



## Parish Week / Sunday, 4 October 2026

### Saturday, 3 Oct.

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

### SUNDAY, 4 OCT. / 27-A

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation*
- Pinnacle of the **Jubilee Year** of St. Francis of Assisi
- ► 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

### Monday, 5 Oct. / St. Faustina Kowalska, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lim Teng Chang & Lim Sy Eng Chan (family)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Rebello family)  
 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

### Tuesday, 6 Oct. / Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alex King (wife)

### Wednesday, 7 Oct. / Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Anthony & Theresa Fernandes (family)

### Thursday, 8 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom Evelyn)

### Friday, 9 Oct. / St. Denis, *bishop and companions, martyrs*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosario Parco (family)

### Saturday, 10 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)  
 10.00 am Rosary Crusade  
 5.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (Maria)

### SUNDAY, 11 OCT. / 28-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: † Venustiano Ypil (family)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

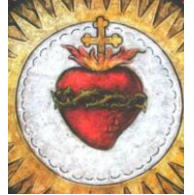
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
 Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 4.6-9; Matthew 21.33-43

*Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Nora Cabrera, Herman Martin, Eldon Rocheleau**

The **33,000** victims of the heat waves that **struck Europe this summer.**



## 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 4 October, *Indigenous Healing*

This 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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| 17 Oct. | Memorial Mass: † Salve Turiano (11 am)<br>Wedding: Villanueva & Joseph (1:30 pm)                                               |
| 18 Oct. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>World Mission</b>                                                                               |
| 24 Oct. | ► Altar Server Awards (St. Isaac Jogues, Pickering) 10 am<br>Altar Server <i>Novice Installation</i> (5.00 pm Mass)            |
| 25 Oct. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Maintenance</b>                                                                                 |
| 26 Oct. | ► Toronto Municipal elections                                                                                                  |
| 31 Oct. | ► Beatification of the <b>Georgia Martyrs</b> (Savannah, USA) by <b>Cardinal Francis Leo</b> , delegate of <b>Pope Leo XIV</b> |
| 14 Nov. | LECTORS REFLECTION, with Deacon Ramon (2-4 pm)                                                                                 |
| 20 Nov. | ► RENEW TORONTO, conference for Young Adult Catholics                                                                          |
| 22 Nov. | Feast of ST. CECILIA, patroness of Musicians                                                                                   |
| 28 Nov. | CWL ADVENT REFLECTION (2-4 pm)                                                                                                 |
| 5 Dec.  | CWL Advent Dinner (6.30 pm)                                                                                                    |
| 25 Dec. | <b>Christmas</b>                                                                                                               |

## 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.

## Sacramental Preparation

### *Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion*

10 am on Saturday

Preparation is held on Saturday morning for the Sacraments of *Reconciliation* and *First Holy Communion* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 2. For details, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

### *Confirmation: Register 10 October*

Registration will be at 10.00 am on 10 October for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for students who are not in our Parish schools. There will be a review of the program, and an explanation of documents required. For details, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

## ShareLife 2026

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

So far, we have raised: \$ 44,936.00  
toward our 2026 goal of: \$ 99,000.00

Our next *ShareLife* collection will be on: **1 November**.

Please donate, and help us reach our goal! Your generosity will help bring compassion and hope to others.



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

*The next group meetings:*

RCIA Adults, 2 & 9 Oct. at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 17 October at 10.00 am.

**Congratulations & Blessings** to all the Candidates who presented themselves at the **CANDIDACY RITE** at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, 26 September. May God continue to guide you in His grace.



### *A Special Gift* VACUUM CLEANER

We thank **Jonas Cancino** and **Emily Bell** for their gift of a vacuum cleaner to help us keep our Church free of dust and other allergens. God bless your consideration!

