



Photo above: Time for Easter Cheer?

**Tardar Sauce** (born 4 April 2012), also known as *Grumpy Cat*, is an internet celebrity, known for her constantly “grumpy” face.

## Parish Week / Sunday, 6 May 2018

### Saturday, 5 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Holy Souls in Purgatory (Audrey)
- 10.00 am Memorial Mass: † Danilo Salcedo
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Ruth Braganza (family)  
- RCIA Special Initiation

### SUNDAY, 6 MAY / EASTER 6 - B

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works/Papal Charities

- 9.00 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Germelina Cruz)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Loreta Raponi (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 7 May.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Gwen Camacho (Agnes Joseph)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Lily Mandyam (friends)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

### Tuesday, 8 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Pisciola Michele (family)

### Wednesday, 9 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Dorothy Joseph on her Birthday (mom Agnes)
- 7.00 pm Hour of Prayer for Palliative Care (CWL)

### Thursday, 10 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Danilo Salcedo (Alma & Erik)
- 7.00 pm St. Albert School Confirmation Mass

### Friday, 11 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Esther Seneviratne (family)

### Saturday, 12 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Frances & Gabriel Andreas (Gracious Andreas & family)

### SUNDAY, 13 MAY / ASCENSION OF THE LORD - B

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ Mother's Day; CWL sale of Cakes & Flowers

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Della Vista (Grande family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Pascal D'Souza & family (John & Joyce)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Maura Ruiz (Cathy)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

Acts 10.25-48; 1 John 4.7-10; John 15.9-17

*Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Porferio Florencondia, John Noonan, Lutgarda Leyson**

The **10 victims** of the **Yonge Street attack** in **North York**

## First Friday Holy Hour

Each First Friday, there is a *Holy Hour* at 6.00 pm, followed by the celebration of Mass at 7.00 pm.

The *Holy Hour* includes Exposition, the Litany of the Sacred Heart, the Rosary, and Benediction.

For private use any time, the personal *Holy Hour* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.



## Mother's Day Cakes & Flowers 13 May

Catholic Women's League members will help you make Mother's Day special. We will have delicious cakes & flowers for that special woman in your life. Cakes: \$10; floral bouquets: \$5.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 20 May - Pope's Pastoral Works

On Sunday, 20 May, the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for the *Pope's Pastoral Works*, which cares for all his special charities.

If a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation, the Holy Father offers aid in the name of Catholics everywhere.

If you use a recycled envelope marked “*Pope's Works*,” please remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

## COMING UP

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- 14 May ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
- 18 May St. Maria Goretti School Mass (8:45 am)
- 19 May Wedding: Silver-Diliso (3:00 pm)
- 20 May **Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles;**  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *ShareLife* (3<sup>rd</sup> Offering)
- 26 May Wedding: Amato-Abate (1:00 pm)
- 27 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*;  
- CWL Recognition of 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants
- 4 Jun. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 6 Jun. Jean Vanier CSS Mass (9:00 am)
- 10 Jun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Marygrove Camp*;  
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 16 Jun. Anniversaries: Willie & Melchora Mulla #30,  
Rene & Jocelyn Antigua #25, Edwin & Yvonne Suico #25 (2.30 pm)

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

For more details on the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and other articles in the printed bulletin, see page 3 in the bulletin on our website.

## ShareLife 2018

### You can work wonders!

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 6 May 2018

*Living the Gospel by caring for the elderly.*

Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her from enjoying many activities. When LA Centre for Active Living planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her disabilities would get in the way. To Erika's delight, the agency, funded by *ShareLife*, ensured the trip was fully accessible for her. Having the most fun she's had in years, she felt like her disabilities disappeared. Last year, *ShareLife*-supported agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors.

20 May is the 3<sup>rd</sup> *ShareLife* Appeal Sunday. Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*



## RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- 5 May *Special Initiation Rite*, 5.00 pm Mass (with RCIC)
- 11 May *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*: Meeting: *Ministry* (7.30 pm)
- 18 May *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*: Meeting: *Ministry* (7.30 pm)
- 20 May Commissioning Rite, and distribution of Certificates (Pentecost Sunday 7.00 pm Mass)

Parishioners are asked to remember in their prayers the *Neophytes* in our RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS, and the youth in the RCIC, who joined the Church at our *Easter Vigil* this year, and are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> period of the process: the *Mystagogy*.

On Saturday, 5 May, the RCIA & RCIC SPECIAL INITIATION will be celebrated at the 5.00 pm Mass. This is also the time when we prepare for the upcoming Information Nights to open the door to more persons who are interested in joining the Church.

## Sacramental Preparation

Remember our youth who are preparing for their *Confirmation*:

### CONFIRMATION

- 10 May ST. ALBERT SCHOOL & SATURDAY CLASS  
Mass at 7.00 pm

## Pilgrimage to the Historical Centre of Mexico 15 – 21 November 2018

Under the spiritual direction of **Fr. Edwin Galea**. Enrich your faith with memories that will remain in your heart.

See Puebla, "City of Angels;" Taxco, the "Silver City;" Mexico City, and the Shrine of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, the largest shrine to Our Blessed Mother in the Western Hemisphere, and the source of immense healing.

\$2,199.00 Canadian per person; includes all taxes and tips. For more information, call: **Camille** or **Desmond**, 416-447-3491.

