

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 23 Oct. 2022

Saturday, 22 Oct. / St. John Paul II, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Emilia Laurel (Melchora Mulla)
- 1.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Alford Williams
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Lea Abi Najem (Amalia Haddad)

SUNDAY, 23 OCT. / 30-C

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Agnes Diaz (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Rayappu Bastiampillai (family)
- 1.30 pm Baptism
- Knights of Columbus (N. Classroom)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 24 Oct. / St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

- Municipal Elections
- Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations (1945)

- 8.00 am Mass: † Bernardo Villaron (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Luisa Saguing (family)

Tuesday, 25 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Xavier Kiefer (Christa Hahn)

Wednesday, 26 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 81st Birthday (Cristeta Villanueva)

Thursday, 27 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Sanjuan family)

Friday, 28 Oct. Ss. Simon & Jude, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Ophelia Gatchalian)
- 9.30 am St. Albert School Mass

Saturday, 29 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Randy Garcia (Vinah)
- 1.00 pm Wedding: Thomas Byron & Janet Villaruz
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Cecilio Saguisag

SUNDAY, 30 OCT. / 31-C

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- Ministry Sunday

- 9.00 am Mass: † Bernardo Villaron (family & friends)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Thomas & Sally)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Dian D'Lima (Renny & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Municipal Election 24 October 2022

The Church encourages citizens to vote in the Municipal Election on 24 October. By exercising our mandate and voting, we can keep our democracy strong and resilient.

Sunday Missals

The new Sunday Missals have arrived for the next liturgical year, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent on 27 November 2022. Pick up your copy at the table in the Vestibule for \$5.

Focus on the Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Sirach 35.15-22; 2 Timothy 4.6-18; Luke 18.9-14

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Jim Antolin, Marguerite Frigault

The more than **1,000 victims** of the **flooding in Pakistan in August.**



Second Collection

23 October: World Mission Sunday

The 2nd collection on 23 Oct. is for *World Mission Sunday*.

“Here we are, Jesus, ready to serve to the ends of the earth.”

On World Mission Sunday, all Catholics are called to celebrate their vocation to be missionaries. On this day, Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. As Jesus requested:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19-20)

We are invited to live this Mission as servants of the living Lord. The testimony of our faith in Christ the Redeemer, our hope and our charity provide the greatest service that baptized people can offer, here and to the ends of the earth.

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- 1 Nov. **Feast of All Saints**
- 2 Nov. **Feast of All Souls**
- 7 Nov. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 9 Nov. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 13 Nov. - 2nd Collection: **Shepherds' Trust;**
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 24 Nov. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
- 27 Nov. **1st Sunday of Advent**
- 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Ministry Sunday: 30 October

St. Maria Goretti Parish will hold its Annual *Ministry Sunday* at all Masses on 29/30 October. All parish ministries will have representatives and information about their activity at the tables throughout the Church Vestibule.

God created each of us with unique gifts, talents, and experiences. Part of our journey towards holiness and towards God is discovering who we are, what gifts we have, and how we can share these gifts with our families & friends, our community, and our world. We invite you to take an opportunity to reflect on the person God created you to be and the gifts you may have to share.

If you are new to the parish, or if you have been a parishioner for some time and are discerning deeper involvement in our faith community, take the time to look over the ministry displays and speak to the representatives; and ask the Lord if you are being called to share your gifts in a new way.

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation,
1st Holy Communion

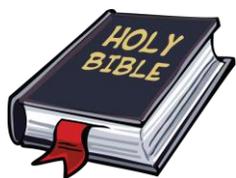


Catholic Schools: Currently starting

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Soon the families will begin receiving Information packages to register the students in this process. We look forward to resuming the in-person family instruction meetings that will be held early in the New Year.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank **Linda Friede**, the mother of **Ms. Rachel Hastings**, (30 August 1984 – 1 August 2022) for your gift of the beautiful flower arrangements following your daughter's funeral Liturgy on Tuesday, 9 August. May God grant her eternal rest.



RCIA Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults
Bible Sponsors wanted

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics? Here's a way for you to let others know how powerful the Bible is!

