

O Canada



Immediately following the Final Blessing and Dismissal at all our Masses today, 3 July, we will sing one verse of our national anthem, *O Canada*. Kindly follow the usual protocol for the anthem by setting aside books or personal articles, and keeping your arms straight by your sides. Face toward the Canadian flag, which will be near the Tabernacle.

The anthem will be followed by the Recessional hymn.

St. Maria Goretti

Novena: 27 June – 5 July

We may prepare for the feast of our dear Patroness by praying as families each evening for nine days prior. This Novena should include the ROSARY and the PRAYER TO ST. MARIA GORETTI. The devotion will be part of all parish Masses from 27 June to 5 July.

Families may help themselves to a *St. Maria Goretti Novena* flyer; copies are available at the Office.



Prayer to St. Maria Goretti

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 on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.



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RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

1 July **Conversion: Developing True Relationship**
(Mass at 7 pm, Meeting at 7.30 pm)

"I want to become a Catholic."

Thinking of becoming Catholic? Leave a message for the Pastor at: 416-261-0076, and come to the next meeting for Inquirers.

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

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults: 1 July, 5 August - 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 2 July, 6 August - 10.00 am.

Rosary Apostolate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who responded to the appeal by the Rosary Apostolate for more workers to join in the joyful task of teaching the Rosary to the youth in our Catholic Schools. If you were away and missed the presentation, you can always follow up personally. Please contact:

Dolores Marquez, 416-269-2478

This is a valuable service to our Youth.



A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish thanks **Noyline Amalrajah** and **James Newton** for the kind gift of three lovely flower arrangements from their Wedding Mass on 14 May. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Parish Bazaar 9 am – 2 pm, 17 July

The Catholic Women's League and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are organizing a Parish Bazaar on Sunday, 17 July, beginning after the 9.00 am Mass and continuing to 2.00 pm.

Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale: \$10 a dozen.

The proceeds will support *ShareLife* and the work of the *CWL*.

Would **you** like to rent a table? For \$20, you can display your culinary skills, exhibit your artworks, and clean out your closets!

Call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425, or: **Anastasia**, 647 882 1849

St. Thomas the Apostle Feastday, 3 July

St. Thomas was called to be one of the Twelve Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand, and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the *Way, the Truth, and the Life*.

Offertory Envelopes 2022

If you have not picked up your Sunday Offertory Envelopes in the last two years, the numbers have been removed from our data base. Please come to the Office on Sunday morning to receive a new number. Parishioners are also reminded that they need to notify the Office for any changes to their address or phone numbers.

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 3 July 2022

Saturday, 2 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Felipe Laurel (Melchora Mulla)
12.00 pm Betrothal: Oliver Dumpit & Tien Nguyen
4.00 pm *Holy Hour of silent adoration in honour of our patroness*
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
(Vethanayagi Rayappan)

SUNDAY, 3 JULY / 14-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
■ *Fr. Elias Chachati: Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (1983)*
■ *St. Maria Goretti Devotions at all Masses*
9.00 am Mass: † Francis & Laura Fernandes & family
Thomas and Sally
10.30 am Mass: Int. 39th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Elias
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Joseph D'Souza (friends)
1.30 pm Sacramental Orientation
3.00 pm 25th Wedding Anniversary: Alberto & Josephine Ciolo
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 4 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Carlos Rodriguez (Bernardez family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving
Providence Healthcare Staff (Joseph D'Souza)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting

Tuesday, 5 July / St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Marguerite & George Chachati (Fr. Elias)

Wednesday, 6 July / St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Julie Noora Merin (Gina Arroyo)
3.00 pm Wedding: Roy Reed & Corazon Gutierrez

Thursday, 7 July

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

Friday, 8 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Felicisima Vispo (family)

Saturday, 9 July / St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Elsie Lobo (Carol Morra)
11.00 am Wedding: Rylan Callaghan & Monica Penollar
5.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

SUNDAY, 10 JULY / 15-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
9.00 am Mass: † Therese Bernaldoendaya (Raphael)
10.30 am Mass: † Matty D'Souza (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Neil McDaniel (Gillis family)
1.30 pm Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

ShareLife 2022

Living the Gospel by supporting
our neighbours in need



Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife* through our parish.