## Catholic Education Week 2018

6 – 11 May: *Serving in the Love of Christ*

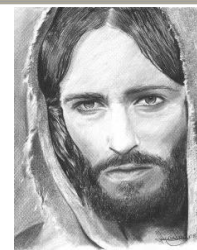
*St. Maria Goretti Parish welcomes the representatives who will make the presentation at the beginning of our Masses for Catholic Education Week:*

- Sat. 5:00 pm **John Masciarelli**, *Principal*  
(St. Albert School)
- Sun. 9:00 am **Linda Maselli-Jackman**, *Principal*  
(Jean Vanier Catholic Sec. School)
- Sun. 10:30 am **Mariko Mackasey**, *Vice Principal*  
(Jean Vanier Catholic Sec. School)
- Sun. 12:00 pm **Anne Louise Bannon**, *Vice Principal*  
(Jean Vanier Catholic Sec. School)
- Sun. 7:00 pm **George Dabbagh**, *Chaplain*, and  
**Melissa Dabbagh**, *Guidance*  
(Jean Vanier Catholic Sec. School)

## Hour of Prayer for Palliative Care

7-8 pm, Wednesday, 9 May

*"Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer."* – **Pope Francis**



The National CWL Executive has initiated a nationwide **Hour of Prayer for Palliative Care** on 9 May. This is designed to take place during the *National Hospice Palliative Care Week* as a witness to the sanctity of human life.

Just as with the time of our birth, the end of our life proves to be a moment of great vulnerability. It is at such times more than ever that we are entrusted to one another.

To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light.

Our parish will hold this **Hour of Prayer** on Wednesday, 9 May, to contribute to this effort in the Archdiocese of Toronto and across Canada. Our time of prayer will start with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## National March for Life 10 May

The *National March for Life* in Ottawa, the largest annual protest on Parliament Hill, has been set for 10 May 2018, and the theme for this year's march is 'PRO-LIFE ALL IN.'

- 10:00 am Pro-Life Masses & Prayer Services:  
Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Drive - Mass - (*Bilingual*)  
St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent Street - Mass - (*English*)

12:30 pm **Rally on Parliament Hill**  
*Speeches by:* † Pro-life Members of Parliament; † Special keynote speaker (to be announced); † Religious leaders including several Catholic Bishops; † Jim Hughes, National President, Campaign Life Coalition; † Uplifting music by pro-life musicians

1:30 pm **March Through Downtown Ottawa**  
For further information, call: 416-204-9749.





Photo above: Dwain Makabali poses at the Altar after his 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass with Fr. Edwin.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion *Pray for our youth*

Parishioners are reminded to pray for all the youth of our parish, including those who have recently received their First Holy Communion. May God bless them and their families at this very important time in their lives.

## Knights of Columbus *Upcoming events*

19 May: General Meeting following 12 noon Mass

17 June: Father's Day BBQ

## 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. As we move from the active fundraising phase of the *Family of Faith* Campaign to its implementation and stewardship, the archdiocese will keep parishes informed with timely updates and information.

When it was launched, one of the most exciting parts of the Family of Faith campaign was how the archdiocese would leverage new technology to help our Catholic family of faith to connect. The cornerstone for that effort is a new common platform for all parish websites and parish-based communications hubs that serve as two-way communications highways. Parish Websites Thanks to Family of Faith campaign funding, more than 140 new parish websites have been launched. Chances are, your parish now has a new website. Parish staff members have been trained how to use the new sites effectively to ensure their parish benefits from the many advancements that have been incorporated. Bill Steinburg, the archdiocese's Communications Manager, is overseeing the project. "Now, many more parishioners have ready access to information about sacramental preparation, Mass times, parish events, as well as links to archdiocesan resources." Another innovation, coming soon, is multilingual sites to help parishes communicate online in any of the languages they use in their ministries. And, says Steinburg, "The new sites are in full compliance with government accessibility standards, and will be updated on a regular basis, to help ensure that the two million Catholics in the archdiocese stay connected with each other in our family of faith."



## National March for Life 10 May

Pro-lifers will gather on Parliament Hill to demand that our laws once again uphold the right to life which is inherent to every human being. The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.

The *National March for Life* is organized by Campaign Life Coalition, the political arm of the pro-life movement. The event is a forum for pro-life Canadians to demand social justice for the more than 100,000 children who are killed in their mother's womb each year across Canada. Abortion is fully funded by taxpayers for any reason or no reason at all, right up to the moment of birth.

The *National March for Life* began in 1998 with a mere 700 pro-lifers in attendance. At first, there was a bit of support for the March from political, cultural and spiritual leaders, but as the event grew, they started coming. Every year the event has grown dramatically. In 2015, a record-smashing 25,000 were in attendance. It is a very young pro-life crowd, with 80% of the marchers under the age of 30.

Each year, numerous pro-life Members of Parliament, Senators, activists and religious leaders give speeches from the steps of Parliament Hill in defense of the right to life.

Afterwards, the throng of pro-life Canadians will begin to march through the streets of Ottawa. They are led by the Ottawa police who keep the route safe and clear.

When the March ends, people re-assemble on the lawn of Parliament Hill and listen to moving post-abortion testimonies by the *Silent No More* Awareness Campaign, which is then followed by a prayer service.

*Photo at right:*

*Amazing Pro-Life Witness!*

**Joy Villa** attends the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy Awards in New York City on 28 January 2018, holding an accessory bag marked with the words, "Choose Life." The front of her dress is emblazoned with the image an unborn child in a rainbow-coloured womb.

**Let us pray.**

Mary, the Mother of all the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

