



The Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:

Father, You awaken in us the desire for the coming of Your Son. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring us to the Kingdom of justice and peace You promise all people.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

5.00 pm: **Ermina De Leon**

9.00 am: **Peter Lobo**

10.30 am: **Felicita Flores**

12.00 pm: **Minda Chattergoon**

7.00 pm: **Corine Maulion**

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 27 Nov. 2022

Saturday, 26 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Ramon Umali (Marinda Dominguez)

5.00 pm Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva (Cristeta)

SUNDAY, 27 NOV. / ADVENT 1-A

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- SVPD Bundle up Sunday
- Religious Articles sale

9.00 am Mass: † George & Marguerite Chachati (Corine Maulion)

10.30 am Mass: † Harvey Pereira & Lawrence D'Cruz (Pereira family)

12.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of CWL

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 28 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Clem D'Cunha & family (Esme)

7.00 pm Mass: † Lorenzo Sr. Merin (Gina Arroyo)

Tuesday, 29 Nov.

- Fr. Edwin Galea: Ordination Anniversary (1980)

8.00 am Mass: † Maximiliana Hahn (Christa)

7.00 pm Mass: † Pedro Camacho (family)

Wednesday, 30 Nov. / St. Andrew, apostle

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Caroline)

7.00 pm Mass: † Lorenzo Sr. & Belen Merin (Gina Arroyo)

Thursday, 1 Dec.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Caroline)

7.00 pm Mass: Int. Theresa Johnson

Friday, 2 Dec.

8.00 am Mass: † Sisters & Grandparents of Alagaratnam (Caroline)

6.00 pm Holy Hour

7.00 pm Mass: † Unborn Children (Lillian D'Souza)

Saturday, 3 Dec. / St. Francis Xavier, priest

8.00 am Mass: † Xavier Kiifer (Christa Hahn)

5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Jasudas)

SUNDAY, 4 DEC. / ADVENT 2-A

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

9.00 am Mass: † Therese & Bernaldo Endaya (Raphael)

10.30 am Mass: † George Manuepillai

12.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Felicisima Turiano (family)

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Pray for the Deceased



Limuel Lumbab, Fr. William Fitzgerald,

Fr. Ralph Paonessa, Monsignor Edmond Putrimas

The **110** victims of Hurricane Ian in October

2nd Collection: 27 November, *Maintenance*

The 2nd collection, Sunday, 27 November, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

2nd Collection: 11 December, *ShareLife Legacy*

On 11 December, *ShareLife Legacy* Sunday, the 2nd collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

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29 Nov.	Fr. Edwin: 42 nd Ordination Anniversary (1980)
5 Dec.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
6 Dec.	▶ St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
7 Dec.	Advent Day of Confessions; - St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
8 Dec.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
10 Dec.	Catholic Women's League Advent Reflection (2-4 pm)
11 Dec.	<i>ShareLife Legacy</i> Collection; Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
14 Dec.	St. Maria Goretti School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)
15 Dec.	St. Albert School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)
17 Dec.	Pope Francis: Birthday (1936)
18 Dec.	4th Sunday in Advent; - 2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>
22 Dec.	Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)
24 Dec.	Christmas Eve Masses begin at 7.00 pm
25 Dec.	Christmas: Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord - 2 nd Collection: <i>Christmas</i>

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion



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.

Confirmation

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive Confirmation in Grade 7. The Information packages will be available soon.

A Special Gift FESTIVE CAPE FOR OUR LADY

Our Parish thanks **Genive Gomes** for her gift of the beautiful festive cape for the statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in the Vestibule. May God bless and guide you.

Catholic Women's League

An Advent Reflection Day talk on "The Sixth Joyful Mystery"

10 December, 2 – 4.30 pm



Our speaker will be **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy, Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough.

Advent Shrine Day Trip

18 December, 8.30 am – 9.00 pm

The CWL is holding a day trip to Niagara, including stops at nearby Shrines. The cost is \$50; booking required by Sunday, 4 December. Call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

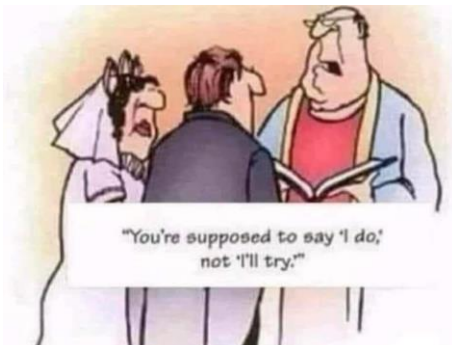
Bundle Up Sunday

27 November



On the weekend of 27 November, 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 at Mass times, and help others in our community.

