



[l-r:] Deacon Ramon Villardo, Victor Valdes, Fr. Scott Birchall, Ryan Nigli, Fr. Elias Chachati, Fr. Edwin Galea. Photo: P. DeCaires

## Parish Week

Sunday, 24 September 2017

**Saturday, 23 Sept. / St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, priest**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Yoahan (family)
- 1.00 pm Wedding: Ryan Khan & Shanelle Davotte
- 3.00 pm Wedding: Lisa D'Rozario & Vishal Chopra
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Myrna Mungal (Janette & Kelvin)  
- RCIA / RCIC Rite of Election

**SUNDAY, 24 SEPT. / 25 - A**

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- Repair & Renewal Report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Jeanette Liles (Daphne)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Jesus Serneo (Helen)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

**Monday, 25 Sept.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Arturo Lim Sr. (family)
- 1.00 pm ► St. Albert School Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (Marie Collins)

**Tues., 26 Sept. / Ss. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & companions, martyrs**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Watson (Ophelia Gatchalian)

**Wednesday, 27 Sept. / St. Vincent De Paul, priest**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Veronica Franco (Magdalena & family)

**Thursday, 28 Sept. / St. Lorenzo Ruiz & companions, martyrs**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alberto Dacanay (family)

**Friday, 29 Sept. / Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Valerie Gibson (Daphne)
- 7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Assunta Lombardi (Anna & family)

**Saturday, 30 Sept. / St. Jerome, priest & doctor**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Emma)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Mike D'Mello (friends)

**SUNDAY, 1 OCT. / 26 - A**

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of **Bishop Michael Power**

- 9.00 am Mass: † Reginald Mendonca (Rebello family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Fernandes family (Sally & Thomas)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Patrick McDonnell (Audrey & family)
- 2.00 pm ► Life Chain
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Isaiah 55.6-9; Philippians 1.20-27; Matthew 20.1-16**

*O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Emil Raveendran Anthonipillai**

**Lolita Baromia**

**Fr. Emidio Cremona**

**Josephina Guzman**

**Elizabeth Hancko**

**Belen Merlin**

**Laura Pignataro**

**Fr. William Francis Ryan, S.J.**

**The 90 victims of the earthquake in Mexico**

## Life Chain

**1 October, 2:00 – 3:00 pm**

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer on: *Sunday, 1 October, 2 to - 3 pm*. Our assembly location is:

**Danforth Avenue & Victoria Park Avenue,  
or Lawrence Avenue & Birchmount Road**

## Repair & Renewal September Report, Update

The September report of the *Repair & Renewal* committee will be given at all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 September.

We thank all parishioners for their loyal support of our family of faith. This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

## Blessing of Animals: 7 October, 4.00 pm

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, the *Blessing of Animals* will be celebrated at 4 pm on Saturday, 30 September, in front of the main entrance. You are welcome to bring beloved pets for this blessing.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 24 September, Maintenance

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Sunday, 24 Sept., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

## COMING UP

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- 2 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 4 Oct. Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass (9:00 am)
- 7 Oct. Wedding: Zamora – Sibal (1:00 pm)
- 8 Oct. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 13 Oct. St. Maria Goretti School Mass & Confirmation Enrolment (8:45 am)
- 14 Oct. ► Altar Servers Awards (St. Thomas More Church, 10:00 am)
- 16 Oct. Birthday of St. Maria Goretti (1890)
- 19 Oct. St. Vincent De Paul Meeting (7:00 pm)  
► Archdiocese 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass (Blessed Trinity Church, 7.00 pm)
- 21 Oct. New Altar Servers Training Meeting (9.00 am);

## Sacramental Preparation

**Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion:** start 30 September  
Preparation will begin on 30 September for the Sacraments of *Reconciliation* and *First Holy Communion* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 2. For further information, call the facilitator directly: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

**Confirmation:** start 30 September

Preparation will begin on 30 September for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 7. For further information, call the facilitator: **Céline Donald**, 416-285-0811.

