



## Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 22 May 2022

**Saturday, 21 May / St. Eugene De Mazenod;  
St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, & Companions, martyrs**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Galea family, on Birthdays (Pauline)
- 10:00 am Memorial Mass: † Josephine Khashmanian
- 1.00 pm Wedding: Ron Andres & Apple Joy Delacruz
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Shoba Ryan)

### SUNDAY, 22 MAY / EASTER 6-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (friends & family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Alexander D'Souza (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Clive Francis Fernandez (Mary Joseph)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday 23 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Joseph & Veronica Martin (Christine)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rodan Paguirigan (wife & children)

### Tuesday, 24 May / Bl. Louis-Zephirin

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Jane Abraham (Esme D'Mello)

### Wednesday, 25 May / St. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

### Thursday, 26 May / St. Philip Neri, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alford Williams (Carol Morra)

### Friday, 27 May / St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Camila Maulion (Corine)

### Saturday, 28 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vivienne Bowden (Christine Martin)
- 10:30 am 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – Josephine & Francis  
50<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Imelda & Senando Fajardo
- 2.30 pm Wedding: Eduardo Castro & Princess Chai
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Eileen & Alfred Taylor (Maryanne & Cheryl)

### SUNDAY, 29 MAY / ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*
- *Anniversary of St. Maria Goretti's 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion (1902)*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Yoahan Alexander (parents)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernest, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Darina D'Cunha (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# Focus on the Word

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C

Acts 15.1-29; Revelation 21.10-23; John 14.23-29

*Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Nathalie Joan Asiao, Dennis Hayes,  
Manuel Uy Calagos Sr., John Jeffery,**

**The 6 victims of the house fire  
in Brampton in March.**



## Upcoming Collections



### 22 May - Pope's Pastoral Works

On Sunday, 22 May, the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for the *Pope's Pastoral Works*, which cares for all his special charities.

If a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation, the Holy Father offers aid in the name of Catholics everywhere.

If you use a recycled envelope marked "*Pope's Works*," please remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

### 29 May - Maintenance

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Sunday, 29 May, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

### 5 June - ShareLife : 3<sup>rd</sup> Offering

On 5 June, the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be the Second Offering for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, which raises funds in support of 33 Catholic agencies and 8 grant recipients, respecting the sanctity of all human life.

If you use one of the recycled envelopes marked "*ShareLife*," remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

## COMING UP

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- 2 June Ontario Provincial Election
- 5 June **Pentecost: the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles;**  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *ShareLife* (3<sup>rd</sup> Offering)  
- RCIA *Commissioning Rite* at 700 pm Mass
- 6 June Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 11 June Wedding: Mark Ironmonger & Ceara Tsoi-A-Sue (11:30 am)
- 12 June 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Marygrove Camp;  
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 26 June 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance
- 27 June St. Albert School Graduation Mass (10:00 am);  
- The Graduation Ceremony (5:30 pm)

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

For more information on Parish activities, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

# ShareLife 2022



Our parishioners' support of *ShareLife* is making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Thus far we have moved steadily toward our goal this year. Please make your donation during the *ShareLife* Sunday special collection on June 5.

You can learn more about *ShareLife* by reading the most recent details in our website bulletin, and by visiting [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

Please give, using a *ShareLife* envelope. Our parish has raised a generous amount toward our goal of \$42,000.00

If you haven't yet contributed, please make your sacrificial gift through our Parish. Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

The next *ShareLife* Sunday is 5 June.

## A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks the family of **Patrick De Caires** for their gift of two beautiful flower arrangement from his funeral Mass on 5 April. May God grant him eternal rest.

## Sacramental Preparation

Congratulations to all the students who recently celebrated their **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion & Confirmation**.

God bless you and your dear families.

The last celebrations were:

May 14 St. Albert the Great School  
**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass**, 2.00 pm

May 19 St. Albert the Great School  
**Confirmation Mass**, 7.00 pm

We will now turn our attention to the Saturday Confirmation Class candidates. They may see Fr. Edwin after any Sunday Mass to ensure that their Registration forms are up to date.

