



Sidewalk tributes to Mother Teresa outside the Sisters' convent, Kolkata.

Parish Week

Sunday, 16 September 2018

Saturday, 15 Sept. / Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8.00 am Mass: † Hans & Rose Kwa (Angela Tam)
5.00 pm Mass: † Rosario Rebello (family)

SUNDAY, 16 SEPT. / 24-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Jesus Serneo (Helen)
10.30 am Mass: † Bert & Danny Poirier (Jacqueline)
12.00 pm Mass: † Patrick Jay Santos (family)
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 17 Sept. / St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Arline Gochoco (Corine Maulion)
12.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School Mass
7.00 pm Mass: † Orlando, Virginia & Arnel Tolentino (Augusto Tolentino & family)

Tuesday, 18 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Marcus Nazir & Brianna Whalen (Regina Reardon)

Wednesday, 19 Sept. / St. Januarius, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Angela Sinclair (parents)

Thursday, 20 Sept. / Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Emma DiCicco)

Friday, 21 Sept. / St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist

- 8.00 am Mass: † Anacoreta Sunga (Pat King)
11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, 22 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Precilla Dualan (Corine Maulion)
5.00 pm Mass: † Doodnauth D. Bridgnauth (Shirley Persaud & family)

SUNDAY, 23 SEPT. / 25-B

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2nd Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada / Bishop's Collection*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
10.30 am Mass: † Lydia & Ernesto Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Victoria Primitivo & Alfredo Parel (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Isaiah 50.5-9; James 2.14-18; Mark 8.27-35

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we might feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Thrsiamma Cherian
Roberto & Samuel Diaz
Carmel Cunningham
Rosemary Arlene Anchetta

Alois Aschauer
Eleanor Chang
Antonia Rozario



The **91** victims of the recent wild fires in Greece

Sunday School

Resumes 16 September

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.

Following this year's Summer break, this ministry will resume on: 16 September. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



2nd Collection: 23 September

Bishops' Collection for the needs of the Church in Canada

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 23 September, will be for the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*.

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- 25 Sept. ► St. Albert School Mass (1.00 pm)
29 Sept. Feast of **Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels**
30 Sept. 2nd Collection: Maintenance;
- Catholic Women's League (12.00 pm);
► *Life Chain* (2.00 pm)
1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power, death anniversary (1847)**
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7.40 pm)
4 Oct. Jean Vanier CSS Mass (9.00 am)
7 Oct. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
8 Oct. THANKSGIVING
10 Oct. St. Maria Goretti School
Thanksgiving & Confirmation Enrolment Mass (8.45 am)
13 Oct. Altar Servers: Serra Awards Mass,
► (St. Leo Church, Brooklin, 10:00 am)
14 Oct. Catholic Women's League Bake Sale
15 Oct. ► St. Albert School Mass (9.30 am)
21 Oct. 2nd Collection: *World Mission*
- Knights of Columbus (1.00 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For the statement of Cardinal Collins on clergy abuse allegations in the United States, see page 3 in the bulletin on our website.

Family of Faith

Implementing the Pastoral Plan

Many thanks to all parishioners who are participating in our diocesan

Family of Faith campaign, to

implement the Pastoral Plan developed by **Cardinal Collins**.

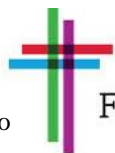
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Archdiocese of Toronto

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Toronto, ON M4T 1W2



Family of Faith

November Pilgrimage to the Historical Centre of Mexico, and the Guadalupe Shrine

15 – 21 November 2018

See the notices on the Vestibule bulletin board, and

the PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE in the website bulletin.

\$2,199.00 Canadian per person; includes all taxes and tips.

For more info, contact: **Michael Kwadrans**, 647-887-4069.

There will be a MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 17 October.



Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion: start 29 September

Preparation will begin on 29 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 13 October

Preparation will begin on 13 October 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.

When the power of love overcomes the love of power,
the world will know peace. - Jimi Hendrix

Christopher Leadership 16 September

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 on Sunday at Church of the Holy Trinity, 85 Livingston Rd., Scarborough 16 September to 2 December, 3-6 pm. Want more info? Call: *Christopher Leadership*, 416-410-7776.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

21 Sept. **How we know about God**
Catechism Lesson #1
(Meeting at 7.30 pm)

22 Sept. Rite of CANDIDACY: 5.00 pm Mass

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.

