

Parish Week

Easter Sunday
17 April 2022

HOLY SATURDAY, 16 Apr.

■ *Birthday of Pope Benedict XVI (1927)*

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy (Pro Populo)
- RCIA Initiation into Church

EASTER SUNDAY, 17 Apr. / *The Resurrection of the Lord*

■ *Homilist: Elias Chachati*

■ *Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter*

9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (Friends & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Enrico Serneo (Helen)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 18 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Evelyn Dungo)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Dominic Dias (Anita)

Tuesday, 19 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Rose Savitimuuyhu (Michael Ruocco)

Wednesday, 20 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Erma Fernando (Christa Hahn)

Thursday, 21 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Dorothy D'Souza
(children, grandchildren & great grandchild)

Friday, 22 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Paul & Mary Galea (Corine Maulion)

Saturday, 23 Apr. / *St. George, martyr*

8.00 am Mass: Int. Brigitta Wagner (Christa Hahn)
1.00 pm Wedding: John Paul Belen & Vanessa Albino
5.00 pm Mass: † Raquel Lim Salientes (family)

SUNDAY, 24 APR. / EASTER 2-C / DIVINE MERCY

■ *Homilis: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for Healing (Ludy Ganigan)
10.30 am Mass: † Lea Abi Najem (Amalia Haddad)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Special intention (Lyli)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Focus on the Word

Easter Sunday, Year C

Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Jean Munro

The **200 victims** of the **attack by Fulani herdsmen** in **Zamfara State, Nigeria**

Upcoming Collections

17 April: Offertory and Easter

On 17 April, the 1st collection is for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*. The 2nd collection, after Communion, is for the *Easter Sunday* collection for our special Church needs.

24 April: Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 24 Apr., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

1 May: ShareLife

On 1 May, the second collection will be the 2nd Offering 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.

COMING UP

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1 May *ShareLife* Collection (2nd Offering);
- St. Maria Goretti School, 1st Holy Communion Mass (2.30 pm)
2 May Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
5 May St. Maria Goretti School, Confirmation Mass (7.00 pm)
8 May Mother's Day;
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
11 May Wedding: Camigo - Dos Remedios (2.00 pm);
- Evening of Adoration, sponsored by the
Toronto Archdiocese OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH (7 – 10 pm)
14 May Wedding: Newton - Amalrajah (11:30 am);
- St. Albert School, 1st Holy Communion Mass (2.00 pm)
15 May SVP *Bundle Up* Weekend
19 May St. Albert School, Confirmation Mass (7.00 pm)
21 May Wedding: Andres - Dela Cruz (1:00 pm)
22 May 2nd Collection: *Pope's Works*
29 May 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

Website 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

Our 2022 *ShareLife* Campaign is underway. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by bringing the hands of Christ to those in need. It is making a difference.

Our Archbishop, Cardinal Collins, tells us:

“Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues.

Agencies funded by *ShareLife* have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve.”

Since our first *ShareLife* collection on 27 March, our parishioners have contributed generously toward our goal of: \$42,000.00.

Thank you for your faithful support! Please give generously. The next *ShareLife* Sunday is 1 May.

Sacramental Preparation

We continue with the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for those who received Confirmation and 1st Communion in 2021. This is in conjunction with the formal preparation for **1st 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:

- May 1 St. Maria Goretti School 1st **Communion**
5 St. Maria Goretti School **Confirmation**
14 St. Albert the Great School
1st **Holy Communion Mass**, 2.00 pm
19 St. Albert the Great School
Confirmation Mass, 7.00 pm

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation at the 7 pm Easter Vigil on 16 April, and the Youth at 5 pm on 23 April.

The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the parallel RCIC process for the Youth meets Saturday mornings.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 22 April, 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 23 April, which is the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5.00 pm Mass.

A Special Gift CRUCIFIX

Our Parish thanks **Antony Selvarajah** for his kind donation of a CRUCIFIX for use in our Liturgies. Your gift is appreciated.

Pastor's Easter Message



“We are an Easter People; Alleluia is our song.”

This declaration was made almost 15 centuries ago by St. Augustine as an expression of Easter joy. But living our joy and enunciating our faith in Jesus' resurrection in our day-to-day existence is a big challenge. Ignacio Ellacuria (one of the Jesuits who were murdered for the faith in El Salvador on 16 November 1989) spoke of the importance of following Jesus by “living as already risen beings.”