☺ Your sabbath smile



ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 19 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a pair who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

Knights of Columbus

☐ 50/50 Draw, 4 December

The end is near: The KOC

50/50 draw will be held on Sunday, 4 December, following the 12.00 noon Mass.



RCIA

Pray for all in our parish RCIA and RCIC processes.

On Saturday, 19 November, 4 adults and 8 youth who have been participants since the *Rite of Election* earlier this year celebrated the *Early Initiation Rites* at the 5.00 pm Mass. May God guide them as they mature in the faith of the Church, confident in the friendship of their spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ.

On 6 November, **Archbishop Richard Gagnon** celebrated the *Rite of Candidacy* for Lieutenant **Rylan Montgomery** at Our Lady of Shilo Catholic Chapel at the Canadian Forces Base Shilo, Manitoba. Rylan is a former Anglican Priest who now serves as a Catholic chaplain at CFN Shilo. He has been accepted into spiritual formation to become a Catholic Priest. Please keep him, his wife and all his family in your prayers as they begin this spiritual journey.



Pontifical Mission Societies

2022 Anniversaries

Our History! Our Life!

In 1822, a young lady, **Pauline Jaricot**, felt a call to help spread the Gospel. From humble beginnings the First Pontifical Mission Society was started: the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH. It supported the worldwide work of missionaries where the need was greatest. It became the largest mission agency in the world and remains so today.



Twenty-one years later, Pauline's vision inspired **Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson** to start a society to help abandoned children in China. This led to a global movement of children helping children- and so was born Children's Mission, sometimes known as the HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION. Pontifical Missionary Childhood or Society of Holy Childhood.

Jeanne Bigard and her mother, **Stephanie**, had suffered from personal tragedies. They turned to good works and became interested in making altar linen and vestments for missionaries in Japan. **Fr. Villion**, who was stationed in Kyoto, Japan, approached them in 1888, asking for help in building a Church. They sold some land and gave 50,000 francs to build the church.

In 1889, a French Bishop of Nagasaki, **Jules-Alphonse Cousin**, suggested to the Bigards that they might consider supporting boys in Japan to train for the Priesthood. Thus, was born the idea of a general society to promote indigenous clergy throughout the world. The Bigards sponsored the new society. Approved by the Pope in 1890, it became a Pontifical Mission Society in 1922.

The SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE trains young men and women in their own country and culture to serve their people as religious Sisters, Brothers, or Priests. Also assisted are Catechists who have been chosen to be the teachers and mentors of the catechists in their country.

As a missionary in Myanmar (then called Burma) **Father Paolo Manna** was concerned by the overwhelming demands on parish clergy, and the small number of missionaries.

He began a Missionary Union to prepare Priests for mission, promote missionary awareness and encourage prayer for mission. This was approved by **Pope Benedict XV** in 1916, and in 1956 was declared the PONTIFICAL MISSIONARY UNION.

Now we recognize that all of us are called to Christ's mission: to accept and share His message, life and love through word & action. It is radical. It is visionary. Society for the Propagation of Faith started through one woman's vision that multiplied & inspired others. What is your vision for mission?

400 Years of Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (CEP)

The CONGREGATION OF THE EVANGELIZATION OF PEOPLES celebrates the fourth centenary of its foundation. Since 1622, the Church's missionary work had been organized and coordinated at the world level by the *Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith* in collaboration with many religious orders and congregations and with local Churches. At the Vatican Council, the role of the Congregation was affirmed, and it was renamed the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

200 Years of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

On 3 May 2022, the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith will celebrate two major milestones. It will mark the 200th anniversary of its foundation as the Association of the Propagation of Faith and the 100th anniversary of its Pontifical status, conferred by Pope Pius XI in his Motu Proprio *Romanorum Pontificum*, thus confirming the Missionary spirit of the Society and its important service to the universal Church. By the same Motu Proprio, the Holy Father also conferred *Pontifical status* to the Society of the Holy Childhood and the Society of St. Peter, the Apostle.

The foundress, Pauline Marie Jaricot was beatified on May 22, 2022 in Lyon, France.

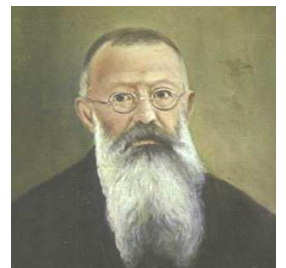
100 Years of Pontifical Status for: Propagation of Faith (POF) Holy Childhood Association (HCA) St. Peter the Apostle (SPA)

The Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of Faith, the Pontifical Mission Society of Holy Childhood, and the Pontifical Mission of St. Peter the Apostle were made Pontifical in 1922, by **Pope Pius XI** at the centenary celebration of the Society for the Propagation of Faith.

