



Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Focus on the Word

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 45.1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5; Matthew 22.15-21

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Amen

Pray for the Deceased

Monica Camps

The **400** victims of the earthquake in Colombia in August



Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion

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: Follow up orientation, 17 October

Follow up orientation will be at 10.00 am on 17 October for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for students who are not in our Parish schools. For details, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

2nd Collection: 18 October, *World Mission Sunday*

"Here we are, Jesus, ready to serve to the ends of the earth."

On **WORLD MISSION** Sunday, all Catholics are called to celebrate their vocation to be missionaries. On this day, Catholics around the world, here at home and in the Missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. As Jesus requested:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

We are invited to live this Mission as servants of the living Lord. The testimony of our faith in Christ the Redeemer, our hope and our charity provide the greatest service that baptized people can offer, here and to the ends of the earth.

COMING UP

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- 26 Oct. ► Toronto Municipal elections
- 31 Oct. ► Beatification of the **Georgia Martyrs** (Savannah, USA) by **Cardinal Francis Leo**, delegate of **Pope Leo XIV**
- 2 Nov. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 12 Nov. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:30 am);
► St. Albert School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 14 Nov. LECTORS REFLECTION, with Deacon Ramon (2-4 pm)
- 15 Nov. 2nd Collection: **Shepherds' Trust**
- 20 Nov. ► RENEW TORONTO, conference for Young Adult Catholics
- 22 Nov. Feast of St. CECILIA, patroness of Musicians
- 28 Nov. CWL ADVENT REFLECTION, with Deacon Ramon (2-4 pm)
- 29 Nov. **1st Sunday of Advent**
2nd Collection: Maintenance
- 5 Dec. CWL Advent Dinner (6.30 pm)

Parish Week / Sunday, 18 October 2026

Saturday, 17 Oct. / St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 11.00 am Memorial Mass: † Salve Turiano
- 1.30 pm Wedding: Francis Villanueva & Christina Joseph
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Emmanuele Cafiso (Renee Young)

SUNDAY, 18 OCT. / 29-A

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ 2nd Collection: *World Missions*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Douglas Dias (Daphne)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Olga Hall (Corine Maulion)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Sabina Mendonca (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 19 Oct. St. Paul of the Cross, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Crescencia Gomez (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Eddie & Theresa)

Tuesday, 20 Oct. / St. Hedwig, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ramon Gatchalian Sr. (Ophelia)

Wednesday, 21 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Santhiapillai Sebastiapillai (Juliet)

Thursday, 22 Oct. / St. John Paul II, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Malusha Charles (Daphne)
- 9.00 am ► St. Albert School Mass
- 1.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School Mass

Friday, 23 Oct. / St. John of Capistrano, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)

Saturday, 24 Oct. / St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Portia Arriola (family)
- 10.00 am ► Altar Servers Awards Mass (*St. Isaac Jogues Church*)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Rosario Mutuc (family)

SUNDAY, 25 OCT. / 30-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

■ Annual Ministry Sunday

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Maria Subramaniam)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Rayappu Bastiampillai (family)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Cristeta Villanueva)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Ministry Sunday: 25 October

St. Maria Goretti Parish is holding its Annual *Ministry Sunday*. All parish ministries are welcome to have representatives, displays and information about their activity at tables throughout our Vestibule. For further information, call: **Eddie D'Souza**, 416-261-9617.

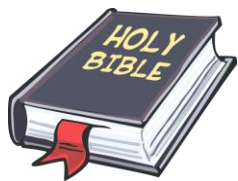
God created each of us with unique gifts, talents, and experiences. Part of our journey towards holiness and ultimately to God is discovering who we are, what gifts we have, and how we can share these gifts with our families & friends, our community, and our world. You are invited to take this opportunity to reflect on the person God created you to be, and the gifts you may have to share.

ShareLife 2026

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

So far, we have raised: \$ 46,191.00
toward our 2026 goal of: \$ 99,000.00

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



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Bible Sponsors wanted

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics? Here's a way for you to let others know how powerful the Bible is!

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* invites parishioners to serve as **Bible Sponsors** for the candidates currently in the process of joining the Church.

At the 5 pm Mass on **24 October**,

Inquirers will have the Rite of Admission to the *Catechumenate*, a period of focused study of the faith. At that time, they will be presented with blessed **Bibles**. For a donation of \$30, parishioners may sponsor one Bible, which will be presented to a qualifying Candidate. For further information on how you can help out, see **Fr. Edwin** after Sunday Mass, or call him: 416-261-0076.

The next group meetings:

RCIA Adults: 16, 23 October at 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 17 October, 7 November at 10.00 am.

Sunday School 10.30 am Mass

New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *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 focus and 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.

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

The Knights of Columbus

18 Oct. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting,
2.00 pm *Installation of Officers*.

Congratulations to the following award winner:
Knight of the Year **Manoj Reddy Gopu**



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.

Our 2026 Award candidates:

Athena Reardon

Jeremy Mechery



Any Servers who would like to attend this Mass are asked to add their names to the *Awards Mass Sign Up* sheet in the Sacristy. All are welcome; we will work on a car pool to take interested Servers. The *Installation of Novices* will be held at our 5 pm Mass that day.

Halloween

Every Halloween (*All Hallows' Eve*), Catholics wonder if it is an acceptable holiday to celebrate. It is important to review the historical aspect of Halloween to determine if participation in the festivities merits our moral approval. Once we realize the origins of Halloween, we find that this is a day to *celebrate*, not to frighten. In that vein, Catholic Christians choose to dress as saints or other characters we admire. Jesus Christ the Savior won the victory over evil when He became Man and dwelt among us.

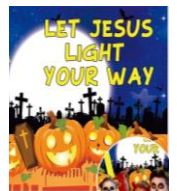
We can consider three days in sequence:

October 31 – **Hallowe'en** (*All Hallows' Eve*) is a time to recall the reality of hell and work through the best ways to avoid it. We remember that there are souls who are not saved, and we vow not to join them. Many Catholics attend Mass today; some parishes add an evening Mass to their schedule.

November 1 – **All Saints Day**. We honor the *Church Triumphant* on this day by recalling our great Saints, as well as the many saints who are not canonized and are not commonly known.

November 2 – **All Souls Day**. We remember to pray for the *Church Suffering* – the souls of the dead who are in Purgatory. Remembering our deceased loved ones and having a Mass said for them is a Corporal Work of Mercy.

If it is done with an eye toward faith, Hallowe'en can be an enjoyable and faith-filled holiday for your family. It offers an opportunity to teach children to protect themselves from all things occult. Remind others of the power of the *Holy Name of Jesus*, *sacramentals*, and prayers such as the *St. Michael Prayer*. And do not forget to pray for the intercession of the Saints – that those who do not know Jesus will come to know His love and mercy. He is the God-Man, Who loved us so much that He allowed Himself to suffer and die for our salvation!



Sunday School Kids and
Facilitators, 27 September.



Noel and Maria prepare for their 25th Anniversary.



Altar Servers and Seminarian Matthew
after the 12 Noon Mass on 27 September.



Barbara, Lillian and Vivian, 6 October



Life Chain 2026



SVDP Bundle Sunday pickup, 28 September.





Mount Saint Patrick, Ontario