*\*Note:* Students in Catholic Schools receive Confirmation preparation in Grade 7.

### RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Rite of CANDIDACY: 5.00 pm Mass, 23 September

*Do you want to become Catholic? Do you want to understand your faith better?* Adult Catechism classes, also known as R.C.I.A., are held on Fridays from 7:30-9:00 pm.

Please pray for the adult Candidates in our parish RCIA process, and their children in the RCIC. The annual RITE OF CANDIDACY will be celebrated at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, 23 September.

## Our Sunday Seminararians

St. Maria Goretti Parish is honoured to have two students from St. Augustine Seminary assist at our Sunday Masses: **Ryan Nigli** and **Victor Valdes**. On Sunday, 17 September, they were accompanied by **Fr. Scott Birchall**, who concelebrated our 9.00 am Mass. See the photo at the top of the PARISH WEEK column.

## Family of Faith:

*Implementing the Pastoral Plan*



Family of Faith

Many thanks to all parishioners who are participating in our diocesan *Family of Faith* campaign, to implement the Pastoral Plan developed by **Cardinal Collins**. Please ensure that your donations are properly addressed:

*Family of Faith* - Donations Processing Centre  
Archdiocese of Toronto  
1155 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

## Marriage Preparation: 6 Oct.

The Fall session of our *Marriage* course begins Friday, 6 October, at 7.00 pm; it lasts 6 evenings. For info, call: **Janette Rampersad**, 416-751-3442.



## Sow a Dream

To sow a dream and see it spread and grow,  
To light a lamp and watch its brightness glow,  
This is a gift that is divine, I know;  
To give a child a dream. *Anne Campbell*

## Thank you

Many thanks to the parishioners who continued to work hard, even over the Summer months, to ensure that some key committee projects were advanced in our parish. A special Thank You to:

### Jubilee Book Committee

Feleccitas Flores; Norma & Laureano Cruz; Joyce Durban; Rajeev Jose; Roy Johnson; Helen Hillier; Dorothy Howley.

### Mission Co-op Hospitality (Bishop Agyenta)

Cheryl & Harold Dalliday; Tarcisius Atemkeng & family; Therese Dejean & family; Daphne Dias; Celine Donald; Zufan Keleta & family; Nicole Lim; Corine Maulion; Worrick and Meleka Russell; Emmanuel Udenkwo & family; Vijay and Margaret Vase & family; Beatriz Yamal.

### ShareLife Committee

Alteza De Castro; Merle Austria; Cezar Corbillon; Norma & Laureano Cruz; Cheryl Dalliday; Daphne Dias; Celine Donald; Joyce Durban; Dorothy Howley; Rosalina Mopas, Willy Mulla;

### Website Team

Denis Gabuya; Danielle De Guzman; Desiree Fernandez; Desmond Lobo; Willie Mulla; Worrick Russell.

## Sunday School

### 10.30 am Mass



New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to focus and listen to the Scriptures and homily.

Kids who want to join the Sunday School should be in the Church before Mass. When Mass begins, they will be called to come up in front of the Altar with their teachers for the Priest's blessing. Afterwards, they will be led to their room for the Sunday School. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324 or 416-825-5089.

## A Special Gift

Many thanks to **Daphne Dias**, who personally prepared and donated the new set of *Finger Towels* used at our Masses. This gift will help to renew the Sacristy supply, and to dignify our liturgies.

## Stewardship Offertory Envelopes

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

We are encouraged that all new parishioners have been choosing to use personal Sunday offertory envelopes for their Church stewardship. Thank you! This simplifies our financial accounting.

### Donation amounts

Some new parishioners have missed the instruction to ensure that the *donation amount* should be written in the space provided on the front of the envelope. If this is not done, our financial advisors must stop to do so, and this really slows down the process.

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