The resurrection of Jesus in history means that we can continue to hope in a world grown dim with despair. In raising Jesus, God liberated an innocent, unveiled the injustices done against him and crowned his sacrificial death with victory and life. To live as risen beings in history is to share in all that God has done in Jesus for us.

*I extend to you and your families a sincere Happy Easter from myself, **Fr. Elias Chachati, Deacon Ramon Villardo**, and all who make up our Ministry Team at St. Maria Goretti Parish. May the peace of the Risen Lord always be with you.*

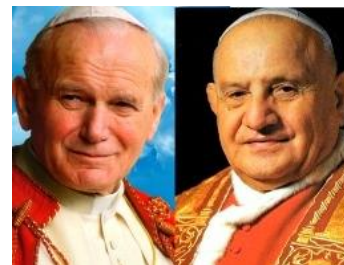
Fr. Edwin Galea, *Pastor*

Fr. Elias Chachati, *Associate*

Rev. Mr. Ramon Villardo, *Deacon*

Our Friends

Let us pray for the intercession of **Saint Pope John XXIII** and **Saint John Paul II**, who were canonized on 27 April 2014. Pope John XXIII died 3 June 1963; Pope John Paul II died 2 April 2005. May their powerful intercession guide us daily.



Pope Benedict:

95th Birthday, 16 April

Let us remember in our prayers today **Pope Benedict XVI**, who celebrates his 95th birthday on Holy Saturday, 16 April. May God continue to protect him and bless his prayer for the Church.

Remembering the Parish in your Will

Your parish has been there for you and your family during the most important moments of your lives. Make sure your Catholic community is active and alive for years to come.

Please consider your Parish in your *will* or through a *planned gift*. A Bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that will help the Church continue to serve future families with its many ministries.

Celebrating the grace and peace of Reconciliation

God is Always Ready to Forgive You

Jesus teaches that when we have sinned, we should always return to God our Father because God never stops loving us. Many times during his life, Jesus forgave people who had sinned. He asked them to return to God's Law of Love.

Jesus was very kind to sinners. He welcomed them with so much love that many people were very surprised. God our Father acts in the same way with us. God even gives us a special sign of forgiveness. It is the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

GOD GIVES YOU PEACE

Everyone wants to be happy and get along with others. We all like to feel peaceful and happy. That's what God wants for us, too. This is God's great dream, the dream that Jesus came to tell us about: "Stay close to God and God's plan for you, and you will have peace and joy in your life."



But sometimes things happen and we turn away from God's love. Whether we are children or grown-ups, we may do or say things to others that cause them pain.

- ▶ We cheat or we lie.
- ▶ We disobey our parents or teachers.
- ▶ We hurt other people's feelings.

To say this in another way, we choose to *sin*.

God Invites You To Change

It's true. We all do bad things sometimes and we need to be forgiven. Think of a time when someone you love forgave you.

God forgives us with love when we are truly sorry for our sins. He wants us to change the way we treat others.

GOD ALWAYS GUIDES YOU

Did you know? God has placed a small voice inside you that helps you know what is right or wrong. This voice is called your **Conscience**. In the Bible, God gives us rules that help your conscience to make good choices. These are called the Ten Commandments. You can learn them.

The Ten Commandments

1. Love God with all your heart.
You shall honor no other God but me.
2. Do not curse or swear.
You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.
3. Remember that Sunday is a holy day.
Remember to keep holy the Sabbath.
4. Love and respect your parents.
Honour your father and mother.
5. Do not kill another person.
You shall not kill.
6. Be a good and faithful husband / wife.
You shall not commit adultery.
7. Do not steal from others.
You shall not steal.
8. Do not tell lies.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. Do not be jealous of other families.
You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. Respect your neighbor and all that is theirs.
You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.



We Remember our Instructions for First Holy Communion

[1] WE WALK WITH JESUS

Your family celebrates special occasions. So do your friends at Church – they enjoy celebrations. The Church celebrates feast days like CHRISTMAS and EASTER, and special occasions like your BAPTISM and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

A Day to Remember

After Jesus died on the Cross on Good Friday, Peter, Andrew, and all the followers of Jesus gathered together in a room. They were very sad. Jesus was their best friend. He taught them about God’s Law of Love and he showed them how to live it.

