



Photo above: **Fr. Elias** proclaims the Gospel, the Good News of our salvation through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## Focus on the Word

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C

Acts 13.14-52; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.27-30

*Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Evangelina Gutierrez, Eugenie Simpson-Reid**

**Fr. Philip Jones**, of St. Dominic Church, Mississauga

The **126** victims of the suicide attacks in **Mogadishu, Somalia**

## Parish Week / Sunday, 12 May 2019

### Saturday, 11 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)  
 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Lily Mandyam (friends)  
 - Saturday Class 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

### SUNDAY, 12 MAY / EASTER 4-C

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *Mother's Day*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Della Vista (Grande family)  
 10.30 am Mass: † Pascal D'Souza & family (family)  
 12.00 pm Mass: † Maura J Ruiz (Irene & Rachel)  
 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 13 May / Our Lady of Fatima

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jeoffrey Jose (Theresa & family)  
 9.30 am St. Albert School Marian Mass  
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Hiranthi Somawardene (friends)

### Tuesday, 14 May / St. Matthias, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Brigida Herrera (Benjie & Jasmine)

### Wednesday, 15 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eduardo Austria Sr. (family)

### Thursday, 16 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jose Dilla (daughter)  
 7.00 pm St. Vincent De Paul meeting

### Friday, 17 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Francisca Secco  
 (Louis & Sandra Gomes Pereira)  
 11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass

### Saturday, 18 May

- *Birthday of St. Pope John Paul II (1920)*  
 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of Tabat family  
 (Virginia Tabat)  
 11.30 am Wedding: Herath M & Kariyawasam  
 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Jean Yong-Ping (Agnes Joseph)

### SUNDAY, 19 MAY / EASTER 5-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

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

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Maria Jeremiah (friends)  
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)  
 12.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)  
 1.00 pm Knights of Columbus  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

God of love, listen to our prayer, and bless our Mothers. Shower them with the strength of Your Spirit. Bless them with the melody of Your love, and with a place at Your eternal dinner table. May our dear Mother Mary guide them in their daily duties, give them her example of fidelity in moments of doubt, and help them to live in peace and hope.

Through Christ, Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for good Humour by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good, and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I." Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others. Amen.

## Knights of Columbus

### Upcoming events

19 May: General Meeting for all members, following the 12 noon Mass

8 June: Casino Trip



## COMING UP

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26 May

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance;  
 - Catholic Women League (11:30 am)

15 June

► Lectors' Workshop, Precious Blood Church (9 am - 2 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

## Living the Gospel by helping the addicted



It had been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When he moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities.

Our parish goal for 2019 is: \$43,900.00.

To date, we have collected: \$20,894.00

2 June is the next *ShareLife* Sunday.

Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

## St. Michael's Homes

Thanks to **David Bruce** who served as *ShareLife* speaker last Sunday, 5 May, on behalf of ST. MICHAEL'S HOMES.



## Upcoming Weddings

*There is a promise of Marriage between:*

**Keithan Sivakumar and Stephanie Emmanuel**

18 May 2019, St. Justin Martyr Church, Unionville

**Atheesan Pakaythana and Christina Sathiamoorthy**

1 June 2019, Chinese Martyrs Church, Markham

**Michael Heron and Amanda Francella**

5 June 2019, St. John Church, Kingston Road

**Divianath Thaya and Samantha Paramanathan**

5 June 2019, St. Thomas Apostle Church, Markham

**Janojjan Jeyapalan and Noelyn Selvanayagam**

2 August 2019, Our Lady of the Airways, Mississauga

**James Rooney and Christine Hickson**

September 2019, St. John Chrysostom Church, Newmarket

**Paul Evans and Noreen Mahony**

16 February 2020, St. Boniface Church, Scarborough

**Adrian Charles Estavillo and Mary Frances Zoleta**

24 April 2020, St. Luke Church, Hamilton

## Congratulations

*May God guide and bless those recently Married:*

**Sirosan Sivarajah and Sharmina Emmanuel**

2 March 2019, Infant Jesus Church,  
Chinmayanagar, Chennai, India

## A Special Thank You

Many thanks to **St. Maria Goretti School**, for the kind gift of the beautiful collage created for use in our Sanctuary at the First Holy Communion Masses. This year, we are displaying the collages from the last three years of First Holy Communions.

