



Parish Week / Sunday, 28 Sept. 2025

Saturday, 27 Sept. / St. Vincent de Paul, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Annie)
 - RCIA Rite of Candidacy

SUNDAY, 28 SEPT. / 26-C

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Christopher Crasto (Esme)
 11.30 am CWL
 12.00 pm Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (family)
 1.30 pm KOC
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Mon., 29 Sept. / Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

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

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

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Watson (Ophelia)

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

- Anniversary of the death of Bishop Michael Power (1847)
- 8.00 am Mass: † Carmelita J. Ruiz (Rima & Irene)

Thursday, 2 Oct. / Holy Guardian Angels

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Anthony Bastiampillai)

Friday, 3 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rose Usha Biswas (family)
 6.00 pm Holy Hour
 7.00 pm Mass: † Michael de Dombal (SVDP Conference)

Saturday, 4 Oct. / St. Francis of Assisi

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)
 4.00 pm Blessing of Animals
 5.00 pm Mass: † Gerald Pellerin Sr.
 (Staff of St. Maria Goretti School)

SUNDAY, 5 OCT. / 27-C

- Homilists: Fr. Sebamalai Sugunenthiran Croos and Fr. Peter Gitendran (Missionaries)
- Mission Coop Appeal, Trincomalee Diocese, Sri Lanka
- Fall Fair (9 am – 2 pm)

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lim Teng Chay & Lim Sy Eng Chan
 (Go family)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Sabina Mendonca
 on her 100th Birthday (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Ranjit Savundranayagam (Brother)
 2.00 pm ► LIFE CHAIN (2 pm)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Amos 6.1-7; 1 Timothy 6.11-16; Luke 16.19-31

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

Claudio Escalona, Sebastiana Moncada

The 3 victims of the Israeli bomb strike on Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza in July.



Blessing of Animals 4 October, 4.00 pm

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

Feast of St. Michael 29 September

My dear brothers and sisters, the upcoming Feast of St. Michael anchors our spiritual warfare of everyday living and fidelity. Nevertheless, our beloved patron is not a mascot for aggression but a model of adoration and service. In this Jubilee, may St. Michael always teach us to choose praise over complaint, intercession over cynicism, and solidarity over isolation. Under his patronage, may the Archdiocese of Toronto grow as a city on a hill: where the beauty of the Gospel is proclaimed, the sacraments are celebrated, the poor are cherished, and hope rings out above the noise.

Cardinal Francis Leo

2nd Collections

28 September, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 28 September, will be to support our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

5 October, Mission Co-Op, Diocese of Trincomalee

The Diocese of Trincomalee was created on 25 August 1893 along the Eastern coast of Sri Lanka. In 1850, there were five churches with 1,500 Catholics. Homilies were in English and Tamil.

The total population of the region is 1,607,865. Catholics number 78,518, comprising 4.9% of the total. The current bishop is **Christian Noel Emmanuel**, who was born 25 December 1960. He became bishop of Trincomalee on 3 June 2015.

Our missionary preachers this year are **Fr. Peter Gitendran** and **Fr. Sebamalai Sugunenthiran Croos**.

COMING UP

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| 6 Oct. | Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 12 Oct. | Infant Baptism (1.30 pm) |
| 18 Oct. | Wedding: Cadoas – Carmona (3:00 pm) |
| 19 Oct. | 2 nd Collection: World Missions |
| 26 Oct. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenance |
| 3 Nov. | Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 8 Nov. | Wedding: Ylagan – Bermas (1:00 pm) |
| 9 Nov. | Infant Baptism (1.30 pm) |

Fall Fair

5 October
9 am - 2 pm

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

Sunday, 5 October, 9 am - 2 pm.

☐ Yard Sale ☐ Multicultural Food Tables

Tables available: \$25 to sell your wares.
Please contact: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.



ShareLife 2025

Thank you for your support of our 2025 Campaign. So far, we have raised:
\$ 39,607.00 toward our goal of: \$ 75,000.00



ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

This year's *ShareLife* campaign ends in **December**.

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*

Coming Up:

CANDIDACY RITE, 5.00 pm, 27 September.

Parishioners are asked to pray for all the Candidates in our RCIA and RCIC processes, as they prepare for their **Candidacy Rite** at the 5 pm Mass on 27 September. May God bless and guide them.



Sunday School 10.30 am Mass

New Parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish has a *Sunday School for Kids* during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service for children who have not yet made their First Communion, and it gives the parents a chance to listen to the Scriptures and homily.

Kids who want to join the Sunday School should be in the Church before Mass. When Mass begins, they will be called to come up in front of the Altar with their teachers for the Priest's blessing. Afterwards, they will be led to their room for the Sunday School.

