



Matthew Kanemy, our new Sunday Seminararian

See the website bulletin for more information on Matthew.

**Saturday, 26 Sept. / Ss. Jean de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests
& Companions, martyrs**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
9.30 am ▶ Linda's Walk (St. Bonaventure Church)
4.30 pm Novena to St. Michael Archangel
5.00 pm Mass: † Ibrahim Murcus (Evelyn Walsh)

SUNDAY, 27 SEPT. / 26-A

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Michael Watson (Ophelia)
10.30 am Mass: † Clara Cruz (family)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 pm Mass: † Tiu Teng Suy & Ramon Ng Tong (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 28 Sept. / St. Lorenzo Ruiz & companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
7.00 pm Mass: † Philomena Pereira (Lillian & friends)

Tuesday, 29 Sept. / Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

- 8.00 am Mass: † Valerie Gibson (Daphne Dias)
7.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)

Wednesday, 30 Sept. / St. Jerome, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ellis Galea (Corine)

Thurs., 1 Oct. / St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor

- *Anniversary of the death of Bishop Michael Power (1847)*
8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)

Friday, 2 Oct. / Holy Guardian Angels

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Antony)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † Tiu Teng Suy & Ramon Ng Tong (family)

Saturday, 3 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Rodas family)

SUNDAY, 4 OCT. / 27-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
■ *2nd Collection: Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation*
■ *▶ Life Chain, 2-3 pm*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Reginald Mendonca (Rebello family)
10.30 am Mass: † Leonardo De Leon (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Nunziato Sidoti (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Ezekiel 18.25-28; Philippians 2.1-11; Matthew 21.28-32

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

George Chuvalo

The **7 victims** of the **fishing boat** that
sank in the **waters** off **Vancouver**.



2nd Collections

27 September, Maintenance

The 2nd collection this Sunday will be to support our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

4 October, Indigenous Healing

This 2nd collection will be to support our diocese in its effort to advance *Indigenous Healing*.

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to support the *Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation* Fund. The collection is part of a national effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this Land. To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$3,100,000.00 million to support projects that focus on:

- Culture and language revitalization
- Education and community building
- Healing and reconciliation for communities
- Dialogue with elders, spiritual leaders & youth



Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his Canadian penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to be engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey.

COMING UP

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- 5 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
10 Oct. Rosary Crusade (10 am)
17 Oct. Memorial Mass: † Salve Turiano (11 am)
Wedding: Villanueva & Joseph (1:30 pm)
2nd Collection: **World Mission**
18 Oct. ▶ Altar Server Awards (St. Isaac Jogues, Pickering) 10 am
24 Oct. Altar Server Novice Installation (5.00 pm Mass)
2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
25 Oct. ▶ Toronto Municipal elections
26 Oct. ▶ Beatification of the **Georgia Martyrs** (Savannah, USA)
by **Cardinal Francis Leo**, delegate of **Pope Leo XIV**
31 Oct. ▶ RENEW TORONTO, conference for Young Adult Catholics
20 Nov. Feast of ST. CECILIA, patroness of Musicians
22 Nov. CWL *Advent Day of Reflection* (2-4 pm)
28 Nov. **1st Sunday of Advent**
29 Nov. CWL Advent Dinner (6.30 pm)
5 Dec. **Christmas**
25 Dec. 25th Anniversary of the Canonization
of **St. Padre Pio** of Pietrelcina
16 June 2027

Fall Fair

4 October
9 am - 2 pm

Don't miss it! Our Parish is holding a FALL FAIR:

Sunday, 4 October, 9 am - 2 pm.

❑ Yard Sale ❑ Multicultural Food Tables

Tables available: \$30 to sell your wares.

Please contact: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.



Sunday School

Parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish will be resuming its *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to listen to the Scriptures and homily. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.

Blessing of Animals 3 October, 4.00 pm

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, the *Blessing of Animals* will be celebrated at 4 pm on Saturday, 3 October, in front of the main entrance. You are welcome to bring beloved pets for this blessing.

Altar Servers

Annual Awards Mass

ST. ISAAC JOGUES
CHURCH, 24 October

This year's Awards Mass will be at 10.00 am on 24 October in Pickering.

The *Installation of Novices* will be held at our 5 pm Mass that day.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

26 Sept. Rite of CANDIDACY:
5.00 pm Mass

Do you want to become Catholic? Do you want to understand your faith better? Adult Catechism classes, also known as R.C.I.A., are held on Fridays from 7:30-9:00 pm.

They are open to those who want to be Baptized, to those who are Christian and not yet Catholic, and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, contact the pastor, **Fr. Edwin**: (416) 261-0076.



R&R Report, 27 September

The next R&R Report will be presented at all Masses on 26/27 September. Some recent finance developments will be explained.

Life Chain

4 October, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer on: *Sunday, 6 October, 2 - 3 pm*. Our assembly location is:

**Danforth Avenue & Victoria Park Avenue,
or Lawrence Avenue & Birchmount Road**



Finance Council 26 September

The next Finance Council meeting will be at: 3.30 pm, 26 Sept. Upcoming *Repair & Renewal* priorities will be reviewed.

Rosary Crusade 10 October, 10 am – 12 noon

Parishioners are invited to join our PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE at 10.00 am on Saturday, 10 October. Mark this in your calendar.

Bundle Up Sunday

27 September

On the weekend of 26/27 Sept., the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will collect gently-used clothing to support the needy. Bring your donation to the Vestibule, and help others in our community.