## 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**



## Rosary Crusade 10 am, 10 October

The Catholic Women's League is holding a PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE at 10 am, Saturday, 10 October, in our parking lot. This event is sponsored by **Canada Needs our Lady**, a work of the *Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization*. Prayer leaders may pray each Hail Mary in their own language. For details, call: **Lillian** 647 909 6425, or **Chita**, 647 883 9138.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

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

23 August

**Brea Elhousse Alibawan  
Luna Althea Ilao-Catapang**

29 August

**Zion Gabriel Mangoagui**

5 September

**Journei Alana Zoe McKenzie  
Liam James Melchor**

9 September

**Ryker Alfonso Mora**

12 September

**Aloysius Cyriel Delos Reyes  
Lorenzo Marcello Garcia  
Eliz Grae Yu**

19 September

**Marcello Nguyen Inductivo  
Kai Alexander Martell  
Ayla Cruz Woods**

26 September

**August Ryan Brown  
Gianna Francesca Tagudin**

# ShareLife

## A letter from Cardinal Leo

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I write with a grateful heart to thank you for your *outstanding* response to the 2025 *ShareLife* Parish Campaign.

Together, our Catholic community raised \$15.6 million to care for those who are struggling across our archdiocese. Never before has our Parish Campaign reached this level, and it is a beautiful testament to the faith, care, and commitment of our community.

I am deeply aware that this generosity was offered in a time of real economic strain. Many families are carrying heavier burdens, feeling the rising cost of daily life, and making careful choices about what they can give. And despite these challenges, you understood the needs around you, including the growing reality of hunger in our communities, and you chose to respond with compassion. That choice matters. It speaks volumes about the kind of Church we are, and the kind of people you are.

Because of you, *ShareLife* has been able to strengthen its response to food insecurity through our Food Security Grants, helping parishes and social agencies provide groceries, meals, and essential support to individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. In neighbourhoods across the archdiocese, your care is reaching people with faithfulness and love, right where it is needed most.

This year is also a meaningful moment in our shared story. In 1976, my esteemed predecessor Archbishop Philip Pocock made a courageous and principled decision to establish *ShareLife* so that the Church could respond faithfully to an array of human needs in a way that is rooted in our Catholic values and our respect for the dignity of every person. That moment of conscience gave birth to a mission that continues to bear fruit today.

As we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *ShareLife*, we give thanks for the faith that has sustained this mission for five decades, and we entrust its future once again to God's grace and to the loving care of our community members.

Thank you for your generous hearts, for your witness, and for your continued participation in the *ShareLife* Parish Campaign. Through you, the Church continues to be present where it is most needed and a beacon of hope and magnanimity. May God's blessings be abundant and powerful in your lives and your loved ones.