We are also aware that some students missed receiving their Sacraments on their assigned dates due to illness and family scheduling issues. We are working to ensure that there are makeup dates available before the end of the School Year. Watch for updates on our website home page. The reception of the Sacraments is a very important time in the lives of our Youth; they deserve to experience God's grace in a prayerful environment.

## Bundle Up Sunday

22 May

On the weekend of 22 May, the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will collect gently-used clothing to support the needy. A St. Vincent de Paul bin will be in front of the Church; bring your donation, and help others in our community.



## RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



Do *you* want to join the Church? Do you have a friend who has been looking to join a spiritual community of faith that honours God and celebrates his Blessing and Peace in our lives? Do you want your children to honour God and grow up with faith, and know that there is a meaning to their life? Call the Pastor, Fr. Edwin, for details: 416-261-0076.

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

*The next meetings:*

RCIA Adults: 3 June - 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 4 June - 10.00 am.

The Rite of Commissioning will be held at the 7.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 5 June – the Feast of Pentecost.

## Upcoming Weddings

**Ron Andres and Apple Joy Dela Cruz**

21 May 2022

**Eduardo Castro and Princess Chai**

28 May 2022,

**Cedric Sanches and Chantelle Noel**

6 June 2022, *Parocchia San Pietro Ripoli, Toscana, Italy*

**Mark Ironmonger and Ceara Tsoi A Sue**

11 June 2022,

**Ron Perwin Mariyathasan and Barbra Ratnam**

9 July 2022, *St. Rose of Lima Parish*

**Elvin Polanatham and Priya Ranjan**

9 July 2022, *Our Lady of the Airways, Malton*

**Anojan Kathiramalairajah and Suesana Manoharan**

20 August 2022, *Our Lady of Good Health Parish*

**Storme Moore and Jenusha Jeyakuman**

3 September 2022, *St. Marguerite d'Youville, Brampton*

**Matthew Caporiccio and Cassandra D'Alonzo**

24 September 2022, *St. Clare of Assisi, Woodbridge*





# More Information on Sacramental Preparation

## Congratulations

The students in our Parish Schools in Grades 2 & 7 have celebrated their **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion & Confirmation**.

May God bless them and their dear families.

## Confirmation for Students in other Schools

*Orientation, 10.00 am, 4 June*

We will now turn our attention to the Saturday Confirmation Class candidates. There will be an Orientation meeting at 10.00 am on Saturday, 4 June, to organize the preparation for the Confirmation at the 5.00 pm Mass on 11 June.

## Make Up dates for Students who were missed

Some students in our Parish Schools missed receiving their Sacraments on their assigned dates due to illness and family scheduling issues. We are working to ensure that there are makeup dates available before the end of the School Year. Watch for updates on our website home page.

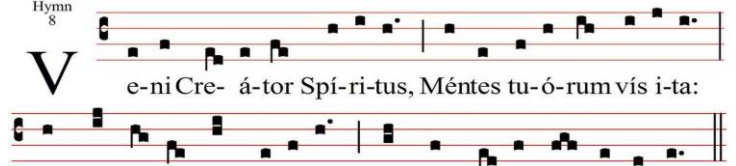




# Confirmation

St. Albert School, 19 May 2022

Hymn  
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Imple su-pér-na grá-ti-a Quae tu cre- á-sti pécto-ra.





# Iraq war “Unjustified and brutal.” – George W. Bush

BRYAN PIETSCH, The Washington Post

It was the “decision of one man to launch a wholly unjustified and brutal invasion of Iraq,” former president George W. Bush said Wednesday before quickly correcting himself, saying he meant to describe Russian President Vladimir Putin’s war on Ukraine. “Iraq, too, anyway,” he added under his breath to laughter from the audience during a speech at his presidential center in Dallas.

But while the joke landed with some, many were quick to pounce on his verbal slip after nearly two decades of sharp criticism that Bush was unjustified in directing the United States’ 2003 invasion of Iraq, with some lobbing accusations that the 43<sup>rd</sup> president is a war criminal – the same label some have given Putin after his invasion of Ukraine this year, which has been widely criticized by the international community as illegal and inhumane.