Our Parish goal for 2022 is: \$42,000.00

A freewill offering will be taken on: **10 July**.

Please donate, and help us reach our goal! Your generosity will help bring compassion and hope to others.

Focus on the Word

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Isaiah 66.10-14; Galatians 6.14-18; Luke 10.1-20

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Amen.

Wedding Congratulations

Cedric Sanchez and Chantelle Noel

6 June 2022

Mark Ironmonger and Ceara Tsoi A Sue

11 June 2022

Andrew Soosaipillai and Daphne Gnanapragasam

18 June 2022, Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

St. Maria Goretti Feast Day Devotions

6 July is the feast of **St. Maria Goretti**, our dear patroness. We have the privilege of honouring her in a special way in our Masses on: **2/3 July**. On Saturday, 2 July, we will begin with a Holy Hour at 4 pm in silent adoration. Each Sunday Mass will include the Veneration of the Relic. See the bulletin cover for details.

10 July: *ShareLife* Appeal, Freewill Offering

On 10 July, the 2nd collection will be the *Freewill* Offering for our annual *ShareLife* Appeal, supporting 33 Catholic agencies and 10 grant recipients that respect the sanctity of all human life.

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- 16 July Wedding: Sena & Wage (1:00 pm)
17 July Parish Bazaar, Yard Sale, Bake Sale
& *Krispy Kreme* Fundraiser (proceeds to CWL & *ShareLife*)
31 July 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
1 Aug. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
6 Aug. Wedding: Lobo & Chanhan (1:00 pm)
7 Aug. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
14 Aug. 2nd Collection: Canadian Mission
27 Aug. Wedding: Grisani & Fernandes
28 Aug. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
2 Sept. Wedding: Dollolasa & Corloncito (1:00 pm)
5 Sept. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
11 Sept. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
17 Sept. Wedding: Bulac & Marzo (1:00 pm)
18 Sept. 2nd Collection: *Needs of the Church*
24 Sept. Wedding: John & Gayle (2:00 pm)
25 Sept. Wedding Anniversary: Rosaria & Renato Niro (1:15 pm)
29 Sept. Wedding: Mulla & Mendoza (10:30 am)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on our activities, including the *Feast Day devotions*, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

St. Thomas the Apostle *Feastday, 3 July*

St. Thomas was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the *Way, the Truth, and the Life*. After Pentecost this saint was led by the Holy Spirit to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar Coast. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in India, in the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.



Prayer to Saint Thomas the Apostle

Dear Saint Thomas,
You were once slow to believe that Christ had gloriously risen; but later, because you had seen him, you exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!"
According to an ancient story, you rendered most powerful assistance for constructing a Church in a place where pagan priests opposed it.
Please bless architects, builders and carpenters that through them the Lord may be honored.
Amen.

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He was s

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea

to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, at Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded: seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas accepted the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," his Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

St. Thomas was also present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus, at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

This is what we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.

The relics taken to Edessa were moved in 1258 to Italy, where they can be found in the Cathedral of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy. The Greeks hold that St. Thomas' skull is in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian on the Greek Island Patmos.

In art, St. Thomas is depicted as a young man holding a scroll, or as a young adult touching the resurrected Christ's wounds.

St. Thomas appears in several texts, including one document called *The Passing of Mary*, which states that, as an Apostle, he was the only one to witness the Assumption of Mary into heaven, while the other Apostles were transported to Jerusalem to witness her death.

While the other apostles were with Mary, Thomas was left in India until after her first burial, when he was transported to her tomb and he saw her bodily assumption into heaven.

In versions of the story, the other apostles doubted Thomas' words until Mary's tomb was discovered to be empty with the exception of her girdle. Thomas and the girdle were often depicted in medieval and early Renaissance art.



