

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 29 May 2022

Saturday, 28 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vivienne Bowden (Christine Martin)
- 10:30 am 25th Wedding Anniversary – Josephine & Francis
50th Birthday - Imelda & Senando Fajardo
- 11:30 am RCIC Baptism
- 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*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*
- *Anniversary of St. Maria Goretti's 1st Holy Communion (1902)*
- *Birthday of John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917)*

- 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)
- 1.00 pm CWL council meeting (Church)
- 1.30 pm Knights of Columbus council meeting (Hall)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 30 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria Lourdes (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Maria Coutinho (Lawrie)

Tuesday, 31 May / Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria Lourdes (family)

Wednesday, 1 June / St. Justin, martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Abasta family (Clarita Rodrigues)

Thursday, 2 June / Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Camila Maulion (Corine)

Friday, 3 June / St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Simeona Trinidad (family)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Carl Wheeldon & Janet Ludgate (Rosemarie)
- 7.30 pm RCIA Adults

Saturday, 4 June

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. In Honour of Our Blessed Mother (Galleo family)
- 10.00 am RCIC Youth
- *Orientation meeting for 1st Communion and Confirmation rites at the 5.00 pm Mass, 11 June*
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Charles)

SUNDAY, 5 JUNE / PENTECOST

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *2nd Collection: Share Life (3rd Appeal)*
- *Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy (1968)*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Andres Diaz Sr. (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Fely & Lyan Gatcho on their Birthdays (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo
- *RCIA Commissioning Rite*

Focus on the Word

Ascension of the Lord, Year C

Acts 1.1-11; Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23; Luke 24.46-53

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Marcelle Schumacher

The 5 victims of the mass shooting in Duluth, Minnesota, after Easter



Upcoming Collections



29 May - Maintenance

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

5 June, ShareLife – 3rd Offering

On 5 June, the 2nd 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.

12 June, Marygrove Camp

On Sunday, 12 June, the 2nd collection will be for *Marygrove Camp*, run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Marygrove* offers 1,100 girls from less-fortunate families an opportunity to attend summer camp. Many children will benefit from your generosity.

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- 6 June Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church;
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 11 June Wedding: Mark Ironmonger & Ceara Tsoi-A-Sue (11:30 am)
- 12 June 2nd Collection: Marygrove Camp;
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 26 June 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- 27 June St. Albert School Graduation Mass (10:00 am);
- The Graduation Ceremony (5:30 pm)
- 1 July **Canada Day**
- 4 July Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 6 July Parish Feastday: **St. Maria Goretti**;
- Wedding: Roy Reed & Corazon Gutierrez (3:00 pm)
- 10 July 2nd Collection: *ShareLife Free Will*;
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Sacramental Preparation

Congratulations to all students who recently celebrated 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation. God bless you and your families.

We will now turn our attention to the Saturday Confirmation Class candidates, who attend schools outside our Parish. We are also aware that some students missed receiving their 1st Communion and Confirmation on their assigned dates recently, due to illness and family scheduling issues. 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.

In order to accommodate these needs, there will be a general Orientation meeting at 10.00 am on Saturday, 4 June, to organize the preparation for:

1st Holy Communion and Confirmation

at the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 11 June.

Please continue to pray for all our Youth as they mature with their families in God's divine mercy.



June: A feast of feasts

The month of June brings us some major solemnities in our liturgical calendar.



Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Friday after Corpus Christi

We celebrate the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, an event that felicitously unites this popular devotion with theological depth. It is a noble tradition to consecrate families to the Sacred Heart, whose image they may keep in their homes. The tradition is rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation; it is precisely through the Heart of Jesus that the love of God for humanity is sublimely manifested.

This is why authentic devotion to the Sacred Heart retains all its effectiveness and especially attracts souls thirsting for God's mercy who find in it the inexhaustible source from which to draw the water of Life that can irrigate the deserts of the soul and make hope flourish anew. This feast is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. All of us are invited to pray for our Priests, so that they will be effective witnesses of God's love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday after Sacred Heart

This devotion refers to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: to her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people.