“I’m not laughing, and I am guessing nor are the families of the thousands of American troops and the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis who died in that war,” said Mehdi Hasan, a liberal commentator and cable news host, on “MSNBC Prime” on Wednesday night. “How many Americans were sent to die by him for a lie? Disgusting,” tweeted conservative media personality Tim Young.

At least 200,000 civilians died as a result of “direct war-related violence” during the U.S. invasion of Iraq, according to the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University, which noted that difficulties in measuring deaths accurately mean the toll was probably much higher.

Political consensus among many on the left and right has since moved to largely condemn the war, with many presidential hopefuls and other politicians nudged to say that they were then or are now against the Iraq invasion.

Even Bush’s brother Jeb, in a 2015 presidential debate, when asked by moderator Megyn Kelly whether “your brother’s war was a mistake,” said the invasion was wrong and based on “faulty intelligence.”

“Welcome to the resistance,” G. Elliott Morris, a U.S. correspondent for the Economist, joked on Twitter.

“George W. Bush is a war criminal,” tweeted former Ohio state senator Nina Turner.

Just before the slip-up, Bush, who at 75 blamed the gaffe on his age, had been comparing the leadership of Russia and Ukraine. He praised Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, whom he called a “cool little guy” and “the Churchill of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” the latter statement echoing one he made after the two met virtually this month.

As for Russia, he said that its elections are rigged and its political opponents imprisoned. “The result is an absence of checks and balances in Russia.”

## 2003: US invades Iraq



## 2022: Russia invades Ukraine



# Pope wants to visit Moscow to meet Putin over Ukraine

REUTERS 4 May 2022

**Pope Francis** said in an interview published on 3 May that he asked for a meeting in Moscow with Russian President **Vladimir Putin** to try to stop the war in Ukraine but had not received a reply.

The Pope also told Italy's *Corriere Della Sera* newspaper that **Patriarch Kirill** of the Russian Orthodox Church, who has given the war his full-throated backing, "cannot become Putin's altar boy".

The Pope, who made an unprecedented visit to the Russian embassy when the war started, said that about 3 weeks into the conflict, he asked the Vatican's top diplomat to send a message to Putin.

The message was "that I was willing to go to Moscow. Certainly, it was necessary for the Kremlin leader to allow an opening. We have not yet received a response and we are still insisting".

"I fear that Putin cannot, and does not, want to have this meeting at this time. But how can you not stop so much brutality? Twenty-five years ago in Rwanda we lived through the same thing," he was quoted as saying, appearing to equate the killings in Ukraine to the genocide in the African country in 1994.

Before the interview, Francis, 85, had not specifically mentioned Russia or Putin publicly since the start of the conflict on Feb. 24. But he has left little doubt which side he has criticised, using terms such as unjustified aggression and invasion and lamenting atrocities against civilians.

The pope said that perhaps Putin reacted because of "NATO's barking at Russia's gate .. I wouldn't know if this provoked an ire but perhaps it facilitated it".

Asked about a trip to the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, which Francis last month said was a possibility, the pope said he would not go for now.

"First, I have to go to Moscow, first I have to meet Putin ... I do what I can. If Putin would only open a door," he said.

## *Strained Relations*

The war in Ukraine has strained relations between the Vatican and the Russian Orthodox Church, and caused a split among Orthodox Christians around the world.

Reuters reported on April 11 that the Vatican was considering extending the Pope's trip to Lebanon in

June by a day so he could meet with Kirill on June 14 in Jerusalem. But Francis later decided against it.

In the interview, Francis said that when he had a 40-minute video conference with Kirill on March 16, the patriarch spent half of it reading from a sheet of paper "with all the justifications for the war".

Moscow describes its action in Ukraine as a "special operation" to demilitarise and "denazify" its neighbour. Patriarch Kirill, 75, sees the war as a bulwark against a West which he considers decadent, particularly over its acceptance of homosexuality.

"We (the Pope and Kirill) are pastors of the same people of God. That is why we have to seek paths of peace, to cease the fire of weapons. The Patriarch cannot become Putin's altar boy," Francis was quoted as saying.

