



The Advent Wreath

Third 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 called us to share Christ's ministry to a troubled world. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may faithfully proclaim Your Word in all we say and do, until Your Kingdom comes on Earth.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

5.00 pm: **CWL – Anastasia, Eden & Minda**

9.00 am: **Harriet Paul**

10.30 am: **Children's Choir**

12.00 pm: **Adrian Pereira**

7.00 pm: **Adrienne Bertok**

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 11 Dec. 2022

Saturday, 10 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Soosaipillai Kingsley Anton Maharajah (Antoinette & family)
 2.00 pm ADVENT REFLECTION (CWL), with Fr. Eric Rodrigues
 5.00 pm Mass: † Celeste Teixeira (Lallajee family)

SUNDAY, 11 DEC. / ADVENT 3-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Valentina Tarasuk (Vinah Garcia)
 10.30 am Mass: † DeVerno & Shea family
 12.00 pm Mass: † Maria D'Cruz & Joseph Fernandes (Pereira family)
 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 12 Dec. / Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8.00 am Mass: † Nolasco Remedio (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Dionisio Sr. Alcantara (Janet Aguirre)

Tuesday, 13 Dec. / St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Karl Wagner, *birthday* (Christa Hahn)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of Dominguez family (Marinda)

Wednesday, 14 Dec. / St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mike Gracias (Isabelle)
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Loretta D'Mello (friends)
 - St. Maria Goretti School family Advent Mass

Thursday, 15 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Special Intention (Brendan Serpes)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Eddie Juan (Shirley & children)

Friday, 16 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Esme)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Francisco Lagundi (Buyser family)

Saturday, 17 Dec.

■ *Birthday of Pope Francis (1936)*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Caroline)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 18 DEC. / ADVENT 4-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

■ *Religious Articles Sale*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Fe Dadul Alconaba (Prathiraja Edirisingha)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Lorna & Lancy Gomes, Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 25th Wedding Anniversary
 12.00 pm Mass: † Mary Roberts (Kathleen Ryan)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Pray for the Deceased

**Restituto De Ocampo,
 Matilde Natividad, Ramon Saygan**

The **7** victims of the **shooting** at **Walmart** in **Chesapeake** in **Virginia** in **November**



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.

Help us to reach our Parish goal of \$42,000.00. We can make a real difference in the lives of those counting on us.

COMING UP

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- 21 Dec. ▶ 34th Anniversary of the Lockerbie bombing
 22 Dec. **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers**: death anniversary (1988)
 23 Dec. ▶ **The Tenors** (Roy Thompson Hall)
 24 Dec. **Christmas Eve** Masses begin at 7.00 pm
 25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
 - 2nd Collection: *Christmas*

2023

- 1 Jan. The Solemn Feast of **Mary, Mother of God**;
 - Collection: *New Year*
 8 Jan. Feast of the **Epiphany of Our Lord**
 2 Jan. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
 7 Apr. ▶ **Depeche Mode** (Scotiabank Arena)
 5 May **Cardinal Thomas Collins**: 50th Anniversary
 of Ordination to the Priesthood
 6 May ▶ **King Charles**: Coronation, Westminster Abbey
 18 June ▶ **Ed Sheeran** (Rogers Centre)

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 Enrolment

10/11 December

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive Confirmation in Grade 7. The Information packages are now available.



Candidates who have not yet attended an Enrolment Mass should complete their Information packages and bring them to one of the Masses on 10/11 December. The students will be called up to the Altar after Communion to submit their forms and offer their *Enrolment Prayer*. See more details on p.5 in the website bulletin.

A Special Gift WEDDING FLOWERS

Our Parish thanks **Gayle Baylon** and **John Abanilla** for their gift of the beautiful flower arrangements following their Wedding on 24 September. May God bless and guide you.

Catholic Women's League

An Advent Reflection Day 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.



Knights of Columbus

50/50 Draw Winner

Congratulations! The winner of the **KOC 50/50 draw**, held on Sunday, 4 December, is **Mr. John Gomes**. See the details on page 4 in the website bulletin.



Christmas Decoration, 12 December

The annual decoration of our Sanctuary for Christmas will be held on Monday, 12 December, after the 7.00 pm Mass.

☺ Your sabbath smile

I speak my mind because it hurts to bite my tongue all the time.

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."

St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we recall many in our community who are less fortunate and who could benefit from our prayers and almsgiving.

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks your support for the help we provide to the poor. Envelopes will be made available at the doors of the Church so that you can help us to extend Christ's love to our neighbors who are in need.

Finance Council Report 18 December

The annual FINANCE COUNCIL Report will be presented at all Masses on 17 & 18 December.

Stewardship

2023 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2023 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

Donation amounts

For the benefit of *new Parishioners*: Welcome to our Parish! kindly ensure that the *donation amount* is written in the space provided on the front of the envelope. If this is not done, our financial advisors must stop to do so when the collection is counted, and this really slows down the process.

Parish Memorials

A lasting legacy: Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Parishioners may also make a special gift to the Church as a *Memorial* in honour of a loved family member. Speak privately to the Pastor for details: 416-261-0076.