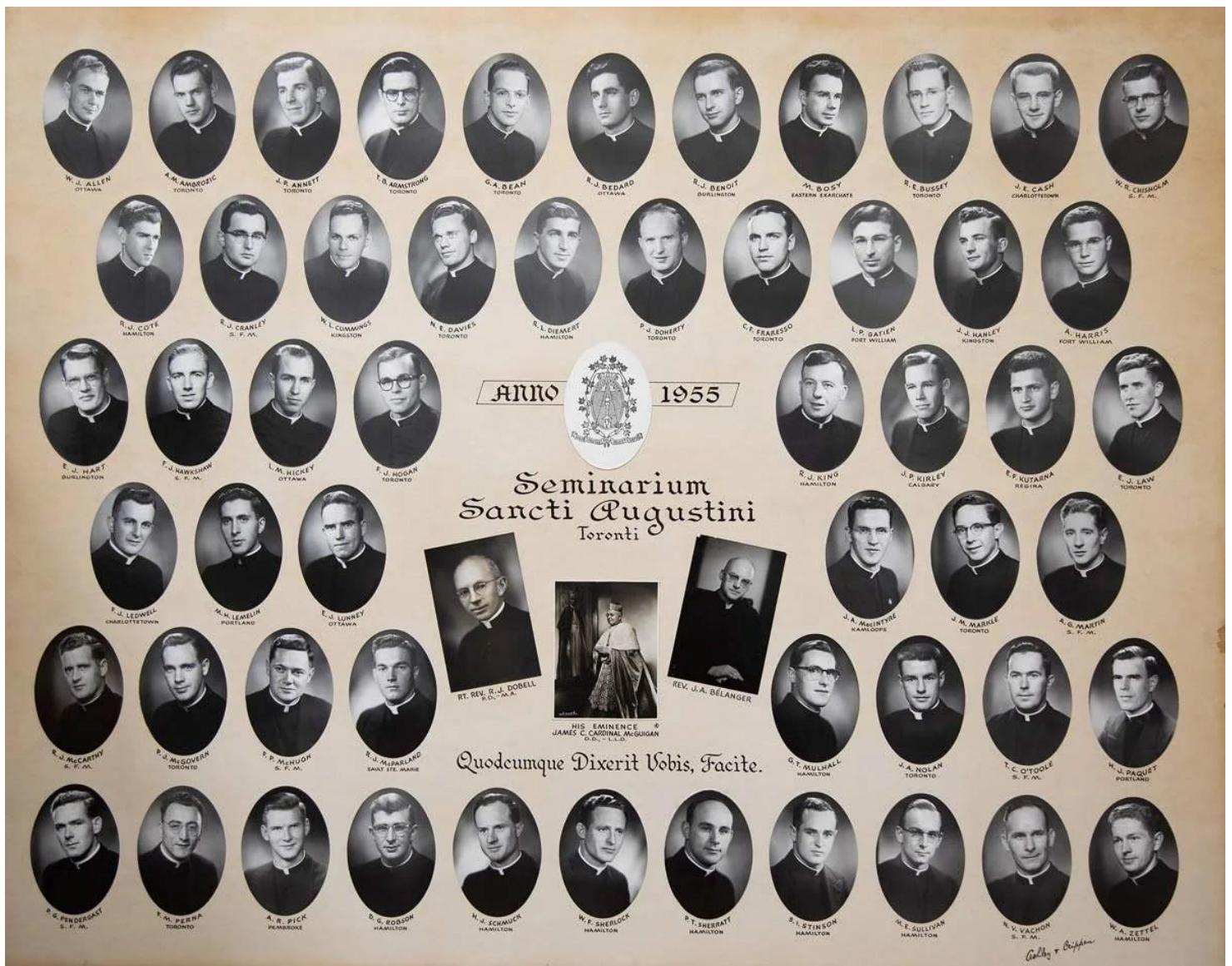
Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,

*Frank Cardinal Leo*

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto







## St. Augustine Seminary, Class of 1955

*l – r* : W.J. Allen, A.M. Ambrozic, J.P. Annett, T.B. Armstrong, G.A. Bean, R.J. Bedard, R.J. Benoit, M.Bosy, R.E. Bussey, J.E. Cash, W.R. Chisholm, R.J. Cote, R.J. Cranley, W.L. Cummings, N.E. Davies, R.L. Diemert, P.J. Doherty, C.F. Fraresso, L.P. Gatien, J.J. Hanley, A.P. Harris, E.J. Hart, F.J. Hawkshaw, L.M. Hickey, F.J. Hogan, R.J. King, J.P. Kirley, E.F. Kutarna, E.J. Law, F.J. Ledwell, M.H. Lemelin, E.J. Lunney, J.A. MacIntyre, J.M. Markle, A.G. Martin, R.J. McCarthy, P.J. McGovern, F.P. McHugh, R.J. McParland, G.T. Mulhall, J.A. Nolan, T.C. O'Toole, H.J. Paquet, P.G. Pendergast, F.M. Perna, A.R. Pick, D.G. Robson, H.J. Schmuck, W.F. Sherlock, S.I. Stinson, M.E. Sullivan, M.V. Vachon, W.A. Zettel

If there was ever an inspirational story about the joy of the priestly life, it would be that of **Fr. Ron Cote**, ordained in 1955 for the Diocese of Hamilton.