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* invites parishioners to serve as **Bible Sponsors** for the candidates currently in the process of joining the Church. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

29 October 2022

the Inquirers will celebrate the Rite of Admission to the *Catechumenate*, a period of focused study of the faith. At that time, they will be presented with blessed **Bibles**. You may sponsor one Bible for a donation of \$25. For more information on how you can help, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

Wedding Congratulations

Matthew Caporiccio and Cassandra D'Alonzo
24 September 2022, St. Clare of Assisi, Woodbridge

Marko Mulla and Keilie Mendoza
29 September 2022



Keilie and Marko with their parents, 29 September.

Parish Attendance Count 16 & 23 October

At all Sunday Masses on 16 & 23 October, volunteers will conduct our annual *Attendance Count*. This is a requirement of our Archdiocese for its planning and reporting purposes. The count is simply a manual tally of all those arriving for our Masses.

Knights of Columbus

1.30 pm, 23 October

The next *Knights of Columbus* Meeting will be held at 1.30 pm on 23 October. All members are asked to Assemble in the North Classroom.



Altar Servers

Congratulations to our 2022 Altar Server Award recipient: **Zian Villaruz**. Photo at right: Zian with Dad & Mom & Niece.

FALL TRAINING SERIES

Resumes 5 November, 9-10.30 am

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will resume at 9.00 am on 5 November. Applicants must be part of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.





RCIC group, 8 October.



Samantha Dulnuan and Ricky Yip after their Wedding, 8 October, with **Mely and Deacon Ramon Villardo**.



Family of **Christyantton Anthonipillai** gather for Memorial Prayers, 8 October.



Zian Villaruz with his family on Sunday evening, after receiving the Altar Server Award on Saturday, 15 October.



Family of **Alma Lacanlale Pineda**
gather for Memorial Prayers, 15 Oct.



3 Pastors of Guardian Angels Church, Orillia,
at the Annual Priests' Seminar, Nottawasaga,
20 October 2022. (l-r) **Fr. Andrew Cyruk**,
2007-2020; **Fr. Edwin Galea**, 1999-2007;
Fr. Prasanth George, 2020-2022.



CWL Scarborough Regional Meeting,
St. Aidan Church, 4 October.



RCIA Renewal and Election/Enrollment Rite, 7 Oct.

All kinds of vehicles; one destination for all of us.





Celebrating 50 years of the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Toronto

30 September 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Coordinator **Deacon Steve Pitre** reflected on this special milestone.

How did the Permanent Diaconate come to be created in the Archdiocese of Toronto?

Steve: After Archbishop Philip Pocock returned from Vatican II in 1965, he began to study the Permanent Diaconate with St. Augustine Seminary staff, the Senate of Priests and Archdiocesan staff. They considered the types of men who would make good candidates, the program of formation and training as well as how to define their roles in the parishes and community. The study involved Seminary staff meeting with educators and Priests from the U.S., particularly the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In time, they realized that the Diaconate was not a collection of functions and that its value was not focused on the Deacon's administration of Sacraments. Instead, the role of the Deacon rested on his relationship with the community of believers; Deacons should be assigned ministries outside of the parish structure.

When the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops received permission from Rome in 1969 for the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate, the first class took place on 30 September 1972, with 33 men and their wives attending. This had the very strong support of Archbishop Pocock, who gave his blessing to the program with an abundance of hope and enthusiasm, and it was the start of a tradition of strong episcopal support of the diaconate that remains today. It is a principal reason why it has flourished so well and so consistently in the Archdiocese for the last five decades.

What ministries does the Permanent Diaconate serve?

Steve: Prisons / Soup kitchens / Food and clothing banks / Ministry to those who are just re-entering society / Ministry to the homeless / Ministry to those with disabilities, like *L'Arche* / Hospitals / Nursing homes / Hospices / Ministry to seafarers (*Apostle of the Seas*) / Bereavement.

Permanent Deacons have contributed to the spiritual and human life of their parishes by collaborating with their Priests, Bishops and their fellow parishioners to help enrich the way the Church presents itself to those outside its doors. Our Lord told us to preach the Gospel by our lives and words and did not tell us to look or measure results. He is very aware when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and visit the sick and those in prison. It does not matter that the world neither sees nor acknowledges this.

We extend our gratitude to all those involved in the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Toronto over the past 50 years. May this important ministry continue to flourish for years to come!