

Welcome TO ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrate the Past † Imagine the Future

In 1951, **James Cardinal McGuigan**, the Archbishop of Toronto, founded a Mission Church from St. Theresa Parish, and purchased a property on the East side of Danforth Road, just South of St. Clair Avenue. In July 1952, a basement church, built with the help of the Knights of Columbus, was blessed and opened under the patronage of ST. MARIA GORETTI, who had been canonized in 1950. **Father William Hipkin** was appointed administrator.

On 17 September 1955, St. Maria Goretti was established as a parish. The Golden Mile of Industry fueled an expansion in home development along Eglinton Avenue, so it was decided to move the location of the church further North from the original site up to the East side of Kennedy Road. A new church was built: an elegant wooden structure with a classical centre aisle. It was solemnly blessed on 23 October 1960 by Cardinal McGuigan. **Father Armand Desaulniers** became Pastor 1966.

On 5 December 1968, a tragic fire struck St. Maria Goretti Church. Fr. Desaulniers decided to build a new church more suited to the renewed liturgy. Assisting Fr. Desaulniers at the time was a newly-ordained Associate Pastor, **Fr. George Galea**. On 20 September 1970, the Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto, the **Most Reverend Philip Pocock**, blessed the new church.

In the Church: the Nave seats 900 people in five sections of pews arranged in an arc around the Altar, situated in the centre of an undulating Sanctuary asymmetrically located to the right of centre along the North wall. The walls are fashioned of fluted concrete block. The flat roof is supported by eight steel columns providing a column-free interior space. It floats free of the enclosing curved walls, just above a continuous glass strip, serving the function of a classical *clerestory* (a row of clear, high windows above the large stained-glass windows in the Nave). All windows in the church are of bronze-tinted glass. Situated in the middle of the ceiling above the Sanctuary, a skylight in a plaster funnel floods the Altar with abundant natural light. The tabernacle is in a shrine at the east end of the Sanctuary, featuring a gold-leafed dome, which contains spot lights to highlight the stucco artwork behind the Tabernacle. The interior wood, including the pews, is a Canadian white oak. The sanctuary furnishings are crafted from unpolished black marble, quarried in Quebec.

Fr. Desaulniers celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 11 June 1988; he died on 22 December. His successor was **Fr. Francis Peter Corless**, who had served at St. Paul Basilica. He served St. Maria Goretti Parish for seven years, until his retirement in 1995. He died on 3 February 2008.

In 1995, **Fr. Jan Gogolewski** was made *Administrator* of St. Maria Goretti Parish. He was responsible for many of the beautiful upgrades to the Church interior, and he shepherded the parish through its participation in the *World Youth Day* celebration in 2002, as well as its 50th Anniversary celebration in 2005.



In 2007, the Archdiocese appointed Fr. Gogolewski pastor of a new parish: *Guardian Angels* in Brampton. On 27 June, **Fr. Edwin André Galea**, who had been pastor of *Guardian Angels* Parish in Orillia, became Pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish, with the assistance of **Fr. Fred Schmid** as Associate. In September of that year, **Deacon Ramon Villardo** was appointed to the parish. In 2009, **Fr. Elias Chachati**, who had most recently served at St. Michael Cathedral, became the new Associate.

In 2012, 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 on 31 May. After arriving in Toronto via Ottawa, the Body was taken to Jean Vanier High 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 prior to the 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 Friday, 1 June.

In May 2014, St. Maria Goretti Parish joined the *Family of Faith* effort to advance the PASTORAL PLAN developed by Cardinal Collins. The archdiocesan-wide campaign supports pastoral and capital projects under the following priorities:

Parish Life, Vocations, Evangelization of Society, Outreach in Justice and Love, and St. Michael Cathedral.

St. Maria Goretti parish was asked to raise \$600,000 for the capital campaign; the total eventually raised was \$900,000. The effort helped to advance plans to address chronic water infiltration in the hall area that required significant mould remediation in 2015.

The Church interior has striking plaster *bas reliefs*. Along the North wall [*left-right*], they depict:

Our patroness, **Saint Maria Goretti**;

The **Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist**, behind the Baptism font;

The **Last Supper** and **Pentecost**, behind the Altar.

The South and East walls bear the 14 Stations of the Cross.

In the Great Jubilee Year 2000, the plaster mural in the Blessed Virgin Shrine was executed. It features four sacred images within the figures of the “2000.”

The **Holy Family** is cradled in a large “2.”

To the right, scenes of the *Annunciation* and the *Coronation* of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** are each depicted in a large “0.”

The third “0,” in the centre, contains an image of **Mary** herself, with arms outstretched toward us.