Suddenly, some women ran into the room. Early that morning, before sunrise, they had gone to the tomb where Jesus was buried. Now they had some incredible news.

The tomb was empty! Then they remembered the words of Jesus: “ON THE THIRD DAY, I WILL RISE AGAIN.” They were so happy! Jesus was risen, just as he had told them.

Imagine yourself in the place of Peter. He was sad when Jesus died on the cross, but now was filled with joy. Can you remember a time when you were so happy you could hardly speak? It must have been like that for Peter and the others.

A Meal to Remember

A new life began for the friends of Jesus. Jesus had died on the Cross, but God the Father raised him to new life. His friends often talked together about all that Jesus had done and said. They remembered his Last Supper with them, and the beautiful words he spoke came back to them.

Imagine yourself at the table with Jesus and his friends. Put yourself among the Apostles. What would you have said to Jesus about his incredible words? What do you think he meant?

The Church Teaches:

Jesus is really and truly present in Communion.

He gives us his body and blood.

Adapted for children from Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #1375)

At the end of the meal, Jesus said: “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.” From then on, when his followers shared the bread and wine, they remembered Jesus, and he was there with them.

Just as Jesus asked, his followers soon began to gather every Sunday, the day of the Resurrection, in memory of him. For them, every Sunday was like celebrating Easter all over again.

At first his followers met in private homes. But soon there were many new members, so they had to move to larger spaces. They began to build Churches where they could praise and worship God and share their faith and love in memory of Jesus.

Your Parish Church

The people in your parish, which is the Christian community in your neighbourhood, gather every Sunday just as Christians have done since the time of Jesus. When you attend and celebrate Mass with your family, your neighbours, and with everyone who is part of your parish family, Jesus is truly there with you.

Your parish church is the place where you will celebrate your First Holy Communion.

WE LEARN ABOUT THE MASS

When you go to **Mass**, also called the *Lord’s Supper*, or the celebration of the *Eucharist*, you look, you listen, you sing, and you make gestures. You watch what the Priest does as he leads the people in prayer. But it is *all of us together* who celebrate the Eucharist. The two main parts of the Mass are the

Liturgy of the Word
and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.

[2] WE GATHER FOR THE MASS

We are a Family

When we come to Mass, we join Catholics all over the world in worship. We sing, we make gestures, we stand and kneel. We pray the same prayers in many different languages. We ask God to take care of the poor and the suffering. We gather in memory of Jesus. We are blessed to be called to the Lord's Table!



We Share Greetings

When you enter the Church, the Priest and Greeters say *hello* to you to make you feel welcome. People greet one another as they gather. You should greet those around you before Mass begins.

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest greets everyone, saying:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.**

Everyone answers: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: *“Let us call to mind our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.”*

DID YOU KNOW?

You are invited to say the Mass prayers in a loud, clear voice.

The Mass has been the most important prayer of Christians for over two thousand years.

It is a custom in the Church for the priest to wear special garments called *vestments* at Mass. They remind us of what Jesus and the Apostles wore when they celebrated the Last Supper.

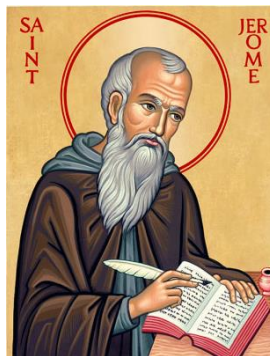
During Mass, when the Priest says, “The Lord be with you,” what do you answer?

Answer: *And with your spirit.*

It is our wish to be united in our time of prayer.

[3] WE SHARE GOD'S WORD

At Mass, a person called a LECTOR or READER proclaims words from the Bible. The Bible is a very special book that tells about God's great love for us. It also tells about people who lived long ago and who had great faith in God. When we read or hear stories from the Bible, we are learning the history of Jesus. This history becomes *our story* because we are the followers of Jesus.



