



# Parish Week

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
From The mouth of God.

Sunday, 10 March 2019

## Saturday, 9 Mar. / St. Frances of Rome, *religious*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Bert Lahey (Helen Hillier)

## SUNDAY, 10 MAR. / LENT 1-C

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Nilda Ortiz  
(Connie Santos & Cory Hernandez)  
10.30 am Mass: † Marissa Luge (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Wong Cho & Maria Lan Ken  
(Angela Tam)  
1.30 pm Infant Baptism  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 11 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mr. & Mrs. Pedrupillai (Aloysius family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Paolo & Rosa Lomonaco (Virginia Malasco)

## Tuesday, 12 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Morra (Bella Como)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Marguerite & George Chachati  
(Tessie Mendonca)

## Wednesday, 13 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Morra (Dana Mazare)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Teofisto Jr. & Linda Magdadaro  
(Jocelyn Antigua)

## Thursday, 14 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joseph Mariathas (Jennifer)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Kandasamy & Cathy  
(Errol & Malini Wijesingha)

## Friday, 15 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Josie Macabali (family)  
11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass  
7.00 pm Mass: † Maura Tordecillas Cejo  
1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary (family)

## Saturday, 16 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Audrey Caza (Beatriz Remedios)  
3.00 pm Wedding: David Shirbon & Leanne Vase  
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas  
(Antania Ambrose)

## SUNDAY, 17 MAR. / LENT 2-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *Share Life Presentation, James Cyfko, Hilton Chiu, Alvin Joys*

■ *Religious Articles Sale*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kang (family)  
10.30 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Aurelia Adriano (family)  
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# Focus on the Word

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C

**Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13**

*Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Lolita Barboza Bruno Santi**  
**Michael Gonsalves Iris Reddy**  
**Irena Gogolewska Labib Zidan**



The **134 Victims** of the oil pipeline tragedy in Mexico

## Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 13 March: 4 – 5 pm, 7.30 – 9 pm

Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics across the Archdiocese to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on a special DAY OF CONFESSIONS on Wednesday, 13 March.

At our Church, parishioners may come for Confession from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and again following the 7.00 pm evening Mass, when we will have three Confessors available from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

## Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

## Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations of the Cross* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The Facilitators for 2019 will be:

March	8	Catholic Women's League
	15	Youth Ministry
	22	Altar Servers
	29	St. Vincent de Paul
April	5	Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers
	12	Knights of Columbus
	19	Lectors



## COMING UP

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20 Mar.	► St. Albert School Lenten Reconciliation (9:15 am)
21 Mar.	St. Maria Goretti School Lenten Reconciliation (8:45 am)
24 Mar.	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <i>Maintenance</i> ; Catholic Women League (11:30 am)
28 Mar.	► Jean Vanier CSS Reconciliation (9:30 am)
31 Mar.	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <i>ShareLife</i>
1 Apr.	- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

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

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

# ShareLife 2019

## You can work wonders !

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, 10 March

*Living the Gospel by supporting  
ShareLife agencies*



“As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!

- **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

March 31 is *ShareLife* Sunday.

Please give generously. *You can work wonders!*

## RCIA Rite of Election

2 pm, 10 March, St. Joseph Church

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

On Sunday, 10 March, RCIA & RCIC candidates completing the *Catechumenate* period will celebrate the Rite of ELECTION.

This year's ELECTION will be conducted by **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** at 2.00 pm at St. Joseph Church, 200 Morrish Road, Scarborough.



## Sacramental Preparation

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

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

1.10 pm **Confirmation Instruction #2**

27 March: **St. Albert School**

9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #2**

3 April: **St. Albert School**

9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #3**

4 April: **St. Maria Goretti School**

9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #3**

6 & 8 April: **St. Maria Goretti School**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Instruction #2**

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

## Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates have begun using their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. The slips represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers and gifts to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus. After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather at the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when the Servers lead them to the Altar.

The Candidates place their unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

## Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



## Stewardship Committee 9 March

The next meeting of the Stewardship Committee will be at 11.30 am on Saturday 9 March. All Ministry Heads are invited to come and help plan the Lenten Ministry Reflection on 23 March.

## ShareLife Committee 9 March

The next *ShareLife* Committee meeting will be at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 9 March, to move forward on the preparations for the 2019 Parish Campaign.

## Finance Council 16 March

The next Finance Council and R&R Committee meeting will be at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 16 March.

## Stewardship Ministry Reflection 23 March

All parish Liturgical and Service ministry participants are invited to a STEWARDSHIP LENTEN MINISTRY REFLECTION at 11.30 am on Saturday, 23 March. See the Vestibule bulletin board for details.

## R&R Report 24 March

The next R&R report will be made at all Masses on 23/24 March, detailing the work completed on the Rectory foundation repairs.

## The Mass

That the Mass is the central feature of the Catholic religion hardly needs to be said. During the Reformation (and always) the Mass has been the test. The word of the Reformers - "It is the Mass that matters" - was true. The long persecution of Catholics in England took the practical form of laws chiefly against saying Mass; for centuries the occupant of the English throne was obliged to manifest his Protestantism, not by a general denial of the whole system of Catholic dogma, but by a formal repudiation of the doctrine of Transubstantiation and of the Mass.