A prominent *Crucifix* stands behind the Altar; and images of the *Divine Mercy* (West Wall) and *Our Mother of Perpetual Help* (behind the pulpit) grace the Nave. The latter is the devotional focus of the beautiful Novena Mass celebrated every Monday evening at 7 pm.

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 28 August 2022

Saturday, 27 Aug. / St. Monica

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Crašto family)
1.00 pm Wedding: Steven Grisani & Francesca Fernandes
5.00 pm Mass: † Ignacio & Concepcion Saldivar
(Norma Ravil Barbon)

SUNDAY, 28 AUG. / 22-C

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Therese & Endaya Bernaldo (Raphael)
10.30 am Mass: † People killed in Nigeria (D'Souza family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Severina Tuason (family)
2.00 pm KOC Installation
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 29 Aug. / Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (Jose)
7.00 pm Mass: † Sextus Ignatius Taylor (Erma Fernando)

Tuesday, 30 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosita Ingco (Patrick & Riza)

Wednesday, 31 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Aleyamma George (Georgin & family)

Thursday 1 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: for Mr. & Mrs. Christata Mohanravo
(Casildus Manuel)

Friday, 2 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: for Mr. & Mrs. Mohanravo Jarome
(Casildus Manuel)
2.00 pm Wedding: Dollolasa & Corloncito
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † Tina Heloir (Ellen Cruz & family)

Saturday, 3 Sept. / St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fr. Leonard Rozario (Aruna Boila)
5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 4 SEPT. / 23-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Frances Andreas (Gracious)
10.30 am Mass: † Therese & Endaya Bernaldo (Raphael)
12.00 pm Mass: † Rosario Rebello (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

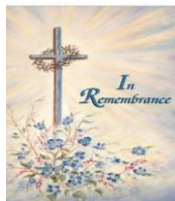
A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks the family of **Angelina De Cicco** for their gift of the two beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar following her funeral on 31 May. May she rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

Requests for 2023

The *Mass Intention* book for 2023 is now open. The Parish Office will accept requests for intentions after any Sunday Mass and during weekday office hours.



Focus on the Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Sirach 3.17-29; Hebrews 12.18-24; Luke 14.1-14

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Amen.

ShareLife 2022

Many thanks for your contribution to our 2022 Parish Campaign.

Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife*.

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

This year's *ShareLife* campaign ends on: **31 December**.

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



Rosary Sunday 11 September

The annual *Rosary Sunday* celebration at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland will be held on Sunday, 11 Sept. The CWL is prepared to hire a second vehicle. At the time of printing, there are 12 spaces available. Call: **Lillian**, 416-267-6802, or **Virginia**, 416-509-8459.

2nd Collection: 28 August, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 28 August, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

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- 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 in Canada*
24 Sept. Wedding: John & Gayle (2:00 pm)
25 Sept. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- Wedding Anniversary: Rosaria & Renato Niro (1:15 pm)
Wedding: Mulla & Mendoza (10:30 am)
29 Sept.
1 Oct. *Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux*;
-Wedding: Vasantharjah – Puvanarajh (11:00 am);
2 Oct. 2nd Collection: *Healing & Reconciliation*
4 Oct. *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*;
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
9 Oct. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
23 Oct. 2nd Collection: *World Missions*
24 Oct. Municipal Elections
30 Oct. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- CWL (1:00 pm)

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

ShareLife 2022

Savouring life.

How accessibility restored Erika's joy.



Erika had a stroke six years ago that left her with left-sided weakness. Since her stroke, Erika stopped enjoying many of the daily activities that we all take for granted.

Last summer, LA Centre for Active Living planned a trip to the *Garlic Festival*. Erika really wanted to attend, but felt her disabilities would get in the way.

They never gave up on her

The agency worked with Erika, her personal support worker, and the accessible public transit service to enable her to join the bus ride. They also rented a wheelchair to ensure her safety.

Erika loved the trip and said that she hadn't had so much fun in six years! She never thought her disabilities could seemingly "disappear" such that she could still participate and have fun.

Your help brings hope to All

Give a helping hand to those who need it most, right here at home. By donating to *Sharelife*, you help support over 40 agencies to serve the most vulnerable people in our community – regardless of their faith, age, or background.

2,785

People with special needs supported, & their caregivers

21,750

People helped by personal counselling and mental health programs

10,000

Seniors' lives were improved through social activities, health services and grocery support

Our 2022 Campaign ends on 31 December. Please give generously, and help us meet our goal !