The Bible

✠ Old Testament

The Pentateuch

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus,
Numbers, Deuteronomy

Historical books

Joshua, Judges, Ruth,
1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra,
Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 & 2 Maccabees

Wisdom books

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes,
Song of Solomon, Wisdom, Sirach

Prophetic books

Major - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
Minor - Lamentations, Baruch, Hosea, Joel, Amos,
Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah,
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

✠ New Testament

The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Historical book: Acts

Pauline Epistles:

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians,
Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians,
1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews

General Epistles:

James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude

The Book of Revelation

For God so love the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life. [*John 3.16*]

[4] THE MASS IS A SPECIAL GIFT



Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood at the Last Supper

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22

¹ Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, called the *Passover*, was near. ² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed.

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in memory of me.”

²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT

Keep holy the Lord’s Day. **“Do this in memory of me.”**

Every Sabbath, we gather to honour God. The Christian Sabbath is **Sunday**, the day of the Resurrection.



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics

Catholics fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat his body and drink his blood. To be properly disposed to receive his Communion, communicants are expected to:

- be free of grave sin;*
- fast for an hour prior to Mass;*
- strive to live in charity and love with their neighbours.*

Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, which Jesus gave to the Church as a way in which we can respond to our call to conversion and repentance.

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all, since it strengthens us in our journey with our brothers and sisters in faith.

For Catechumens

Those who are preparing to become members of the Church may attend Mass with other members of the *Catechumenate* group. At any Mass when there is a formal gathering of Catechumens, they are dismissed after the homily, and they continue their prayer separately from the believing assembly.

If Catechumens attend a Mass without a dismissal, they may approach the altar at Communion, and seek a blessing by crossing their hands over their heart, and saying, “A *Blessing, Father*,” or, “A *Blessing please*.”

The Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshiping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

Entrance Procession: The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

Greeting: The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

Penitential Rite: Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

Gloria: We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

Collect: With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

Psalm: The Cantor leads as we praise God.

Second Reading: This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

Gospel: While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to....” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

Creed: In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

Intercessions: In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts: Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1st Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Prayer: The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

Sanctus: After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

Last Supper Narrative: The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

Doxology, Great Amen: The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

Lord’s Prayer: We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

Breaking of Bread: The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

Communion: The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

CONCLUDING RITE

The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.

Prayer after Communion: The closing prayer of Mass.

Announcements: Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

Blessing and Dismissal: The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

First Holy Communion

Guidelines for May 2022, after the pandemic delay

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion** for the Grade 2 students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament in Easter Season this year. The Parish has four groups of First Communicants: (a) St. Albert School; (b) St. Maria Goretti School; (c) the Saturday Class for students in other schools; (d) the RCIC.

The pandemic restrictions made it necessary to modify procedures. Please read the following.

(1) REVIEW MATERIAL for 1st Communion will be provided on line through video presentations that can be found at the bottom of the home page of the parish website. Each presentation has a Family Guide so that Candidates and their families can follow and reflect on the material, and use it for prayer and personal preparation for the day of First Holy Communion.

(2) REVIEW *How to dress?* The Toronto Archdiocese does not have a “mandatory” dress code for First Communion Candidates. The universal expectation is that, for such an important occasion, **Candidates** should wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. It is recommended that the Candidates incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white dress for girls, a white shirt for boys, etc.) as a reminder of their Baptism. Boys may wear a suit, or a formal or semi-formal jacket with complementary trousers. Girls may simply wear a white dress. Parents should be mindful that the children’s clothing should not be heavy. It is also suggested that **Family members** and invited friends avoid clothing with garish or bold

colour patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and stick to simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass, and in the photos taken afterward. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidate and the Holy Sacrament received from the Altar, which Jesus gives as the Food of Life to nourish us through our pilgrimage through this world to the Father’s Kingdom.

(3) The current schedule does not allow for REHEARSALS, so pay attention to the directions given at Church. Candidates sit with their families and will approach the Sanctuary to one of the designated Communion stations.

(4) The CHURCH WILL BE OPEN one hour before the Mass. Candidates and their families should arrive 40 – 30 minutes before Mass to *sign in*, and take their place in the designated sections in the pews. The facilitators will distribute bulletins and other materials to help the faithful follow the Mass.

(5) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) At the time when the Candidates receive their Holy Communion, they approach the Altar with their families.

