



Parish Week † Sunday, 21 January 2018

Saturday, 20 Jan. / St. Sebastian, *martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Brandon Clarke (The Romany family)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Jack Collins (Marie)

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY / 3-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Sr. Tobias Enverga Jr. (Bernardez family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Rosalia Pipitone (Abate family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Nazarena Raponi (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 22 Jan. / St. Vincent, *deacon & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Joseph, Mary, Bonnie & Bernadette Cheng (Paul)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Louis Daley (St. Vincent De Paul conference, St. Maria Goretti)
 7.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Family Info Night

Tuesday, 23 Jan. / St. Marianne Cope, *virgin*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Wilfred, Esther, Sirimal, Mangala Seneviratne (Ross)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva (Sofie Salve)
 7.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Family Info Night

Wednesday, 24 Jan. / St. Francis de Sales, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Roberto Zulueta (Rosalina Mopas)

Thursday, 25 Jan. / Conversion of St. Paul, *apostle*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Carlos Rodriguez (Bernardez family)

Friday, 26 Jan. / Ss. Timothy & Titus, *bishops*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Raquel Diaz)

Sat., 27 Jan. / St. Angela Merici, *virgin & religious founder*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 29th Wedding Anniversary (Antonio & Teresa San Juan)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Elisa Bastiampillai (Mom Anna)

SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY / 4-B

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Annie & Arokia Dass (Mary Joseph)
 10.30 am Mass: † Espirato Miraflor, Jr. (Dorie)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Jesus & Eustaquia Veras (Tomas & Salve Toriano)
 - *Installation of CWL Executive*
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B John 3.1-10; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Robert Crooker **Alfred Luke**
Hipolito Vasquez Odtohan **Maria Cirera Garcia**
Monsignor Gregory Haddock **Crispina Mendoza**
Annette Lucas

Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo,
 of St. Paul Basilica, Rome
The 13 victims of the Coptic Church attack in Cairo, Egypt

Family of Faith

Implementing the Pastoral Plan



Family of Faith

St. Maria Goretti Parish took part in Wave 1 of the *Family of Faith*

Campaign. The total raised in the archdiocese has now reached \$168 million. As we move forward with its implementation and the promotion of stewardship, the archdiocese will keep parishes informed with timely updates and information.

Church News

New Lights at Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica in Rome



A new LED lighting system will shed a brighter light on the Basilica of SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE (St. Mary Major) in Rome. On Friday, 19 January, Spanish King **Juan Carlos** and **Queen Sofia** presided over the lighting ceremonies of the advanced LED system which will reduce costs by 80 percent. Installation of the new system was a joint project of the Papal Basilica, the Archpriest of the Basilica, **Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko**, the Vatican State and the *Fundación Endesa* of Spain, as part of its program to preserve cultural heritage. St. Mary Major is the oldest and largest Church in Rome dedicated to our Mother Mary.

COMING UP

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- 5 Feb. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am);
 - Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 7 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation (8:45 am);
 - St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation (7:00 pm)
- 11 Feb. - Catholic Women League Bake Sale;
 Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 14 Feb. **Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins;
 - Day of *Fast and Abstinence*;
 - Parish Mass (8.00 am);
 - Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass (9:00 am);
 ▶ St. Albert School Liturgy Juniors (9:30 am);
 ▶ St. Albert School Liturgy Seniors (10:15 am);
 St. Maria Goretti Liturgy (12:30 pm);
 - Parish Mass (7.00 pm)
- 17 Feb. Training for New Altar Servers (9.00 am)

1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion Information Meetings

Parents with children ready to enroll as Candidates for

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
are invited to attend one of three Information Meetings this month:

FOR ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL:
Monday or Tuesday - 22 or 23 January

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

This invitation is extended to all families who have:

- Children in Grade 2 in our Catholic Schools;
- Children in private and public schools who have been enrolled in the Saturday Sacramental Preparation classes, which begin each year in September.

We also welcome:

- Families with children enrolled in Catholic schools in Grade 3 or above, and who have not yet received these Sacraments;
- Families with children in private and public schools who have just moved into our parish and would like information on enrolling the children in our Saturday classes *next* September, to prepare for these Sacraments in 2019.

Christopher Leadership

Are you searching for an opportunity to realize your full potential in the workplace, or to be more comfortable in social settings? The *Christopher Leadership* course will enhance your leadership and communication skills, while building self-confidence.

Classes will be held at:

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH
2210 Lawrence Avenue East (*Just East of Birchmount*)
Thursdays, 7-10 pm; 1 February to 19 April (except 29 March)

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH
142 Markham Road (*Just North of Kingston Road*)
Wednesdays, 7 - 10 pm; 7 February to 18 April

Want more information? Call:

Christopher Leadership, 1-800-418-8925 or 416-410-7776.

Movie Nights at St. Lawrence Church

The extended version of the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy (*Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, and *The Return of the King*) will be shown at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish on 6 consecutive Saturdays:

20 January to 24 February

The movie will be shown in the Parish Hall at 6:15 pm. There will be discussions during the break and end of each session. The movie is free, pizza and pop will be available for \$5.

☺ *Your sabbath smile*

Tommy had finished saying his prayers as his mother walked into the room. His mother asked, "Did you ask God to make you a better boy?" "Yes," said little Tommy, "And I put in a good word for you too."

CWL Membership Drive 3/4 February

The *Catholic Women's League of Canada* (CWL) is a national organization rooted in Gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

A *membership drive* will be held in the Vestibule at all Masses on 3 & 4 February. Stop by our tables and speak to one of our members who will be able to give you more information about our organization.

Campaign Life Presentation

Marie Claire Bissonnette will make a presentation of behalf of *Campaign Life* at all Masses on 3 & 4 February.

Stewardship: 2017 Receipts, 2018 Envelopes

The *Charitable Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2017 are in the Vestibule. They may be picked up after Mass.

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.

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2018 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

World News

3-Year-Old Boy Finds \$4M Pendant in England

A young treasure hunter in Britain found something unusual and valuable when trying his metal detector for the first time last year. Three-year-old **James Hyatt** was using it when, as he put it, "It went *beep beep beep*." Hyatt and his father started digging and Thursday they went public with their find, a 500-year-old gold pendant. Experts say it is worth about \$4 million dollars. The BBC reports that Hyatt found the pendant in a field and they'll share the money with the field's owner if the pendant is sold. The British Museum says the pendant weighs a third of an ounce and has a gold content of about 73 percent, according to the BBC. An image engraved on the pendant is likely the Virgin Mary. It is also decorated with the five wounds of Christ. The BBC quotes a letter from the British Museum, "Devotion to the blood and wounds of Christ was one of the hallmarks of late medieval piety."