- *Fr. Adrian Henry Timothy Knottesford Fortescue* (1874-1923)

## 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. 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*.

## Novena for Renewal in the Church

Seeking the Intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, 11-19 March 2019

*As bishops from around the world met with Pope Francis, 21-24 February, to discuss the abuse crisis, the Knights of Columbus embarked on a Novena for Repentance, Renewal and Rebuilding for the success of this meeting. The Novena (held 20-28 February) was widely appreciated. In view of the approaching Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church (19 March), it is timely to invite parishioners to again offer this Novena, seeking St. Joseph's intercession for all faithful disciples.*

### Opening Prayer

O most powerful patriarch, Saint Joseph, patron of that universal Church which has always invoked you in anxieties and tribulations; from the lofty seat of your glory lovingly regard the Catholic world. Let it move your paternal heart to see the mystical spouse of Christ and His vicar weakened by sorrow and persecuted by powerful enemies. We beseech you, by the most bitter suffering you experienced on earth, to wipe away in mercy the tears of our revered Pontiff, to defend and liberate him, and to intercede with the Giver of peace and charity, that every hostile power being overcome and every error being destroyed, the whole Church may serve the God of all blessings in perfect liberty. Amen.

### Day 1 – 11 March

*In their distress they cried to the Lord, who saved them in their peril, sent forth his word to heal them, and snatched them from the grave. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy and wondrous deeds” Ps 107:19-21*

Heavenly Father, we cry out to you today to heal those who are victim survivors of abuse. May they know the depth of your healing love.

### Day 2 – 12 March

*Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. Acts 20:28*

Heavenly Father, as Pope Francis and bishops who head episcopal conferences implement the decisions from their meeting, grant them wisdom, humility and courage as they discern your holy will.

### Day 3 – 13 March

*When the demon left, the mute person spoke. Mt 9:33*

Lord, it was you who conquered sin and death. We pray for the purification of the Church from the evil of sexual abuse. May our Church speak and know the truth that can only come through you.

### Day 4 – 14 March

*The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:7*

Heavenly Father, bless the discernment process of Pope Francis and the bishops who are meeting in Rome this very day. May they emulate Jesus by radically and intentionally giving of themselves to heal the Church.

### Day 5 – 15 March

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not rely on your own wisdom. In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

Dear Lord, we ask that you strengthen our Holy Father and bishops as they seek to restore trust in the Church, and renew those whose faith has been shaken.

### Day 6 – 16 March

*The Lord rebuilds, healing the brokenhearted, and binding up their wounds. Ps 147:3*

Lord, it is only through you that we are truly healed. May all victim survivors of sexual abuse offer you their suffering, so that their hearts may be joined with yours.

### Day 7 – 17 March

*For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age. Titus 2:11-12*

Blessed Mother, we ask that you intercede for our priests, so that they may always know the love that your mantle provides. By dying unto themselves, may they empty their hearts of all worldly desires and radiate the love of your Son, Jesus.

### Day 8 – 18 March

*But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. Is 43:1*

Lord, we pray for all seminarians. For those whom you are calling to the priesthood, may they never doubt your will as they boldly follow you.

### Day 9 – 19 March

*For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal 3:26-27*

Lord, we pray for an abundance of holiness in the entire Church. We ask for your blessing and mercy on us all, that we may truly be one Body in Christ.

Conclude each day with an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be*. Then recite the *Prayer to St. Michael*. See page 4 for a variety of prayer texts that can be used in this Novena and on other occasions.

## Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

## PRAYERS BEFORE MASS

### Act of Faith

Lord Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament as true God and true Man, with your Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. My Redeemer and my Judge, I adore your Divine Majesty together with the angels and saints. I believe, O Lord; increase my faith.

### Act of Hope

Good Jesus in you alone I place my hope. You are my salvation and my strength, the Source of all good. Through your mercy, through your Passion and Death, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the grace of final perseverance and a happy eternity.

### Act of Love

Jesus, my God, I love you with my whole heart and above all things, because you are the one supreme Good and an infinitely perfect Being. You have given your life for me, a poor sinner, and in your mercy you have even offered yourself as food for my soul. My God, I love you. Inflame my heart so that I may love you more.

## PRAYERS AFTER MASS

### Act of Adoration

With deepest humility, I adore you, my Lord and God; you have made my soul your dwelling place. I adore you as my Creator from whose hands I came and with whom I am to be happy forever.

### Act of Thanksgiving

From the depths of my heart I thank you, dear Lord, for your infinite kindness in coming to me. How good you are to me! With your most holy Mother and all the angels, I praise your mercy and generosity toward me, a poor sinner. I thank you for nourishing my soul with your Sacred Body and Precious Blood. I will try to show my gratitude to you in the Sacrament of your

love, by obedience to your holy commandments, by fidelity to my duties, by kindness to my neighbor and by an earnest endeavor to become more like you in my daily conduct.

## Act of Offering

Jesus, you have given yourself to me, now let me give myself to you; I give you my body, that it may be chaste and pure. I give you my soul, that it may be free from sin. I give you my heart, that it may always love you. I give you every thought, word, and deed of my life, and I offer all for your honor and glory.

## Prayer before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before your face I humbly kneel, and with a burning soul pray and beseech you to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true confessions for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment, while I contemplate with great love and tender pity your five wounds, pondering over them within me, calling to mind the words which David, your prophet, said of you, my good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."

## Memorare

*Remember*, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## O My Lord Jesus

O my Lord Jesus, low as I am in Your all-holy sight, I am strong in You, strong through Your Immaculate Mother, through Your saints and thus I can do much for the Church, for the world, for all I love.

## Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me, and hide me within your wounds. Never permit me to be separated from you. From the wicked enemy, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you, that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.