



Focus on the Word

6th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

Jeremiah 17.5-8; Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Patricia Baksh Brenda Voisin

The 134 Victims of the
dam burst in Brazil



Parish Week † Sunday, 17 February 2019

Saturday, 16 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas
(Mary Thanarajan)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Margaret Wong (friends)

SUNDAY, 17 FEB. / 6 - C

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ Religious Articles Sale

- 9.00 am Mass: † Crescenzo Tisi (The Grande family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
12.00 pm Mass: † Adel Diaz (family)
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 18 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joaquin Gotera (Emelita)
7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (friends)

Tuesday, 19 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Benita Chen Ang (family)

Wednesday, 20 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Holy Souls in Purgatory (FOSS)
7.00 pm Mass: † Luisa Machado
7.30 pm St. Albert School Confirmation Family Info Nite

Thursday, 21 Feb. / St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ricardo Zulueta (Rosalina)

Friday, 22 Feb. / The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Aloysius family)

Saturday, 23 Feb. / St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Aniano Recinto (The San Juan family)
9.00 am ► CWL Development Day, Etobicoke
4.00 pm St. Albert Sch. 1st Com. Family Instruction #2
5.00 pm Mass: † Adoracion Chongeo (family)

SUNDAY, 24 FEB. / 7 - C

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Ilona Schranz (family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Esme D'Mello (friends)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 pm Mass: † Alfredo Octaviano (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Chalice 23/24 February

At our Masses on 23/24 February, **Deacon Gerry Turpin** will speak about *Chalice* – a Canadian Catholic child sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 57 mission sites in 15 developing countries. For further information, see: www.chalice.ca



COMING UP

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- 27 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Info Night;
- Mass, 7:00 pm; Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 4 Mar. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 6 Mar. **Ash Wednesday: Lent begins;**
- Day of *Fast and Abstinence*;
- Parish Mass (8.00 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Liturgy (8:45 am);
- ► St. Albert School Liturgy, *Junior* (9:30 am);
- ► St. Albert School Liturgy, *Senior* (10:30 am);
- Parish Mass (7.00 pm)
- 10 Mar. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 16 Mar. Wedding: David Shirbon – Leanne Vase (3:00 pm)
- 17 Mar. Knights of Columbus Meeting (1:00 pm)
- 20 Mar. ► St. Albert School Lenten Reconciliation (9:15 am)
- 21 Mar. St. Maria Goretti School Lenten Reconciliation (8:45 am)
- 24 Mar. - 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
Catholic Women League (11:30 am)
- 28 Mar. ► Jean Vanier CSS Reconciliation (9:30 am)
- 31 Mar. 2nd Collection: *ShareLife Appeal*
- 1 Apr. - Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 2 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Lenten Mass (12:30 pm)
- 7 Apr. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 8 Apr. - ► St. Albert School Lenten Mass (1:00 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on these and other parish activities, see page 3 in the website bulletin.

ShareLife 2019

Living the Gospel by supporting those with infirmities



Florence slipped on an icy sidewalk, fracturing her right hip and breaking her thigh bone and ankle. Due to the cost of physical therapy, she worried she would never walk again. Her doctor referred her to LA CENTRE FOR ACTIVE LIVING, an agency funded by *ShareLife*. Within a week, Florence began participating in the centre's free health and fitness classes. In just six months, she progressed from needing a wheelchair, to using a walker, and finally to walking independently.

Your generosity helped Florence to regain her health. Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

Sacramental Preparation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who will be receiving the Sacraments of *Eucharist* and *Confirmation*:

20 February: **St. Albert School**

CONFIRMATION FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

MASS: 7.00 pm; MEETING: 7.30 pm.

23 & 25 February: **St. Albert School**

1st Holy Communion Instruction #2

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

27 February: (1) **St. Albert School**

9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #1**

(2) **St. Maria Goretti School**

CONFIRMATION FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

MASS: 7.00 pm; MEETING: 7.30 pm.

2 & 4 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

1st Holy Communion Instruction #1

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

7 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #1**

21 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

1.10 pm **Confirmation Instruction #2**

27 March: **St. Albert School**

9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #2**

New Altar Servers

NEW YEAR TRAINING SERIES

Would you like to be an Altar Server?

The New Year Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates began at 9.00 am on Saturday, 9 February. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.