St. John the Baptist: 24 June

On 24 June, we also celebrate the *Birth of St. John the Baptist*, the only saint whose *birth* is commemorated because it marks the beginning of the fulfillment of the divine promises; John is that "prophet," identified with Elijah who was destined to be the immediate precursor of the Messiah, to prepare the people of Israel for his coming. His feast reminds us that our life is always "relative" to Christ and is fulfilled by accepting him: the Word, the Light, the Bridegroom. John's words are a model for every Christian: "He must increase but I must decrease" (John 3.30).



Ss. Peter and Paul: 29 June

Allowing the "I" of Christ to replace our "I" was in an exemplary way the desire of the *Apostles Peter and Paul*, whom the Church venerates on 29 June.

St. Paul, the indefatigable Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted on the road to Damascus and was baptized. He wrote of himself, "*It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me*" (Galatians 2.20). He then went to Arabia for 3 years before returning to Damascus to begin his missionary activity. He preached in the synagogues that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Working from Antioch, he traveled throughout Asia Minor (modern Turkey), the Mediterranean, and as far as Rome.

The first appearance of the Risen Christ was before St. Peter, ahead of the other disciples. When the Lord came to the disciples at Tiberias, he gave to Peter the famous command: "Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; feed my sheep." From the earliest days of the Church, Peter was recognized as the spokesperson of the Apostles and the first Pope. His diocese, Rome, has since held the position of primacy within the entire Catholic Church.



Upcoming Weddings

Eduardo Castro and Princess Chai

28 May 2022

Cedric Sanches and Chantelle Noel

6 June 2022, Parrocchia San Pietro Ripoli, Toscana, Italy

Mark Ironmonger and Ceara Tsoi A Sue

11 June 2022

Roy Reed and Corazon Gutierrez

6 July 2022

Ron Perwin Mariyathan 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

Abe Sena and Jan Wage

16 July 2022

Lyon Lobo and Reynie Chauhan

6 August 2022

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

Brian Vethanayagam and Keishia Fernandopulle

10 September 2022, St. Patrick, Markham

Michael Revita and Levy Ann Maris Ramos

16 September 2022, St. Christopher, Mississauga

Matthew Caporiccio and Cassandra D'Alonzo

24 September 2022, St. Clare of Assisi, Woodbridge

The Kennedy Family in the U.S.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born 29 May 1917. When he was nominated for President in 1960, he was 43 years old. Ethnic and religious barriers were high in US politics. No Italian-American or African-American had ever been a member of the president's cabinet. Only one Catholic, Al Smith in 1928, had been nominated by a major party for national office. Kennedy's Irish-Catholic heritage was a formidable obstacle to election. The Kennedys were considered the epitome of a Boston Irish-Catholic family. But JFK shattered religious and ethnic taboos in a campaign that is now a centerpiece of American political lore. On the day of his inauguration, he urged each and every American to "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." JFK was assassinated on 22 November 1962. His brother Robert Francis Kennedy was assassinated on 5 June 1968.

*Right: JFK as a baby.
Below: The Kennedy family, when father Joseph was the US Ambassador to Great Britain; JFK with his wife Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy; RFK with his wife Eunice Shriver Kennedy, and their family; younger brother Edward Kennedy.*



10th Anniversary Year

Memories of the Pilgrimage of the Body of ST. MARIA GORETTI: 31 May – 2 June 2012