The children are taught simple hymns, and they are given a chance to hear the Gospel for that Sunday, to learn some lessons from it, and to take home a picture they can colour.

For more details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



The Knights of Columbus

28 Sept. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting;
Installation will be in October.



LIFE CHAIN ✚ 5 October, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer on: *Sunday, 5 October, 2 - 3 pm*. Our assembly locations are:

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

Altar Servers

ANNUAL AWARDS MASS

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, 18 October

The annual **Altar Server Awards Mass** will be celebrated at 10.00 am on Saturday, 18 October at:
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, Scarborough.



Congratulations to the Servers who were installed at the 12 noon Mass on 21 September:

NOVICES

Rae Diacom, Jeremy Mechery, Athena Reardon

APOSTOLATE

Bernadine Ferolin, Zian Villaruz

May God bless you and your families.

Sacramental Preparation

Catholic Schools: 1st Communion prep starts in September

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Families will be given Information packages to register the students in this process. Family instruction meetings will be held early in the New Year.



Other Schools: Saturday Class start 27 September

Preparation begins on 27 September for *First Holy Communion* for students in other schools. They meet on Saturdays at 10.00 am. For further information, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

Parish Office Update *Envelope Numbers*

Parishioners who are holding the following envelopes numbers, please come to the office after Sunday morning Mass:

435, 610, 762, 828, 895 & 1174

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Bradley Cadaoas & Elizza Carmona
18 October

Joseph Ylagan & Angeline Bermas
8 November

Jordan Chiarelli & Katrina Costo
22 November

Terry Rampersaud & Mary Ann Lumban
20 December

Carl Anthony De Abreu & Fatima Zuleyma Fuentes-Martinez
2026

Hospice nurse shares comments of people in the moments before they die

19 November 2024



When people are faced with death, they experience a variety of emotions and gain a new perspective on their life. Palliative care nurse **Julie McFadden** has revealed the three most common regrets patients share on their death beds. Speaking to surgeon Dr Karan Rajan on his podcast, she said these final discussions tend to centre on what they've taken for granted.

Most common is regretting not appreciating the years they spent in good health. 'The first one I hear all the time is that they regret not appreciating their health while they had it. People say to me, I wish I would have understood how amazing it is to have a working body.

The second regret is people who admit they 'worked too much,' and wish they hadn't worked their life away.

Finally, she revealed that many dying patients have regrets about relationships. She explained people either wish they had maintained certain relationships and friendships, or regret holding grudges.

Many patients also reveal they 'worried too much' about what other people thought.

Dr. Rajan replied to Ms. McFadden's insight with a story of a young patient that made him realise that we are not 'immortal' and we should not take our life for granted. In the clip shared with his 1.5 million followers he said: 'A few years ago, I saw a young woman come in with pancreatitis in her 20s. Within three hours this young woman was in the intensive care unit, then she was intubated, ventilated, and the next day, she passed away. That just made me think, 'Wow, I'm 34. Life can just go in a flash.

'So, yes. Truly, don't take it for granted. We sometimes have this tendency to walk around like we're immortal.'

Ms. McFadden has previously said that 'death can be messy, and not so pretty. People can experience pain, agitation, confusion and an overall chaos.' She offered two strategies to avoid this 'chaos' in the lead-up to dying, whether the person dying is a loved one, or you.

Her number one recommendation is education and 'knowing what to expect, knowing what's normal, what's not normal. After that, it is a matter of having an open dialogue with yourself, with your doctors, with your nurses, with your family, about what you're feeling, what you need, how they can help you.'

If it's your end-of-life journey, it is crucial to be prepared that your final days will be quite different than you're used to. 'You won't be able to do all the things you use to do. Learning this stuff now will help you prepare so it won't feel so chaotic when it's happening, on top of the chaotic nature of what can happen with the body at the end of life.'



The Memorare

*Memorare, O piissima Virgo Maria,
a saeculo non esse auditum,
quemquam ad tua currentem praesidia,
tua implorantem auxilia,
tua petentem suffragia, esse derelictum.
Ego tali animatus confidentia,
ad te, Virgo Virginum, Mater, curro,
ad te venio, coram te gemens peccator assisto.
Noli, Mater Verbi, verba mea despicere;
sed audi propitia et exaudi. Amen.*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.





Blessing

God, our Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a true Sacrament of grace, and a rich symbol of Christ's love for his dear Church. Hear our prayers for all married couples. May their lives bear witness to the reality of your love, and become a sign of your presence for us today.

Through Christ
our Lord.



Rosary Sunday pilgrimage,
Midland, 14 September.







Renovation & upgrading of the St. Maria Goretti School grounds, August 2025