Repair & Renewal

Monthly Report, 21 August 2022

Many thanks to the readers of our monthly *Repair and Renewal Report* at all Masses on 20/21 August:

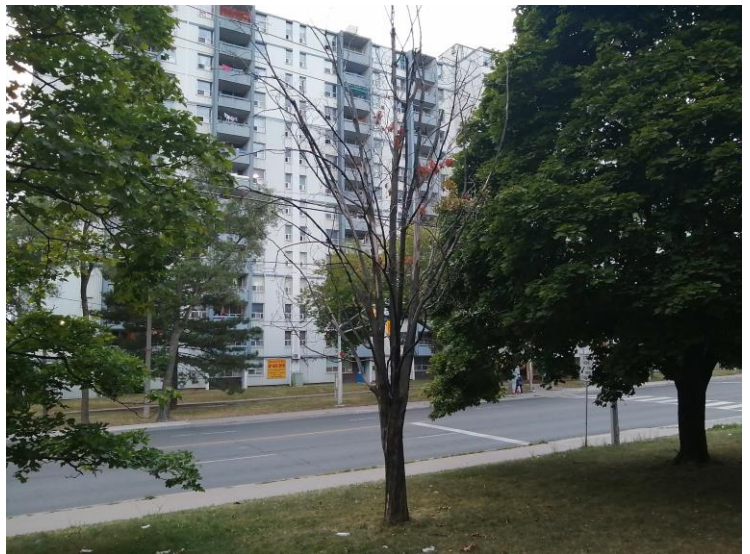
Peter Carnie, 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm Masses;

Lillian D'Souza, 10.30 am and 12 noon Masses;

Mario Francis, 9.00 am Mass.

(Feel free to approach them if you have any questions about *asbestos* or *anomalies*, as they possess a wealth of information which they would gladly share.)

Parishioners are encouraged to retain copies of the weekly printed bulletin for easy, practical reference to upcoming events in our community. Those who regularly read the website bulletin are familiar with the regular inclusion of photos that document many of the presentations made at Sunday Mass. See the photos in last week's bulletin, which illustrate the points made in the R&R presentation.



Above: Some of the trees on our property are not in the optimal state of health, and will require attention in the near future.

Below: Workers remove one of the portables from the St. Maria Goretti School property, to restore some more space for recreation.





Strappetti's appointment was announced days after he and a doctor accompanied Pope Francis on his weeklong "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada to atone for the Catholic Church's role in the country's residential schools for Indigenous children. Pope Francis always travels with a doctor and nurse who are on call in case he has health problems. Strappetti, for example, was on hand when Pope Francis issued his main apology and received a feathered headdress from Indigenous leaders.

The Pope's Nurse *Massimiliano Strappetti*

Pope Francis has promoted a Vatican nurse whom he credited with saving his life to be his "personal health care assistant." The Vatican announced the appointment of **Massimiliano Strappetti** in a one-line statement issued Thursday. Strappetti, the nursing coordinator of the Vatican's health department, accompanied Pope Francis on a difficult trip to Canada last month.

Pope Francis, 85, last year credited Strappetti with having accurately ascertained an intestinal problem that led to the Pope's 10-day hospital stay in July 2021 to remove 33 centimeters (13 inches) of his colon that had narrowed. "A nurse, a man with a lot of experience, saved my life," Pope Francis told the COPE radio of the Spanish bishops' conference in the months after his surgery.

Pope Francis noted that Strappetti's intervention was the second time a nurse had saved his life. A nurse in his native Argentina decided in 1957 to double the amount of drugs the future Pope, then known as Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was prescribed after part of his lung was removed due to a respiratory infection, he recalled.

Pope Francis has a personal physician, **Dr. Roberto Bernabei**, who was appointed last year. Bernabei is an internist and geriatric specialist at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome.

The pontiff has had a series of health problems in the past year, most significantly strained ligaments in his right knee that sharply reduced his mobility. After months of magnetic and laser treatments, Pope Francis can walk short distances with a cane or walker, though he also uses a wheelchair.

Strappetti was on hand to help with the wheelchair during Pope Francis' general audience Wednesday. He coordinates the nurses of the Vatican's small health care system, which provides basic care for Vatican employees and their families.



Grandfather & Granddaughter



Alfredo Segador (brother of **Lydia Alibangbang** of our Parish) with his dear granddaughter **Andhria Mnie Forbes Segador**. They are together now in God's hands. Andhria died earlier this year in the Philippines; Alfredo died there on 20 August. May they rest in peace.



Michael Pinto, born 12 August 2022, arrives at Church for his first Blessing, 13 August.



Mikaela Nataoie Herath Mudiganselage, born 14 July 2022, arrives at Church for her first Blessing, 29 July.



Members of the Ottawa and Scarborough chapters of the Blessed Trinity Prayer Group gather with **Dorie Thomas** to celebrate her 85th birthday, 15 August 2022.



Alfred Kattan & Julianna Valente inspect the growth of their annual gift to the Parish: the lovely flower bowl at the main Church stairway.



Bluffers Park



Pedestrian & cycling bridge at Humber Bay.





Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.



Flowers for Our Lady.