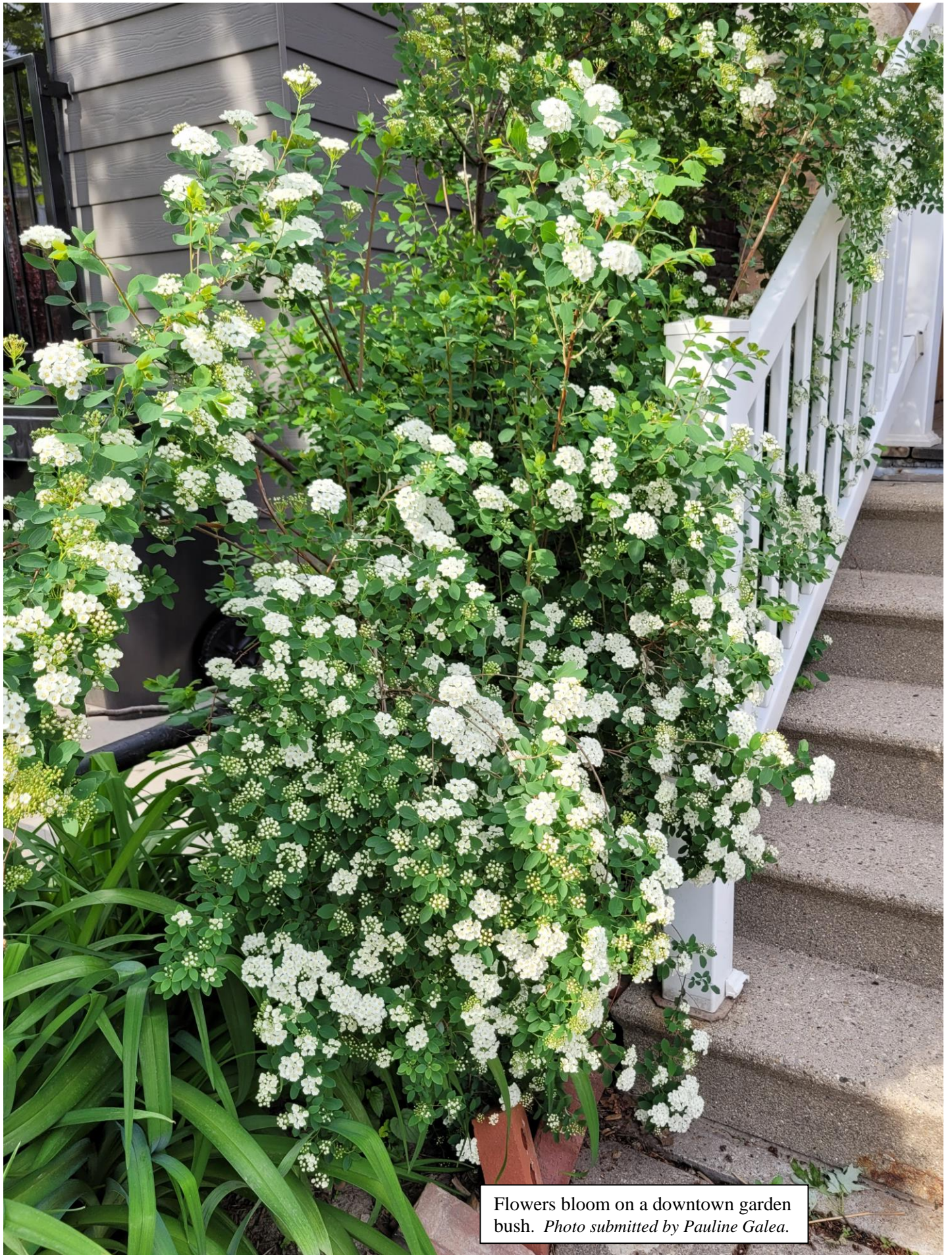
O Saint Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God's grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives, and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

