



# Parish Week

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
From The mouth of God.

Sunday, 27 Mar. 2022

## Saturday, 26 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (FOSS)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Lorenzo Jr. Merin  
(Gina & Glenn Arroyo)

## SUNDAY, 27 MAR. / LENT 4-C / *SHARELIFE*

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Share Life

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Justino Rodas 1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (Helen)
- 1.30 pm Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 28 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Virginia Tabat)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Maria Wong Shi & Erlinda Go Te  
(Emilio Go & family)

## Tuesday, 29 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mr. & Mrs. J. Gonsalves (Christine Martin)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Philomena Chen (friends)

## Wednesday, 30 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Jerry Nielsen (Deb Paciej)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Joven family)

## Thursday, 31 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ellis Galea (Corine Maulion)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosina Tassone (Christine Bertucci)

## Friday, 1 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Willie Manning (Michael Ruocco)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lorenzo Sr. & Hector Merin  
(Gina & Glenn Arroyo)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Greeters & Euch. Ministers)
- 8.00 pm RCIA

## Saturday, 2 Apr. / St. Francesco di Paola, *hermit*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lumina Dominguez (daughter)
- 10.00 am RCIA
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

## SUNDAY, 3 APR. / LENT 5-C

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Alford Williams (Samanthi)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Holy Souls Lemos family (Thomas & Sally)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving & Special Intentions  
(Dominic & Anita)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# Focus on the Word

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C

Joshua 5.9-12; 2 Corinthians 5.17-21; Luke 15.1-32

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Amen.

## Pray for the Deceased

Adelina D'Alessio, Renz Salarda

The 21 victims of the Spanish fishing boat tragedy off the coast of Newfoundland



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 27 March, ShareLife

On 27 March, *ShareLife* Sunday, the second collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

## Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

## Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations of the Cross* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The remaining Facilitators for 2022 will be:

- April 8 **Knights of Columbus**
- 15 **Lectors**



## Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (3 April). Kindly place them in the *palm bin* in the Vestibule.

## COMING UP

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- 4 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

10 Apr. **Palm Sunday:** *Holy Week* begins

14 Apr. **Holy Thursday:** *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;*  
- Adoration until midnight

15 Apr. **Good Friday:** *The Passion of Our Lord*

17 Apr. **Easter Sunday:** *Resurrection of Our Lord;*  
2 Collections: (a) *Offertory*; (b) *Easter*

22 Apr. Wedding: Jefferson – Richein (1:00 pm)

23 Apr. Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)

24 Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

For more information on Parish activities, such as the schedule of upcoming **Sacramental** celebrations, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

# ShareLife 2022



Soon we will be launching our 2022 *ShareLife* Campaign. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages!

This week is *ShareLife* Sunday. Our parish goal this year is: \$42,000.00

As we submit our gift this Sunday, please consider your ability to contribute to our parish campaign this year.

The pandemic placed many agencies funded by *ShareLife* under stress as they continue to support the needs of clients.

Please deposit your *ShareLife* envelope in the collection basket. If you cannot come to Mass, you can make your donation online via the parish website. On the homepage, choose "Donate" at the right end of the selection bar, and follow the prompts from there.

Monthly giving is also a convenient way to spread your *ShareLife* contribution throughout the year.

However you can give, and whatever you can give, please give generously to *ShareLife*. The needs are great.

We thank you for your faithful support!

## ShareLife Committee

Next *ShareLife* Committee meeting: 12 pm, Saturday, 26 March (the day before *ShareLife* Sunday).

## Giving to reach our Parish Goal

**Our parish goal for 2022 is:** \$ **42,000.00**

### BY WAY OF COMPARISON:

1 liter of gasoline	\$	1.80
1 barrel of crude oil (158.978 liters)	\$	118.00
Swarovski crystal bath tub for your pet	\$	39,000.00
Hermes Birkin Ginza diamond handbag	\$	1,900,000.00

### SPORTS CONTRACTS:

George Springer ( <i>Blue Jays</i> , 2021-27)	\$	150,000,000.00
Lionel Messi ( <i>FC Barcelona</i> , 2017-21)	\$	373,919,000.00

### PERSONAL WEALTH (October 2021)

Peter Gilgan (Canada)	\$	3,500,000,000.00
James K. Irving (Canada)	\$	6,970,000,000.00
Galen Weston (Canada)	\$	8,700,000,000.00
Hassanal Bolkiah, Sultan of Brunei	\$	28,000,000,000.00
Alexey Mordashov (Russia)	\$	29,100,000,000.00
Maha Vajiralongkorn, King of Thailand	\$	42,100,000,000.00
Changpeng Zhao (Canada)	\$	88,200,000,000.00
Warren Buffett (USA)	\$	102,000,000,000.00
Bill Gates (USA)	\$	130,000,000,000.00
Elon Musk (USA)	\$	212,000,000,000.00

### TOTAL STOLEN FROM WALL STREET

INVESTORS by Bernie Madoff	\$	64,000,000,000.00
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### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCTION (2021)

Burundi	\$	3,244,000,000.00
Sri Lanka	\$	84,532,000,000.00
Philippines	\$	402,000,000,000.00
Russia	\$	1,710,000,000,000.00
China	\$	16,642,000,000,000.00
USA	\$	22,675,000,000,000.00

# Sacramental Preparation

We continue with the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for those who received Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in 2021. This is in conjunction with the formal preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> **Holy Communion** & **Confirmation** for students now in Grades 2 & 7.