Our New Deacons 18 June



19 New Deacons were ordained by **Cardinal Collins** at St. Michael Cathedral on 18 June 2022.

The new Permanent Deacons will serve the Archdiocese of Toronto. Their ministry begins in Toronto's St. Michael Cathedral Basilica, but will extend far beyond the walls of any church. The Mass and Ordination rite was conducted by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

In 1967, following the Second Vatican Council, the Roman Catholic Church reintroduced the permanent diaconate program. Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons are not studying to become priests - once ordained, they remain deacons for the rest of their lives. Since 1972, St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough has provided the formation program for 315 diaconal candidates and their wives who are serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Nearly 150 deacons are currently in active ministry. The program involves one year of prayer and discernment and four years of formation and theological study.

Permanent deacons serve the Church by assisting the archbishop and priests of the diocese. Their roles are to be focused on charitable work in the community, as well as ministering in parishes and schools, including serving directly at the altar - they have the liturgical authority to baptize children, witness marriages and preside at funerals.

The assignments for these new deacons reflect the diverse ways the Church is engaged in society: serving the poor in soup kitchens, like St. Francis Table and Ripples of Kindness, and in food and clothing banks; accompanying the sick and dying in hospitals; and assisting those with intellectual disabilities. Other deacons will support former prisoners through the Friends of Dismas ministry and provide pastoral care to itinerant workers through the Apostleship of the Seas. The class of 2022 represents a diverse range of backgrounds and professions:

Selwyn Athayde, St. Margaret D'Youville, Brampton – Husband to Lorin and father of 3; customs broker.

James Bell, St. Leonard, Brampton – Husband to Sally and father of 4 children, production specialist.

Gerardo Cruz, St. Bartholomew's, Scarborough – Husband to Adoracion and father of 3 children; Real Estate.

Kevin Daudlin, Precious Blood, Scarborough – Husband to Gigetta and father of 2 children, works in a funeral home.

Nicholas Daunt, Holy Redeemer, Pickering – Husband to Teresa and father of 2 children, product manager.

Ryan Fernandes, St. Frances Xavier – Husband to Maria and father of 2 children, works for a courier company.

Gordon Lee, St. Mark's, Stouffville – Husband to Mary and father of 1 child, retired university professor.

Peter Lee, St. Aidan's, Scarborough – Single and retired.

Vincent Lim, St. Andrew Kim, North York – Husband to Sonhee and father of 1 child, works as a lawyer.

Aladin Matinong, St. Andre Bessette, Maple – Husband to Marlene and father of 2 children; Structural Engineer.

Roy Mayo, St. Clare of Assisi, Woodbridge – Husband to Gladys and father of 3 children, land surveyor.

Richard Noronha, St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga – Husband to Maria and father of 4; medical systems firm.

Cirille Nyeck, Assomption de Notre-Dame, Oshawa – Husband to Pauline and father of 3; corporate coach.

Domenic Rinaldi, Our Lady Queen of the World, Richmond Hill – Husband to Mary, father of 3; investment manager.

Robert Sansone, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Mississauga – Husband to Diane and father of 2 children, dentist.

Daniel Slat, St. Anthony of Padua, Brampton – Husband to Susan and father of 2 children, sales professional.

Sergio Spadafora, St. Charles Borromeo, Toronto – Husband to Giulia and father of 2 children, communications.

Cristopher Sutton, Holy Family, Bolton – Husband to Victoria and father of 6 children, funeral director.

Francis Vaz, St. Timothy's, North York – Widower and father to 3 children, high school teacher.

Bruno Vitetta, Merciful Redeemer, Mississauga – Husband to Tina, warranty administrator. (* Bruno had to remain home for this Ordination, since he tested positive for Covid 19 just prior to the day. He will be ordained privately in the near future.)



Parish News



This beautiful statue of our Patroness, St. Maria Goretti, will be placed on our Altar by the **Knights of Columbus** at the 12.00 noon Mass on 3 July 2022, during our Parish Feast Day weekend. It was a gift to our Parish by **Patrick de Caires**.