# RCIA, RCIC



## RCIA *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Pray for all in our parish R.C.I.A. process, who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the 7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy on 20 April 2019:

*Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist*

**Burrell, Dione Yanna JANE FRANCES**

**Cameron, JEANETTE**

**Fu, Yanyao CATHERINE**

**Harding, Fitzroy PATRICK**

**Oghogho, Vivian STEPHEN**

**Olukare, HEZEKIAH Ayo**

**Olukare, JOSEPHINE Adiya**

*Confirmation*

**Canto, Grace Elise GEORGE**

**Fermo, Vincenzo PETER**

**Pariñas, PATRICIA Bruno**

## RCIC *Rite of Christian Initiation of Children*

Pray for all in our parish R.C.I.C. process, who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.00 pm Easter Octave Mass on 27 April 2019 :

*Baptism*

**Cameron-Edwards, XAVIER**

**Harding, Itzel-Ice Remy ALEXANDRA**

**Pei, GEORGE**

**Walford, Dodge Andrew NICHOLAS**

*Baptism, Eucharist*

**Izekor, Gift MARIA**

**Izekor, Hope ROSE**

## Catholic Education Week 2019

Catholic Education Week

2019 ends Sunday, 12 May.

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the gift of publicly funded Catholic education, which has existed in Ontario since 1841.

This Sunday, we have the

honour of hearing representatives of our parish schools speak to us about the gift of Catholic Education, and their experience of it.

*"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy."* (1 Peter 1:8)





# The Divine Mercy Message

The Divine Mercy message is simple. It is that God loves us – *all of us*. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. All can come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

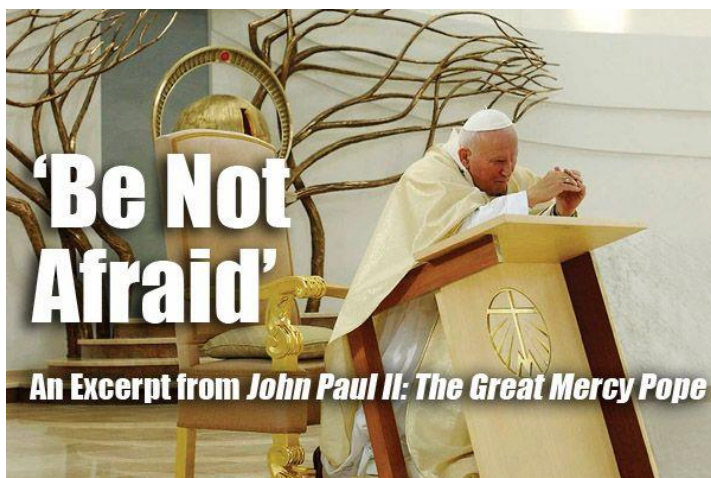
**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. The graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful disciples.



## Our Lady of Good Health

Our Lady of Good Health Tamil Catholic Parish celebrated its parish feast in Scarborough on 9 September 2018 with a special Mass and a grand outside procession.

This feast has been celebrated every year. However, this was a very special year with a new parish priest, and all the parishioners came together to make it a grand success. The Church was packed. The procession went along Birchmount Road, Kingston Road and then around the Church. The procession followed the sidewalk and did not interfere with the traffic on the streets. The statue of Mother Mary was carried with prayers and songs.

Mass at 4:30 pm was heavily attended. The Church decor echoed the colours of the vestments, reminding parishioners of the sacrifice that the Cross represents. A combined choir brought together musicians from our various Masses to enhance the celebration with their powerful singing and playing.

Rev. **Joseph Jebaratnam**, the vicar general of the Jaffna Diocese in Sri Lanka, was the main celebrant, together with many other priests. Rev. **Charles Collins**, the newly appointed parish priest for the Tamil Catholics in the Greater Toronto Area, organized the celebration with great enthusiasm and spirit.

After Mass, parishioners joined the procession around the Church with the Knights of Columbus. At the end of the celebration, snacks and light food were served outside the church.

Rev. Collins was installed as pastor of Our Lady of Good Health Tamil Parish on 16 September. Most Rev. **Vincent Nguyen**, the Bishop of Toronto for the Eastern Region, officially installed him.

The Tamil Parish functions at the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary, located at Birchmount and Danforth Avenue. Rev. **Peter Tammearu** welcomed us and continued to cater to the needs of the English parishioners in the parish.



[Photo above:] **Carol & Mike Morra** gather with family members last year in front of the Sanctuary. 26 April 2019 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Marriage. Mike died on 29 January 2019; may he rest in peace.

[Photo below:] **Jayden, Khloe and Jayce Dulce-Williams** hang out at home. Jayce is preparing for his Baptism, and his parents and godparents have scheduled their participation in the monthly Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting to



make sure everything is ready for his Big Day. Attendance at the Parent-Godparent meeting follows an individual interview with a Priest or Deacon, at which time any personal questions may be discussed. In a multicultural Parish, there may be a variety of expectations about the role of Godparents, and who is eligible; the length of the ceremony, to plan private celebrations to follow; and other issues arising from different traditions.

The basic concern of the Church is that Parents and Godparents are united in their commitment to raise the child as a member of the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church; and to ensure that all attending the Sacrament are prepared to do so in a joyful and prayerful manner.