The *Presentation* videos are on line, along with the accompanying family guide texts. The next scheduled celebrations are:

- April 6 St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> **Reconciliation**
- May 1 St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> **Communion**
- 5 St. Maria Goretti School **Confirmation**

## RCIA, RCIC



*Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children*

Please remember in your prayers the Adults and Youth who received Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 19 March:

*Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist*

Su, Ruanqing **Margaret**

*Baptism and the Eucharist*

Su, Lawrence **Leo**

*Confirmation*

Palma, **Richard**

Tablada, Rafael Alejandro **Gabriel**

The next Initiation will be at the Easter Vigil.

The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm. The parallel RCIC process for the Youth meets Saturday mornings. Their next meetings are

RCIA Adults, 1 April, following the 7.00 pm Mass and the *Stations of the Cross*;

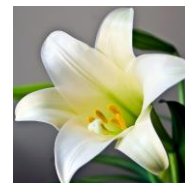
RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 2 April.

## A Special Gift ICE SALT

Our Parish gratefully thanks the **Mia Flores** for her donation of a generous supply of ice salt to keep our pathways clear and safe. Your kindness is appreciated.

## Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



## Stewardship 2021 Receipts, 2022 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2021 are in the Vestibule, as are the 2022 envelopes. Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your faithful weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.



## Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine, 25 March 2022 Pope Francis, St. Peter Basilica, Vatican

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns.

We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home.

We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves.

Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life.

He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love. We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children.

In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?” You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: “They have no wine”. Now, O Mother, repeat those words, for today we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.  
Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God’s peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and native land. May your Sorrowful

Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: “Behold your son” (Jn 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: “Behold, your Mother” (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.

At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ.

The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. Through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat”, on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope”, water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.



Above: The Book of the Elect (the names of the RCIA and RCIC candidates, presented at the Rite of Election) displayed during Lent.

# Sacramental Preparation

The Sacramental Preparation programs are now underway in our Parish Schools.

The next scheduled celebrations are:

## April

- 6 St. Maria Goretti School  
1<sup>st</sup> **Reconciliation**, 9.30 am

## May

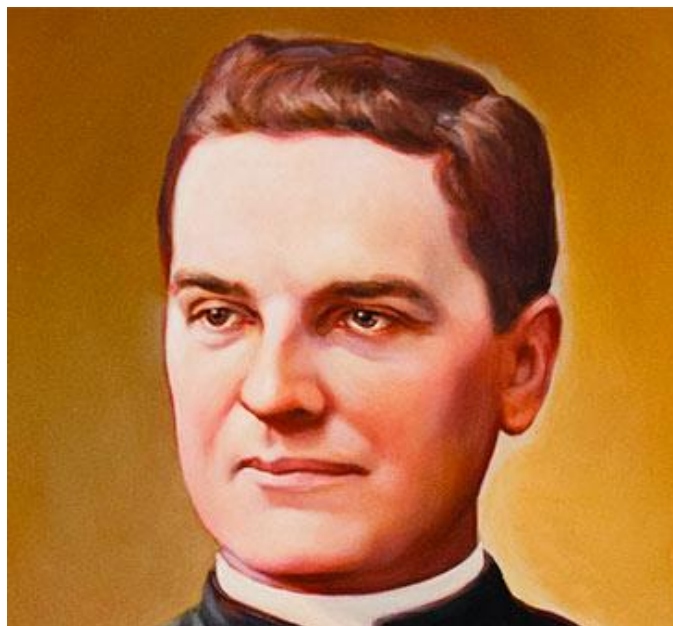
- 1 St. Maria Goretti School  
1<sup>st</sup> **Holy Communion Mass**, 2.30 pm
- 5 St. Maria Goretti School  
**Confirmation Mass**, 7.00 pm
- 14 St. Albert the Great School  
1<sup>st</sup> **Holy Communion Mass**, 2.00 pm
- 19 St. Albert the Great School  
**Confirmation Mass**, 7.00 pm

Thanks to all families who submitted the registration forms for 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION students of **St Albert the Great School**. Late registrations may be submitted at Mass until 2 April; see the pastor, **Fr. Edwin**.

CONFIRMATION for students who are not in our Parish Schools will go ahead this Spring. Families may now contact **Fr. Edwin** after any Sunday Mass to enroll Candidates who are in Grade 7 (or above, due to the pandemic). Preparation will begin immediately, so the Sacrament can be celebrated before the Summer.



Students of **St. Albert the Great School** receive a Blessing after submitting their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion registration forms at Mass.



## Knights of Columbus 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding

On Tuesday, **29 March 29, 2022**, the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will celebrate Founder's Day, marking the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reception of its charter from the state of Connecticut. Knights of Columbus councils around the world will join in this commemoration of 140 years of service, faith and fraternity.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by **Father Michael J. McGivney**, curate at St. Mary parish in New Haven, Connecticut, and a group of Catholic laymen. The organization received its charter from the state of Connecticut on 29 March 1882. In forming the Knights, Father McGivney hoped to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual support, and establish an elementary system of insurance so that the widows and children of deceased members of the group would not find themselves financially stressed.

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world.

In his **APOSTOLIC LETTER**, read at the *Beatification Mass* on 31 October 2020, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." The Holy Father set his annual feast day for 13 August.



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