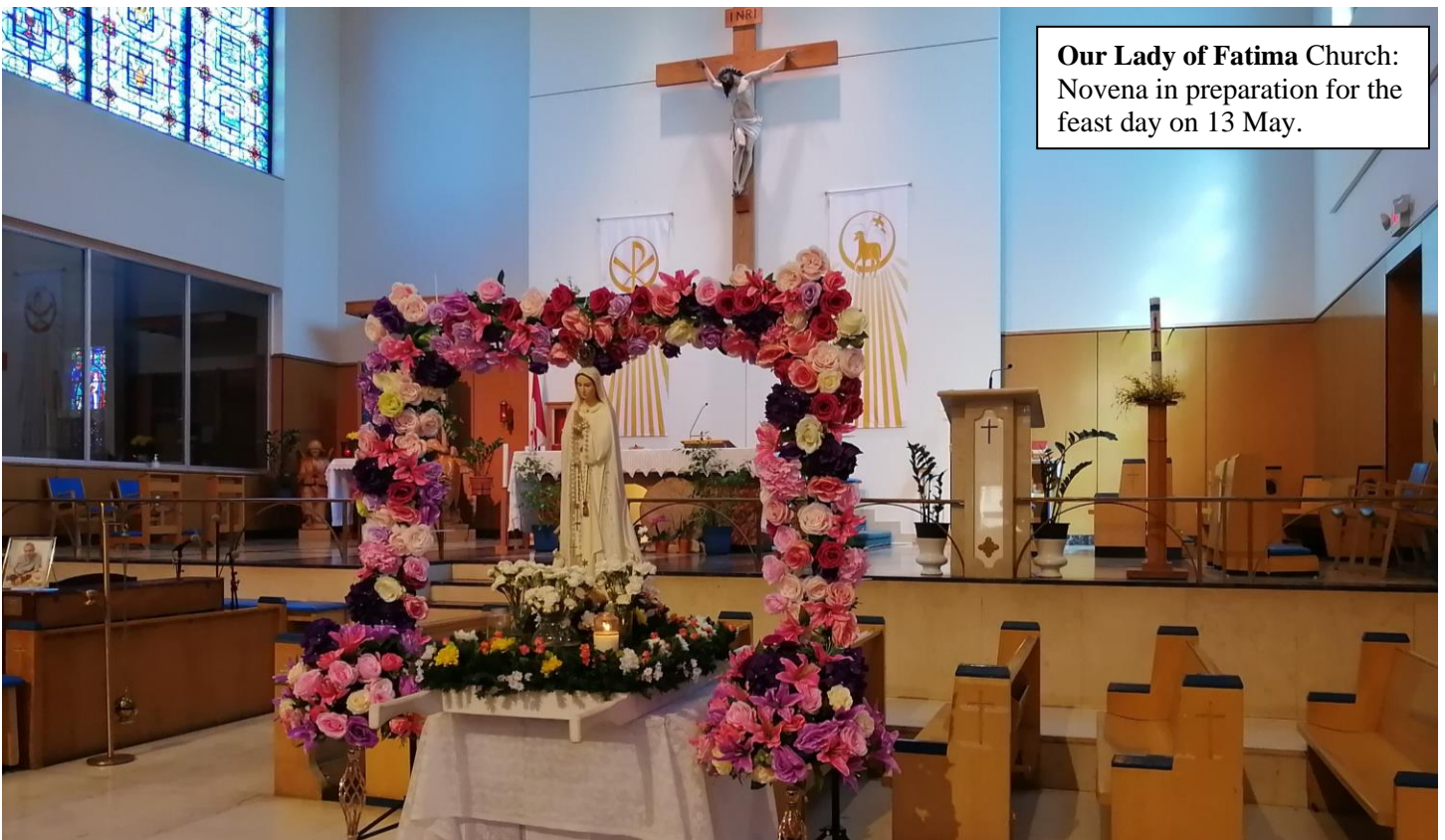
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St. Maria Goretti Parish was honoured to be one of the stations of the Pilgrimage of the BODY OF ST. MARIA GORETTI, which came to our Church in the afternoon of Thursday, 31 May 2012. After arriving in Toronto via Montreal and Ottawa, the Body was taken to Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School, where students from St. Albert School joined in a Prayer Station. Then the Body was taken to St. Maria Goretti School, before being processed to our Church, which remained open from the time of her arrival until the Body was taken to St. Nicola of Bari Church (St. Clair Ave. W.), prior to our 8 am Mass on Saturday, 2 June. His Eminence, CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS, presided at the celebration of a Solemn Mass at 7.30 pm on



Flowers bloom on a downtown garden bush. *Photo submitted by Pauline Galea.*



Our Lady of Fatima Church:
Novena in preparation for the
feast day on 13 May.



Let the Earth breathe: Beautiful restaurants and cafés in Paris, Vienna, Budapest and Toronto.