The Pope also said that when he met Viktor Orban on April 21, the Hungarian prime minister told him "the Russians have a plan, that everything will end on May 9," referring to the anniversary of Russia's liberation at the end of World War II.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said the anniversary would have no bearing on Moscow's military operations in Ukraine.

## Ukrainian Ambassador to Holy See: 'Diversity is part of our identity'

Ukraine's Ambassador to the Holy See talks about the significance of the visit to the war-torn country of the Vatican Secretary for Relations with States, and says authorities plan to rebuild with the utmost respect for the cultural, religious and ethnic diversities that make up the nation.

The Vatican's Secretary for Relations with States, Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, went to Kyiv to bring the Pope's closeness to the suffering population and to reaffirm the importance of dialogue to re-establish peace.

Vatican Radio's Stefano Leszczynski travelled to Ukraine with the Archbishop. On the sidelines of the meetings and events he attended, he spoke to the Ukrainian Ambassador to the Holy See, Andriy Yurash, who expressed gratitude for the presence of the top-level Vatican representative and described Gallagher's presence as an "extremely important visit in a very difficult time."

Ambassador Yurash expressed his conviction that the fact that the war continues to be a top priority for world media is fundamental.



# Pope Francis to visit Canada 24 – 30 July

Alberta, Nunavut, Quebec

Pope Francis will be travelling to Canada from 24 – 30 July, having accepted invitations from civil and ecclesiastical authorities, as well as the indigenous communities.

The upcoming July visit of the Holy Father will see him visit the cities of Edmonton, Québec and Iqaluit. Further details about the Pope's journey to Canada will be made available in coming weeks.

## *Meetings with Canadian indigenous peoples*

Ahead of this latest announcement, Pope Francis, in recent weeks, has had a series of meetings with several delegations of Canadian indigenous peoples in the Vatican. The Pope met with the delegations of Métis and Inuit on 28 March and with the First Nations delegation on 31 March. He then received all three delegations together, along with representatives of the Canadian Bishops' Conference (CCCB) on 1 April.

The meetings provided the Pope the opportunity to “listen and to offer space for the painful stories shared by the survivors,” and to address the ongoing trauma and suffering faced by Indigenous Peoples to this day, especially after news broke last year of the discovery of unmarked graves in the Kamloops Indian Residential School, with the bodies of hundreds of 215 people.

The discovery marked the symbol of a cruel past, which from 1880 to the final decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, saw government-funded institutions run by Catholic organizations try to educate and convert indigenous youth.

Pope Francis expressed his indignation and shame “for the role that a number of Catholics, particularly those with educational responsibilities, have had in all these things that wounded you [the Indigenous Peoples], in the abuses you suffered and in the lack of respect shown for your identity, your culture and even your spiritual values.”

On that occasion, the Pope also said that he had been enriched by their words and testimonies and would be happy to benefit again from meeting them when he visits their native lands, where their families live.

## *Canadian Bishops welcome Pope's visit*

In a separate statement, Bishops Raymond Poisson, the President of the Canadian Bishops' Conference welcomed the formal confirmation of the Pope's visit on behalf of the country's bishops.

“We are immensely grateful that the Holy Father has accepted our invitation to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land,” Bishop Poisson said. “We pray for the health of the Holy Father as we undertake the intensive planning for this historic visit.”

## *Edmonton, Iqaluit and Quebec*

Concerning the three cities to be visited by the Pope, the statement notes that Edmonton is home to the second-largest number of Indigenous Peoples living in urban Canadian cities and about 25 residential schools were located in Alberta – the most of any province in Canada.

Iqaluit, for its part, is home to close to 8,000 people and has the highest population of Inuit (3,900) of all Canadian cities.

Quebec City is home to Ste. Anne-de-Beaupré, one of the oldest and most popular pilgrimage sites in North America which draws Indigenous Peoples and others from throughout Canada and from around the world annually.

## *Pope launches SCHOLAS INTERNATIONAL Says girls must be educated*

**Pope Francis** took part in the festive launch of the SCHOLAS OCCURRENTES INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT, along with U2 singer **Bono Vox**, and appealed for girls around the world to receive a good education.