In Paradise We Shall Wear A Crown

In paradise we shall wear a crown,
after the battle has been won
when every captive soul is set free
and the devil's untimely reign is done.
We shall hear glad stories being told,
pilgrims walking upon streets made of gold.
Our heaven will be such a wonderful sight,
with mansions built for the young and the old.
We shall have fellowship among the saints
and share in their joyful testimonies;
the imagery more than what our mind paints,
so many portraits of life in the heavenly realms.
When life is done, we shall wear a crown
and hear the blessed Saviour say, "Welcome."

Gerry Legister

Welcome to our new Parish Seminarian: Matthew Kanemy

Hello everyone! My name is **Matthew Kanemy**, And I am a Seminarian for the Toronto Archdiocese. I grew up in Holy Family Parish in Whitby, as the second youngest in my family, with four siblings. I love to play and watch sports, and I'm always happy to talk about sports (and about God, of course)!

As I was growing up, my family would go to Church every Sunday. I was active in youth ministry and even started altar serving the day after receiving my First Communion! However, through all this, I never thought of being a Priest. I remember my Pastor taking me to the *Ordinandi Dinner* and asking me if I wanted to be a Priest. At the time, my answer was, "Absolutely not!" I had my own plans and dreams for my life: having a good job and getting married.

Eventually, I went to the University of Waterloo to study computer science, and everything seemed to be going according to my plan. I was getting good grades, completing internships, and was in a relationship. However, I was losing sight of what matters most: my relationship with God. I was so set on my own plans that I never stopped to ask God what He wanted me to do. Despite seemingly having everything I wanted, I became quite unhappy. It wasn't enough.

By God's grace, I found myself doing a Lenten retreat on a prayer app after being gifted a subscription. On it, I was introduced to the *Surrender Prayer*: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You; take care of everything!" I would repeat this prayer over and over again. As I said these words, I experienced a deep conversion. I felt God's love and, for the first time, I asked Him what He wanted me to do with my life. I was immediately given a strong desire to become a priest.

Following this conversion, I began going to daily Mass and adoration, praying the Rosary, becoming involved with the chaplaincy at my university, and actively discerning the priesthood. At every step along the way, I continued to receive confirmation of this calling, and I have never been happier or more fulfilled.

Now I am studying philosophy in my second year at St. Augustine's Seminary, and I have loved every day here. I am so glad to be joining St. Maria Goretti Parish as part of my formation. I'll be coming to the parish roughly three Sundays per month over the course of the academic year. I have heard so many great things about the parish, and I can't wait to be a part of this amazing community and meet all of you!

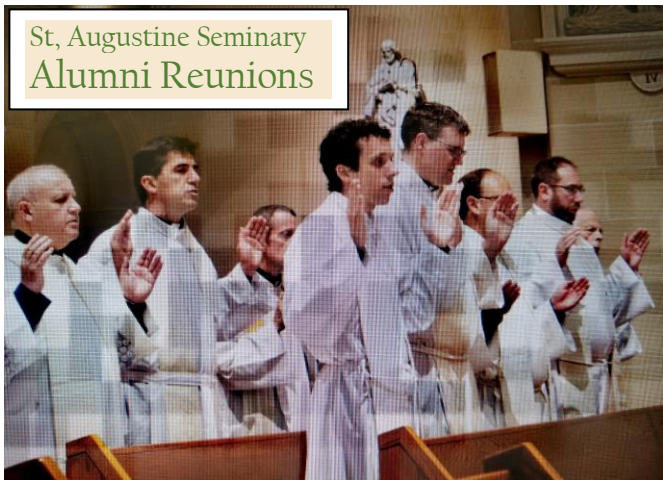
May God bless you!





First day of School !

St, Augustine Seminary
Alumni Reunions



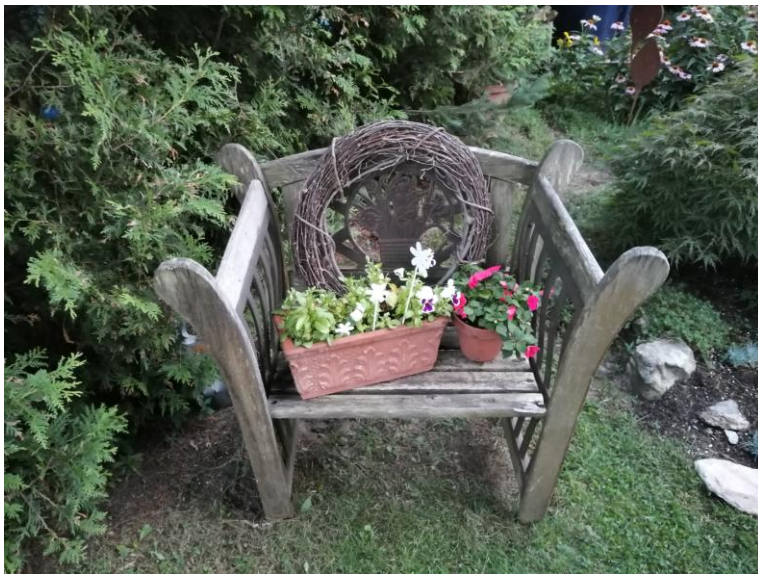


3 Brothers Ordained Priests

Three brothers were ordained Roman Catholic priests on the same day: **8 September 2021**, in the same religious order. **Fr Jessie, Fr Jestonie and Fr Jerson Avenido** were ordained, for the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata (known as *Stigmatines*), an Italian order.

The celebration was conducted by **Bishop José Cabantan** in St. Augustine Cathedral, Cagayán de Oro, Philippines.

Their father is a farmer and security guard, and their mother is a babysitter. They come from very modest backgrounds, but their children have never lacked love.



Rustie's amazing garden on Preston.