Catholic Women's League

Development Day 9 am – 3 pm, - 23 February

The CWL 2019 Development Day will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Etobicoke. Registered participants please bring your own lunch, and \$12.00 for the bus fare.

Departure time: 7:45 am, in our parking lot. For more details, contact: **Joan**, (416)261-6709; or **Eden**, (647)713-8773.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar

9.30 am, Saturday, 23 February

Christ the King Cemetery, 7770 Steeles Ave. East, Markham

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES and the ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO estate planning team will share:

- ☐ How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- ☐ How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
- ☐ About Powers of Attorney
- ☐ Estate Trustee selection
- ☐ Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- ☐ Our Catholic traditions on wills, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost.

Refreshments will be served. Plan to come for this morning!

RSVP with: **Frank Jannetta**, Catholic Cemeteries, (416) 733 8544 x 2023, or email: fjannetta@cc-fs.ca.

Knights of Columbus 1 pm, 17 February

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held at 1.00 pm on Sunday, 17 February. All Knights are kindly asked to attend.

Rally for Parental Rights

11:30 am - 1:30 pm, 20 February, Queen's Park

Attend this rally organized by Campaign Life Coalition and other parental rights leaders at Ontario's legislature. Premier Doug Ford is being pressured by secular voices to abandon his election promise to fully repeal & replace Kathleen Wynne's controversial sex curriculum. We will encourage him to keep his promise to the parents of Ontario. RSVP at www.StopRadicalSexEd.ca or 416.204.9749.

Stewardship

2018 Receipts

2019 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2018 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 faithful weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2019 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass.





REFLECTIONS ON MARRIAGE SUNDAY (10 February 2019)

Above: **Carol and Mike Morra** in front of the Altar on their 43rd Wedding Anniversary in 2012. Mike died this year on 29 January.

St. John Paul II

“Miracles of John Paul II,” originally written in Polish, has become a religious bestseller in Poland. In this book, papal journalist and author Pawel Zuchniewicz presents a compelling witness to the power of prayer and of the “avalanche of miracles” that have occurred through the intercession of St. John Paul II - miracles that, according to the author, were already taking place during the lifetime of the Pontiff.

Among those include a baby girl named Victoria, born in Poland in 1981. She had a growth on her heart. Her parents, Danuta and Franciszek Szechynski, emigrated to Toronto to seek the help of the Hospital for Sick Children. By 1985 the growth had overtaken half of the child’s body and the parents asked for and were granted an audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome. He told them to “trust in God - He will decide the outcome.” Sometime after returning to Toronto, Victoria was completely cured.

Another notable incident involved the healing of an American millionaire who had terminal brain cancer. According to Papal secretary Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, an acquaintance had asked him if a friend dying from a brain tumor could see the Pope.

The man had three wishes: to see the Pope, to go on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and to return home to America to die. What he failed to say was that he was Jewish. The Pope said a private Mass at which the sick man was present. A few weeks later, the archbishop’s acquaintance contacted him to say the tumour “had completely disappeared in the space of just a few hours.”

The testimonies of reported healings span many situations and come from diverse parts of the globe. A common theme emerges that St. John Paul II had an intimate relationship with the Divine Mystery not just because of his Petrine ministry, but also due to his holiness, personal sanctity and mystical-like union with God.

From the INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE

By **St. Francis de Sales**, Bishop

Devotion must be practiced in different ways

When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit, each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each in accord with his character, his station and his calling.

I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient, for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular.

Tell me, please, my Philothea, whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be no more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income, or for a workingman to spend his whole day in Church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a Bishop to all the events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbor. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized and intolerable? Yet this absurd error occurs very frequently, but in no way does true devotion, my Philothea, destroy anything at all. On the contrary, it perfects and fulfills all things. In fact, if it ever works against, or is inimical to anyone’s legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.

The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.

Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, according to its color, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family can become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

It is therefore an error and even a heresy to wish to exclude the exercise of devotion from military divisions, from the artisans’ shops, from the courts of princes, from family households. I acknowledge, my dear Philothea that the type of devotion which is purely contemplative, monastic and religious can certainly not be exercised in these sorts of stations and occupations, but besides this, threefold type of devotion, there are many others fit for perfecting those who live in a secular state.

Therefore, in whatever stations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.