*"Looking back 93 years since I was born and the 68 years since I was ordained, I am happy that I am a priest," he says. "I was involved in education as a teacher and principal at a couple of high schools in Hamilton, and I had the privilege of being a pastor for the last 25 years of my active priesthood."*

**Fr. Cote** is part of the Class of 1955 of St. Augustine's Seminary: 55 seminarians, including 11 from the Hamilton Diocese.

*"You must remember I entered the Seminary after World War II," he says. "I watched as people sacrificed their lives for the country. Why couldn't I give my life to the Lord? That was the climate when I entered. Others probably thought the same way I did."*

It's a decision he has never regretted and he is grateful that the challenges he has faced have never outweighed the rewards.

*"Looking back, I would be happy to do the same thing that I've done for the last 68 years if I had to do it over again," he says joyfully. "I think it is a very productive way to live a life. You become part of many families. You become part of many communities. Even when you're retired, you meet people who cherish the days when you were helpful to them in one way or another. There are many rewards to this life, apart from what we hope to receive when our visa in this life on earth expires."*



### 3 Brothers Ordained Priests in Croatia

Three brothers were ordained on 15 June 2024 at the Holy Family Church in Solin, Croatia. The service was conducted by Msgr. Želimir Puljić, the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Split-Makarska.

**Frs. Robert Pudar, Renato Pudar and Marko Pudar** will serve in the Archdiocese, and for the Franciscan province of the Holy Redeemer. The diocese, which was established in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, now has a Catholic population of 440,000. 78 % of Croatians identify as Catholic.

# A Prayer for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis



Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us with the Lord.

In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognized true peace, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders.

In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

2026 marks the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the “*Transitus*” (*passing, death*) of Saint Francis of Assisi. The highlight of the special Jubilee Year

celebrating this occasion is the feast of St. Francis, 4 October, which this year falls on the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time.



The 12<sup>th</sup> century SAN DAMIANO CROSS, a painted icon crucifix hanging in the derelict Chapel of San Damiano, inspired Saint Francis of Assisi to “*rebuild the Church.*”

At first, St. Francis understood this mandate literally. Later, he realized that the Lord was calling him to rebuild the Church *spiritually*, from within.



## The Vatican and Taekwondo

For the first time, the Vatican had an athlete compete at a world Taekwondo championship, developing a sporting identity that connects the Holy See with a much wider mission of encounter, inclusion and peace.

**Diego Di Mattia**, (*standing top in the photo*), a 24-year-old member of *Athletica Vaticana*, represented the Vatican at the World Taekwondo Championships in Chuncheon, South Korea, 16-30 Sept. He made this the first appearance by a Vatican representative at a world championship of this kind.

The partnership between *Athletica Vaticana* and the *Italian Taekwondo Federation* has been developing for some years. *Athletica Vaticana* became a member of the world federation in 2021, and the relationship was highlighted in June, when the international taekwondo community was received by Leo XIV in St Peter Square. During that encounter, World Taekwondo president Chungwon Choue, accompanied by Italian federation president Angelo Cito, awarded the Pope an honorary **10<sup>th</sup> Dan**, the highest honorary rank in the discipline. Cito stressed that the gesture was not intended as a sporting prize. It was presented as a symbolic expression of gratitude from a global community of practitioners in 215 countries to a Pope who has made peace a central element of his public mission.

The symbolism was reinforced by the presence of seven Syrian refugee girls living in the Azraq refugee camp in Jordan. They had been brought to Rome by the Italian federation to participate in activities with other children.





Above: Dany, Dianne & Denise arrive in Bali, 10 Sept.



Imagine you're traveling and opening your passport at the airport and boom!!!..... 🤔🤔🤔