150th Birthday of Fr. Paolo Manna, the founder of PMU

Rev. Fr. Paolo Manna (16 Ja. 1872 – 15 Sept. 1952) was born in Avellino, Italy, and studied in Naples, Rome and Milan. He was a member of the Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions as well as the founder of the Pontifical Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. He was passionate in promoting the missions, evangelization and Apostolic life.

He was Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2001.



ShareLife 2022

Living the Gospel!



ShareLife is the official annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, raising funds to support over 40 Catholic agencies and grant recipients.

Today, we reflect on Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

“Without you, *ShareLife* could not fulfill its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Together we are making a real difference! My prayer is that we may continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.”

- **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Thanks to all for your support of our parish 2022 *ShareLife*. This is a real blessing, a tribute to the generosity of every donor, at a time of great need.

We are entering the final weeks of the 2022 *ShareLife* Parish Campaign. Please make a sacrificial gift at our *ShareLife* Legacy collection, Sunday, 11 December.



Archdiocese of Winnipeg - There are three deacons serving in the Westman Deaneries who celebrated their 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on 25 October 2022. Deacon John MacKenzie (Retired), Deacon Murray Teetaert and Deacon Conrad Plante were ordained on 25 October 1997 at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish by Archbishop Leonard Wall. Congratulations on 25 wonderful years, and thank you to them and their wives for years of service to our Church!



The Advent Wreath

The Advent season is a time to prepare our hearts for the anniversary of the birthday of Jesus Christ. Advent consists of the weeks following the 4 Sundays before Christmas.

Advent wreaths are a great way to prepare for Christmas. A family can set one up in a special place in their home, and follow the prayers used at their Parish. The wreath should be on a fireproof surface, with no fabric or paper nearby, and it should be extinguished at the end of the family prayer time.

Darkness and Light

Advent candles demonstrate the contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the “Light of the World” that dispels the darkness of sin (John 8:12).

It also reminds us that, as Christians, we are meant to shine the light of Christ in this world. As Jesus tells us,

“You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16)

Shape

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God’s complete and unending love for us. It is a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Number

The Advent Wreath holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. The wreath can be put away on Christmas Eve, so that the focus is on the Infant Jesus in the Nativity Scene.

Colour

Violet is the liturgical color used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. It is used during Advent and Lent. Advent is the time when we wait in our spiritual “darkness” with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ’s birth, and just as the whole world does now as we await his promised return.



Family of Rosaria Oshinowo at her Memorial Mass, 26 October.



Family of Dian D'Lima at his Memorial Prayers, 30 October.



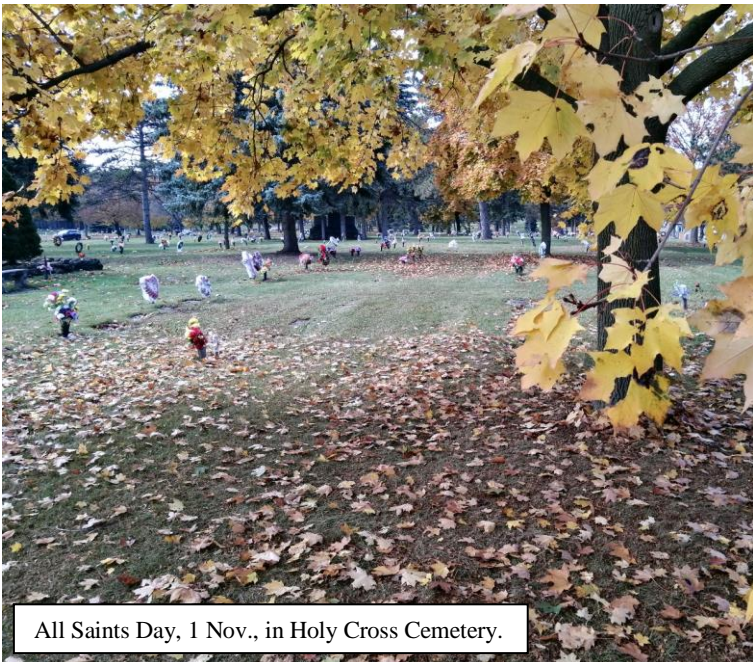
Fr. Elias, Knights of Columbus and St. Maria Goretti School volunteers after the evening Mass on Remembrance Day, 11 November.



El Shaddai liturgical ministers and RCIC youth, 12 November.



A dragonfly lands on a water lily in India's Assam state.



All Saints Day, 1 Nov., in Holy Cross Cemetery.