Pope Francis took the opportunity of a festive and musical atmosphere to launch the international Pontifical Foundation “Scholas Occurrentes” with strong appeals for educating girls and protecting the environment. The event took place on 10 May at the Pontifical Urban University, known as the Urbaniana, which is within walking distance of St. Peter Square.

Since its inception, Scholas has become a worldwide network of schools that share assets, with special attention to those most in need. Scholas Occurrentes' roots are to be found in educational projects created for children in impoverished areas in the city of Buenos Aires, at the initiative of the Cardinal at the time, **Jorge Mario Bergoglio**, now **Pope Francis**.

# New Satellite Office to Serve the Catholic Community

13 May-2022

On May 5, Cardinal Thomas Collins blessed the Archdiocese of Toronto's new satellite office at 830 Bathurst St., just south of St. Peter's Parish.

The Paulist Fathers opened the Catholic Information Centre to attract new converts to the faith, says architect Mary Ellen Lynch of its origins. Located at Bloor and Bathurst, the building is central and accessible to all – something the Paulist Fathers wanted for welcoming those interested in Catholicism. The Paulist Fathers left their Toronto ministry in 2015.

“The location is excellent and easily accessible by transit, which is essential for both new refugees and youth – the two main user groups (with offices to serve them found) on the main level.”

While the Office for Refugees at the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Office of Catholic Youth are the primary occupants, Management Information Services has a training centre and space is also being rented to the Loretto Sisters Archives, explains Facilities Manager Amy Elliott. The Archives of the Roman Catholic Archives of Toronto, as well as Marriage Tribunal, have a storage area in the building that is built to museum-quality standard.

ORAT Director Deacon Rudy Ovcjak is impressed by the quality of the building. “This is a testament to the competence of the facilities team, the architect and the construction company who have done a great job in updating the former Paulist Centre. It is a great space to work in: bright, clean and with a modern design.”

The open design of the office will help foster the personal interactions that have largely been absent during the pandemic, he adds.

Updating a heritage building is not without its own unique challenges. The building is not what comes to mind when you think of a heritage building.

Some of the heritage attributes of the building are its location directly at the sidewalk, accentuating the open grass area surrounding St. Peter, as well as its limestone detailing, especially around the entry porticos. The buff brick is vintage Ontario stock and is no longer available today. The masons had to reuse bricks removed for the elevator opening and from other inconspicuous locations on the building to infill at the front.

The Archival spaces needed to achieve “Class A museum standards,” and this was a challenge for a

building of this period with limited moisture control and insulation. “To protect the Archdiocese's collection of documents and artifacts, we had to incorporate watertight, fire-rated and climate-control systems.”

Protecting items of such historical significance comes down to ensuring the right environment: temperature and humidity. These require a state-of-the-art HVAC system, says Frances O'Regan, Director of Archives.

“The shelving is also open, it is moveable, to ensure airflow and provide easy access to items without having to shift things. This avoids possible damage.”

In terms of its size, there is more than 5,000 linear feet of storage space in the vault.

At the moment, the building is only accessible to the public by appointment; but it is sure to serve the faithful of the Archdiocese for decades to come.

## Catholic School Trustees' Workshop Saint Monica Institute, OCTSA, and Catholic Conscience

Saturday, May 28, 2022 09:00 AM - Saturday, May 28, 2022 04:45 PM  
Virtual

*A Virtual Event Hosted By St. Monica Institute In Partnership With Ocsta And Catholic Conscience*

Catholic school trustees serve a critical role in passing the faith to future generations. If you are considering election, or already serving, join us online on Saturday May 28 for a day of formation and discussion introduced by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins, with representatives of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) and both current and past members of several Ontario Catholic school boards. Practical tips on seeking election and serving in office will be offered, along with legal, historical, and theological context. St. Monica Institute in partnership with OCSTA and Catholic Conscience. Email Brendan Steven (below) to register. For information on the equivalent French workshop, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/FaconnerLavenir2022>.

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