They are open to those who want to be Baptized, to those who are Christian and not yet Catholic, and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, contact the pastor, **Fr. Edwin**: (416) 261-0076.



Our Sunday Seminarians

St. Maria Goretti Parish is honoured to be assigned three students from St. Augustine Seminary who will assist at our Sunday Masses. They will be visiting our parish this Sunday, 16 September, and will be introduced personally to our community as we are able to obtain further information from the Seminary.

Life Chain

30 September, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer on: *Sunday, 30 September, 2 - 3 pm*. Our assembly location is:

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

Altar Servers



FALL TRAINING SERIES

Resumes Saturday, 22 September, 9-10.30 am

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will resume at 9.00 am on Saturday, 22 September. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.

ANNUAL AWARDS MASS

ST. LEO CHURCH, Brooklin 13 October

The annual Altar Server Awards Mass will be at 10.00 am on Saturday, 13 October at St. Leo Church, 130 Watford Street, Brooklin (just North of Whitby).

Con Artist Alert

Many thanks to **Rony Palmer** for advising us of the latest scam that is targeting seniors in our city. The most recent incidents / scams / robberies have occurred within our parish boundaries and the victims are mostly elderly persons. Typically, a group of people actively show their sympathy, come close to them and start a conversation trying to get the attention of the elders. They carefully manipulate them and then snatch whatever valuable things they have on the spot. These groups search for gold jewellery, which many seniors wear proudly. If you have a family member who is a senior citizen, kindly alert them to this scam, and advise them to use caution if strangers approach them.

August 23, 2018

To the faithful of the
Archdiocese of Toronto,

“IF ONE MEMBER SUFFERS,
ALL SUFFER TOGETHER
WITH IT.” (1 Cor 12:26)



In recent days, there has been much media attention regarding the Pennsylvania grand jury report on clerical abuse in that state. In response to this and other global accounts of abuse within the Church, Pope Francis has issued a letter to the faithful. It is an important communication for all, but most importantly, should be studied by bishops, priests and anyone in a position of leadership in the Church.

We recognize that since the days of Judas, some of those entrusted by Our Lord with the sacred apostolic mission have turned away toward evil. To our shame, some clergy have used the gift of the holy priesthood to betray innocent young lives through abuse and control. We have seen examples of this even among bishops; a sickening display of power, lust and self-centredness.

We must ensure that there is a culture of accountability for all who serve in leadership within the Church. Bishops, both in Canada and throughout the world, must model the behaviour, transparency and accountability we expect of our priests. We must lead by example, through a life centred on Jesus, to serve with integrity as shepherds, pastors and spiritual fathers. We must also regain the trust that has been broken among many who have turned away from the Church on learning of these scandals around the world, and even more among faithful practicing Catholics who are rightly enraged by incidences of abuse and the failure to deal with them.

Since the late 1980s, the Church in Canada has worked to provide specific measures to address abuse allegations. In the Archdiocese of

Toronto, we have abided by a detailed Safe Environment Policy for almost 30 years. We screen thousands of volunteers to serve in ministry each year, conduct criminal background checks as well as extensive screening and testing for all candidates to the priesthood. We have developed and updated our Policy & Procedures for Cases of Alleged Misconduct and will continue to do so. The procedures outline how we address any allegation of misconduct by clergy or lay employees of the Church. They are available online at www.archtoronto.org/about-us/safe-environment. I encourage any victim of abuse to come forward.

We have focused great care and attention on our vocations program and our Seminary. The program of formation and discernment has been deepened and lengthened so that those who are ordained are prepared well to serve us as happy, healthy and holy priests.

I am grateful for the devoted service of our priests, deacons, religious, lay leaders and parishioners who so truly reflect Christ's love. I encourage those who minister so faithfully in our parishes and beyond to continue their good work and example.

Over the next two weekends, at all Masses in the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will pray for victims of abuse, especially those betrayed by the Church and other institutions.

This is a time for new life and renewal throughout the Church. The scandal is not that evil is revealed, painful as that is; the real scandal is when evil festers in the darkness. Once in the open, evil can be rooted out. That must happen. Then new life can begin, the life of joyful holiness to which Jesus invites us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Collins,
Archbishop of Toronto