My Offering	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

ShareLife 2022

11 December: Legacy Collection

As we prepare to conclude our 2022 *ShareLife* campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that? Living the Gospel means helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, being available for families facing difficulties, welcoming refugee families to our community, and much more. For 43 years, individuals have experienced our compassionate care. God bless you!

Family Services

Catholic Family Services of Durham
Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin
Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County
Catholic Family Services of Toronto (416) 921-1163
Catholic Community Services of York Region
FertilityCare Toronto (416) 465-2868
Natural Family Planning Association | (416) 481-5465

Children and Youth

Camp Ozanam (416) 364-5577
Covenant House (416) 598-4898
Office of Catholic Youth (416) 599-7676
Sancta Maria House (416) 925-7333
Youth-In-Transition (416) 598-4898

People with Special Needs

Mary Centre of Toronto (416) 630-5533
Our Place Community of Hope (416) 598-2919
Saint Elizabeth Health Care (905) 940-9655
Silent Voice Canada (416) 463-1104
St. Bernadette Family Resource Centre (416) 654-9810
St. Michael's / Matt Talbot Houses (416) 926-8267
Street Haven at the Crossroads (416) 967-6060

Elderly People

Centres d'Accueil Héritage | (416) 365-3350
LA Centre for Active Living | (416) 452-4875
Providence Healthcare | (416) 285-3666
Society of Sharing | (416) 413-0380

Immigrants and Refugees

Catholic Cross-Cultural Services | (416) 757-7010
Office for Refugees | (416) 934-0606 ext. 804

Single and Teen Parents

Rosalie Hall | (416) 438-6880
Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services |
(905) 432-3622 (Oshawa) | (289) 385-1160 (Ajax)
Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers | (905)
853-5514
Vita Centre | (905) 502-7933

Education of Clergy

St. Augustine's Seminary | (416) 261-7207
Office of Vocations | (416) 968-0997
Redemptoris Mater Seminary | (416) 264-9477

International Development and Missions

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development &
Peace | (416) 922-1592
Pastoral Mission Fund | (416) 934-0606 ext. 567

Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto |
(416) 934-3401

Special Projects

Special Project funding was directed to our Parish Outreach to Seniors pilot project, Grief Reconciliation for Young Mothers pilot project and Shared Services between agencies for financial management, human resources and information technology.

Grants-in-aid Agencies

The deVeber Institute
Birthright International - Toronto
Toronto Right to Life
New Beginnings
Canadian Food for Children
Good Shepherd Ministries
St. John Paul the Great Family Centre
Hospital Chaplaincy
Special grants allocated by Catholic Charities *

* Catholic Charities, with the support of *ShareLife*, provided additional community grants for services to those who are hungry, homeless and dying; to refugees and immigrants; to children living in poverty; and for prison ministry through community reintegration programs.



Mrs. Pardillo chums around with Paul Dick, aka Santa. 7 Dec. 2022

KOC 50/50 Draw

[Above, left:] Mr. **John Gomes** is pictured receiving his winning total of \$558.00 in the Knights of Columbus 50/50 Draw, 4 Dec. 2022. *Congratulations* to John, and *Thank You* to everyone who participated in this draw. Funds raised will be used by the Knights to move forward on a number of projects to upgrade and beautify our lovely Church.



The stunning Nativity Scene at the entrance of St. Albert School.



Brutus the feline.

Confirmation

Opening our hearts to the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive Confirmation in Grade 7. The Information packages are now available, and have been distributed to in-person students at St. Albert School and St. Maria Goretti School. Students studying Virtually, or who are in schools not in our Parish (and who will be part of our Saturday Class in the New Year) may collect the Information packages at the Parish Office. See Fr. Edwin for details.

Students in St. Albert School, Virtual study, and the Saturday Class, who have not yet attended an *Enrolment Mass*, should complete their Information packages and bring them to one of the Masses on 10/11 December to take part in the Enrolment Rite. The students will be called up to the Altar after Communion to submit their forms and offer their *Enrolment Prayer*.

The Greeters will have prayer cards available at each Mass with the text of the Enrolment Prayer. The supply will be kept at the Offertory Gift Table.

The dress code for the Enrolment Rite is “Sunday best.” No particular style is mandated; but the students should dress up so that they can take photos with their families after Mass.

PRAYER FOR THE ENROLMENT RITE

Today, I am ready / to renew my commitment to God in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I am prepared / to take on the responsibility of following Jesus Christ / by living the Christian life as a member of the Catholic Church.

I am committed: to develop my knowledge of my faith, to deepen my relationship with Jesus, and to share my gifts / by serving those who are in need.

I will duly undertake / the preparation required for this next step / in my journey of faith.

As I continue / I ask for the prayers of my brothers and sisters in this parish community so that I may be ready to receive the strength of the Holy Spirit.

I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community;
- ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
 - ✘ be true witnesses of Christ;
 - ✘ confess the name of Christ boldly;
 - ✘ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a permanent, indelible mark on the Christian’s soul.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Laying On of Hands*¹

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*²

¹ LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extend their hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

² ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

Bishop: “ _____, be sealed with
the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”

Qatar Soccer 2022



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Doha





