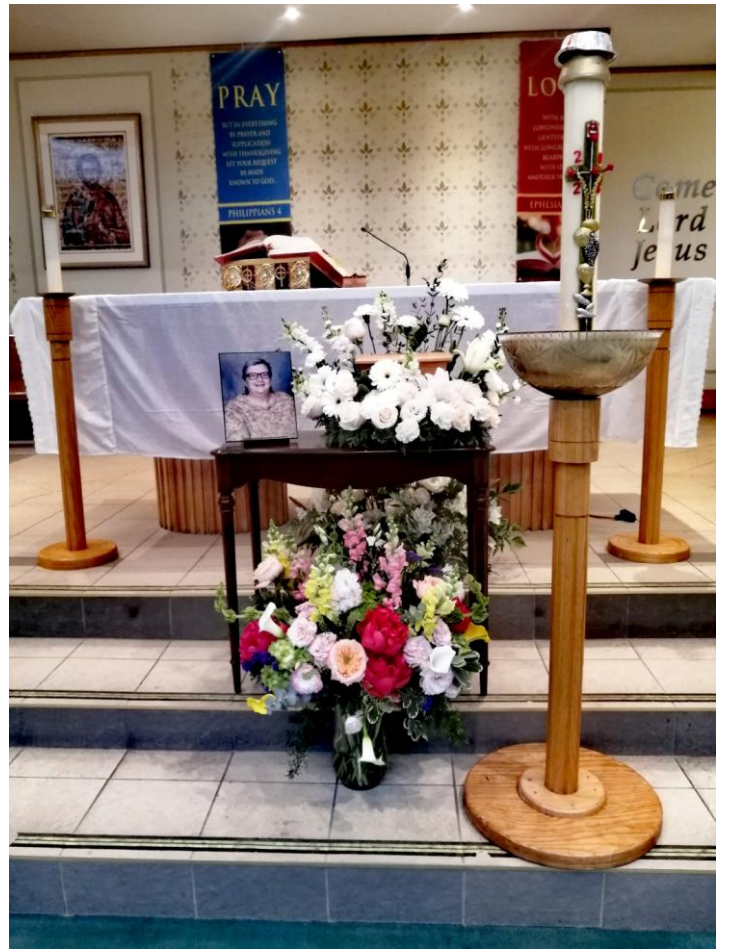
Help me to turn to Our Blessed Lady, confident in the hope that she will take my hand as she did yours and lead me on to Paradise, my heavenly country, there to enjoy with you and Her, the company of GOD the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT for all eternity. Amen.







Funeral Mass for Brenda Bourne,  
St. Bartholomew Church, 12 June.



Honouring Our Lady of Anzano, 13 June.