This traditional image of our dear Patroness will be installed in our Sanctuary at the first Mass on our Parish Feast Day weekend: 5 pm on 2 July 2022. It will be carried in procession by the Greeters.



Best Man **Michael Carpio** (l) holds **Xavier Amos Dumpit**, son of Groom **Oliver Dumpit**, at the Betrothal Rehearsal on 30 June

The Rosary Apostolate

Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Associate Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary, offers an overview, history and tips for praying the Rosary, with some excerpts from her book, *“Living with the Rosary.”*

“The Rosary is my favourite prayer.” —St. John Paul II

What is the Rosary?

Rooted in the Gospel message, the Rosary is a Christ-centred prayer. Although the prayer is directed to Mary, it is meant to lead us through a meditation on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Rosary walks us through the redemptive work of Jesus, beginning with Mary’s “yes” to God and our Lord’s conception in Mary’s womb – what we call the Incarnation. St. John Paul II tells us that “to recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ” (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, no. 3).

The Rosary is meant to encourage us to relate our own joys and struggles to those of Jesus and those of his mother, Mary. It is meant to be a “compendium of the Gospel.”

What are the origins of this prayer?

The original form of the Rosary had 150 beads. This prayer was based on the psalter, as monks prayed the 150 psalms each week as part of the Liturgy of the Hours. As some lay people and lay monastics were illiterate, they prayed 150 Our Fathers to substitute for the psalms they could not read, using beads to keep count. Eventually, the Hail Mary was included in the prayer and prayed on many of the beads.

By the year 1130 we see the recitation of Marian psalters (150 rhymed stanzas, each beginning with the word *Ave*, meaning “Hail”) honouring Mary. One story of the Rosary describes an encounter between St. Dominic (d. 1221) and Mary. An account of St. Dominic tells how he was given the Rosary in 1214 and used it to convert the Cathars, a breakaway religious movement.

The Rosary as we know it evolved over centuries. The prayer known as the rosarium, or “rose garden,” that began to take shape included introductory prayers and repetition of the Our Father and Hail Mary.

The structure of the Rosary continued to develop between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries, and by the sixteenth century, the five-decade Rosary was used in devotions. Half of the Hail Mary is based on Scripture. By 1160 there were accounts of the beginnings of the full scriptural half of the Hail Mary (Luke 1:28, 42) in some parts of Europe. By this time, the Rosary included the greeting of the angel Gabriel: “Hail (Mary), full of grace, the Lord is with you,” followed by the Our Father, or Lord’s Prayer. Later, the words of St. Elizabeth were added to the Hail Mary: “blessed are you among women.” Around the time of the Council of Trent (16th century), the words “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death” were added.



In 1569, official devotion to the Rosary was established by Pope Pius V. October 7 was established as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory; it later changed to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary went on to be recommended to faithful Christians; many popes throughout history have supported this devotion. The Rosary had become divided into fifteen brackets, or decades, consisting of ten Hail Marys, and mysteries of faith were assigned to each decade. Somewhere between 1600 and 1700, the Gloria and the Apostles’ Creed were added to the recitation of the Rosary.

How can I stay focused while I do this prayer?

Consider alternating Hail Marys by including a petition: For example: While praying a decade of the Rosary, alternate between praying one Hail Mary in its current form and one Hail Mary with a new petition:

Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for people experiencing homelessness (*poverty, addiction, mental health issues, sickness, etc.*).

Consider connecting the mystery of the Rosary with a current issue. For example: While praying the sorrowful mysteries, connect the mystery to people around the world who are experiencing a similar struggle.

Agony in the Garden: Pray for people experiencing despair or discouragement; people who are afraid; people who are dying.

Scourging at the Pillar: Pray for victims of torture/abuse.

Crowning with Thorns: Pray from people suffering due to mental health issues, migraines, strokes, or other neurological disorders.

Carrying of the Cross: Pray for people carrying heavy burdens.

Crucifixion: Pray for victims of murder; pray for people who are dying without proper pain control; pray for the souls of the deceased; pray for the bereaved.

Let the Earth Breathe



